

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on held on Monday 1 February 2016

PRESENT: Cllrs Jones (Ch), Kirkby, Lockhart-White, Orsler, Pope.

IN ATTENDANCE: MSDC Ward Member Cllr Haley (part)
SCC Ward Member Cllr Otton (part)
Helen Geek of Beyton Swimming Club
Peter Dow as acting Clerk
10 Members of the Public

16/120	ANNOUNCEMENT: Cllr Jones confirmed that the Clerk, Pat Lamb, was at home, able to engage in some work but has limited mobility. He sought the feeling of all present on the possibility afforded by the vestry facilities for tea and coffee to be available at meetings. This did not find favour. He read out an approved statement, issued by SALC, re the recording/filming of PC Meetings.	
121	APOLOGIES NOTED: Cllr Harris tendered an apology through the Chairman, which was noted, and confirmed that she would be resigning as she was moving from the village.	
122	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Jones declared a Local Non Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 10 which made mention of a payment to the Beyton Environment Group of which he was a member.	
123	COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr Otton made a brief oral summary of a written report which had gone to the Clerk and which, although unavailable at the meeting, would be appended to these minutes. It confirmed the probable level of SCC's Council Tax settlement for 2016/2017 and passed on an assurance from Cllr Noble that there is a commitment to extending high speed broadband throughout the County. Highways have been contacted regarding recent problems caused by road closures in Hessett and Cllr Otton reinforced her concerns over the situation regarding Beyton swimming pool. She confirmed her support via the Locality Budget scheme for Beyton & Hessett Village Hall Committee. In response to a question, Cllr Otton was unable to say what level of Council Tax increase might be expected from Suffolk Constabulary.	
124	DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr Haley made the following points in an oral report and in response to questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSDC is likely to ratify a proposed 1.9% uplift in its element of the Council Tax for the coming financial year, the result of inadequate Government funding through support grants to rural areas. • He was happy to provide, and had brought along, litter picking equipment in time for the 'Clean for the Queen' initiative. • His Locality Budget allocation is now made and includes funding for Beyton & Hessett village hall. • Babergh / Mid Suffolk have adopted charging rates for the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), although s106 remains in place for strategic sites • MSDC will always act if made aware of fly tipping and will make reasonable efforts to trace the offenders. • MSDC remains responsible for litter picking on specified stretches of A14, but towards Bury St Edmunds it is a Borough Council responsibility. Any shortcomings in their performance might best be reported to them. Cllr Orsler undertook to do so. <p><i>Cllrs Haley & Otton left the meeting at this point</i></p>	PO

125	<p>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The Chairman confirmed an impressive immediate response from MSDC in respect of fly tipping reported to them on Bury Road before Christmas. Cllr Pope agreed to follow this up by being in touch with them regarding the current problem towards Rougham.</p> <p>A piece in the Beyton Village News was inserted to highlight the problems of dog owners who allow their animals to foul public places, despite the provision of 10 dog faeces receptacle bins in the village. The Chairman repeated his offer to approach any offenders who were reported to him.</p>	AP
126	<p>PUBLIC FORUM: The following points were made when public comment or question were invited on any matter relevant to Council business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With help from MSDC in pursuing finance and with excellent liaison between villages, the Beyton & Hessel Village hall refurbishment project is progressing well with a projected re-opening date of late February. • The problem of leaves blocking the drains in Church Road is to be pursued by the Chairman with MSDC regarding the frequency of their attendance to the matter and stressing the potential flooding problem. • The Chairman agreed to request a re-visit by the contractor to investigate the recurrence of mole activity on the Green. • Congratulations were extended to the Beyton Village News for the high standard of the magazine and it was suggested that it might be entered for the annual SALC Newsletter of the Year competition. • There was discussion regarding the feeding of the geese regarding the possibility that a degree of regulation might be appropriate in light of expert advice regarding the possibility of inappropriate or over feeding from which no action was determined. • Helen Geake spoke regarding forthcoming Press publicity for the initiative to retain and upgrade the swimming pool at the school. A business plan is needed and various offers towards this are up for consideration with ball park figures of between £10k & £50k tabled for projects ranging from an 'as was' restoration to an improved facility. Liaison with the school is essential and is a matter of priority for the principals of the scheme who are actively seeking help and support and particularly experienced professional input. Meanwhile the possibility that an Asset of Community Value registration might be valid and helpful to be investigated, together with seeking the experience and costings from similar pools locally. 	
127	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 4th January were approved as a true record and signed accordingly</p>	
128	<p>MATTERS ARISING There were no matters raised from the previous Minutes as being not covered under the current agenda.</p>	
129	<p>FINANCE The following was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current account as at 31.12.15 £5,928.00 • Savings account as at 31.12.15 <u>£10,069.00</u> • Total in hand £15,817.13 • Payments made in the month: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SALC payroll service 6 months to 30.09.15 £16.80 Mr P Bird grounds maintenance 18.08.15 – 16. £747.26 Donation under s137 to BEV towards last year's works £135.00 Clerk's reimbursement 08.07.15 re 24 No. 1st Class stamps @ £15.12 1 No. large letter postage @ 0.95 total £16.07 Clerk's salary Oct – Dec 2015 £619.35 • It was agreed that the Clerk should be asked to schedule historic expenditures incurred and as yet un-presented for payment up to and including 31.12.15 • It was noted that, in terms of the current year's budget, performance was in line with expectations. • With regard to the SALC consultation regarding the options available under the 	

	<p>2015 Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations, the Meeting agreed not to opt out of the proposed Sector Led Body arrangement whereby an audit service will be provided by the Smaller Authority Audit Appointments Authority Ltd.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Meeting noted the recent quote of £96.00 for the printing of a 'standard' edition of the BVN and the possibility of full; colour for £226.00. It was agreed that the break point of £100.00 per edition be retained with the possibility that colour for special occasions would be favourably considered. 	
130	<p>ADMINISTRATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the matter of the Council's Lease on the Village green it was noted that, in light of advice from NALC and the Open Spaces Society, Cllrs Jones & Pope would seek further guidance from the Council's solicitors. It was noted that the venue for Council meetings until further notice would be the Vestry Changes in the manning and operational structures at Suffolk Constabulary were noted and it was agreed that the current situation did not merit consideration of the joint funding of a PCSO. 	GJ AP
131	<p>HIGHWAYS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There has been no progress regarding issues at Mount Road. The Meeting noted a presentation from Mike Borley as the landowner at the Ticehurst site where Messrs Kier are intending to establish aggregate recycling operations involving asphalt, concrete and stone which will involve periodic crushing of concrete by a mobile plant. It was noted that traffic volumes will vary little from the existing use at 5 large HGV's per day. The crushing process is monitored by SCC Waste & recycling and is far enough away as to raise no noise or dust issues for the Beyton community. The import by Borley of primary aggregates for re-sale will continue, involving visits by much smaller vehicles on behalf of local contractors. Mr Borley undertook to forward the letter from Kier which outlines the detailed proposals. As reported in the BVN, the missing A14 'Beyton' sign is at the design stage towards reinstatement. It was noted that the issues of parking on the Green were largely resolved although parking outside the Housing Association properties remains problematic and that the PCSO should be asked to advise residents. It was noted that the Community Speed Watch team still needs volunteers. 	GJ
132	<p>PLANNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Kirkby outlined the position re the proposed Affordable Housing project in the village. The 2011 partners, Hastoe, had proposed 4 no, 2 bed & 15 no 3 bed dwellings. The 2013 survey in the village returned 95% support for the scheme from a 27% return. It indicated a need for 6 future households and a further 5 currently out of the village. The need for 1 & 2 bed units was highlighted. Given the recent lack of progress an alternative Association partner might have to be sought. <p><i>Cllr Kirkby left the meeting at this point</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no Decision Notices received from MSDC to this Meeting. The Meeting agreed to raise no objection to the Application ref 0113/15 for works to trees at Beech Tree House. The Meeting agreed to raise no objection to the Application ref 0110/16 for works to trees on land to the rear of The Whit Horse. The Meeting agreed to raise no objection to the Application ref 0112/16 for works to trees on land at Church Road. The Meeting agreed to make no comment on the Application ref 0127/16 for the erection of a detached 1¹/₂ storey dwelling at Chartleys, Bury Road. It was noted that a Planning application might soon be expected for 2 dwellings on land recently cleared opposite to The Bear. In discussion it was noted that the site 	

	is outside the 1998 Development Boundary and in a Conservation Area but that Planners have confirmed that no precedent would be set if permission were granted. Doubts were cast on this in light of the current Government drive for more housing and the previous history on the site of Appeals to the Planning Inspectorate having failed.	
133	COMMUNITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that a template for the proposed Emergency Plan is in hand and that Cllrs Jones & Pope are to attend a seminar in April which will inform the process It was noted that action regarding the problems caused by geese excrement is on hold pending the identification by Cllr Pope of volunteers to be part of a rota It was noted that Neighbourhood Watch signs are now available via the Chairman. Costings are not yet available for the proposed defibrillator installation. Cllr Pope undertook to work with volunteers in identifying grant aid. The possibility of using the telephone box whilst allowing continued use as an emergency telephone it to be investigated. Village news – authority shall be given to the printers to spend up to £100 per print. Any higher amount will need approval. The Acting Clerk advised on the framework within which the Assets of Community Value registration scheme allowed a 6month moratorium from the point of invitation to purchase whereby a community so registered could be the only purchaser. He was uncertain as to whether this might apply to the school swimming pool as sale was not an element but was able to provide appropriate contact details at MSDC. 	<i>GJ</i> <i>AP</i> <i>AP</i> <i>AP</i>
134	CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence to the Meeting.	
135	MATTERS OF REPORT ONLY: There were no matters of report to the Meeting.	
136	DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Monday 7 th March 2016 at 7.30 in the Vestry venue The Vestry, All Saints Church.	
137	Close: The Meeting closed at 9.47.	

Approved at the PC Meeting held on 7 March 2016