

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th January 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 (part)
 Peter Dow as acting Clerk
 7 Members of the Public

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| 16/103 | ANNOUNCEMENT: Cllr Jones wished all present a Happy New Year. He confirmed that the Clerk, Pat Lamb, was infirm but progressing well and read out an approved statement, issued by SALC, regarding the recording and filming of PC Meetings. | |
| 104 | APOLOGIES NOTED: Cllr P Otton who might be late, Cllr Harris, Cllr Esther Jewson | |
| 105 | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations of Local Non Pecuniary and / or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests were invited and none were forthcoming. | |
| 106 | <p>SWIMMING CLUB: With the agreement of the Meeting, the Chairman varied the order of business and invited Helen Geek to provide an update. She confirmed on-going liaison with the Beyton Swimming Club Chairman towards a joint approach to the School with an awareness of the time scale set by a deadline of 24th March. Certain professional skills are needed including an accountant, solicitor and project manager. The Meeting supported the Chairman's statement that Beyton Parish Council will provide whatever help and assistance that it can with the project.</p> <p><i>The Chairman thanked Helen Geek who left the meeting at this point</i></p> | |
| 107 | <p>COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: As appended to these minutes, a report, as tabled, was read out by Cllr Orsler in the absence of Cllr Otton.</p> <p>Cllr Jones subsequently confirmed progress on 2 County Council matters :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 The missing Eastward carriageway A14 'Beyton' sign has reached the design stage on the way to its replacement; 2 He had had contact with Ron Philps of Tostock regarding the expected Planning application for a concrete crushing facility at Ticehurst which would be noisy and could be serviced by some 300 HGV's per annum, some possibly routed through Beyton. <p>Cllr Otton then joined the meeting and added her oral report confirming that she had had contact with Cllr Jane Storey seeking clarification of the position regarding the proposed concrete crushing plant and would keep BPC informed.</p> <p>Cllr Otton was thanked by the Chairman and left the meeting.</p> | |
| 108 | <p>DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr Haley made the following points in an oral report and in response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSDC are currently engaged in the statutory cyclical revision of licensing and gambling bye-law legislation with details available on the Council's website. • The steady reduction in Central Government Rate Support Grant towards the phasing out of the system in 2020 continues to impinge. Co-operation with Babergh is seen as a major factor in effecting efficiency savings, although an increase in the District element of Council tax is to be expected this year. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSDC, in consultation with Babergh, continues to review staffing structures with a view to a more streamlined service at less cost. Discussions regarding the extension of the County's devolution proposals to include not only Norfolk but possibly Cambridge are continuing. There is no recent progress in the Mount Road situation pending initiatives to be taken by either or both of Bury Borough Council and / or Suffolk County Council. Consultation is open regarding the possibility of match-funded PCSO's, possibly in collaboration with adjacent parishes, given the winding-up of the previous arrangement which had included Thurston. There is no definite information regarding a move of District headquarters to allow a joint operation with Babergh, although such an initiative seems inevitable and the two authorities continue to work closer together across a wide range of services. <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Haley who left the meeting at this point</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 109 | CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The Chairman gave an oral report on his recent attendance at Thurston Community College for a ceremony held to mark the College's achievement as the first in the UK to have completed the Families First Quality Award. The award recognises schools' excellence in providing information, advice and assistance to local families. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 110 | PUBLIC FORUM: In response to a question from the floor, it was confirmed that the contractor has attended at the village green and trapped 4 moles. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 111 | APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 30 th November were approved without dissent and duly signed by the Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 112 | MATTERS ARISING: When any other business was invited for discussion or information Cllr Pope drew the Meeting's attention to the report recently furnished by Messrs. Play Inspection Company, in collaboration with MSDC, regarding the safety of play equipment on The Green. The report presented a risk assessment based on an inspection carried out on 11 th September and specified either low or very low risk presented. It was suggested that matters relating to the spinner bearing and chain links in the activity trail should be referred back to the supplier given that the equipment is only recently installed. Action was also suggested to prevent further strimmer damage to support poles. The bin collection schedule and / or the provision of a second bin were suggested as being of possible benefit. Cllrs Jones and Pope agreed to take action forward. | AP GJ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 113 | <p>FINANCE Current account: £5928 Savings £10069 Invoices:</p> <table> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>AS Pest Control Services</td> <td>31.12.15</td> <td>£65.00</td> <td>(moles)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>A Rollett</td> <td>30.12.15</td> <td>£195.00</td> <td>(tree works etc at The green)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>P Lamb</td> <td>July – Sept</td> <td>£834.19</td> <td>(salary)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>G Jones (reimburse)</td> <td>29.10.15</td> <td>£65.00</td> <td>(pest control ref Inv 817)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>G Jones (reimburse)</td> <td>31.12.15</td> <td>£79.90</td> <td>(Autumn Clean-Up expenses)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>G Jones (reimburse)</td> <td>02.12.15</td> <td>£12.78</td> <td>(Cement - bin posts Church Rd /FP1)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>G Jones (reimburse)</td> <td>02.12.15</td> <td>£205.00</td> <td>(Ashton KCJ fees ref BK07036)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8</td> <td>MSDC</td> <td>18.12.15</td> <td>£54.78</td> <td>(Play area inspection & RA)</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Budget / Precept</u> The Meeting noted a previous decision to maintain the status quo with regard to the Precept required of MSDC and approved the signing of the appropriate mandate. Cllr Lockhart-White agreed to liaise with the Clerk to forward the form on to Mid Suffolk.</p> | 1 | AS Pest Control Services | 31.12.15 | £65.00 | (moles) | 2 | A Rollett | 30.12.15 | £195.00 | (tree works etc at The green) | 3 | P Lamb | July – Sept | £834.19 | (salary) | 4 | G Jones (reimburse) | 29.10.15 | £65.00 | (pest control ref Inv 817) | 5 | G Jones (reimburse) | 31.12.15 | £79.90 | (Autumn Clean-Up expenses) | 6 | G Jones (reimburse) | 02.12.15 | £12.78 | (Cement - bin posts Church Rd /FP1) | 7 | G Jones (reimburse) | 02.12.15 | £205.00 | (Ashton KCJ fees ref BK07036) | 8 | MSDC | 18.12.15 | £54.78 | (Play area inspection & RA) | GLW |
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| 114 | <p>ADMINISTRATION:</p> <p>1 It was noted that, following discussion with Ashton KCJ, advice from SALC is still pending regarding a Lease on the Village Green. The Chairman has this in hand.</p> <p>2 All present agreed that the shed at the school is not an appropriate environment for BPC meetings. The Chairman confirmed that the School Library would cost £25.00 per hour unless he could negotiate a better price and that he would try to do so. Meanwhile the Church Room is available at £15.00 per session</p> <p>3 Recent problems with on-street parking have been largely resolved by personal contact but parking adjacent to The Green remains problematic and should be addressed, not least in responding to Planning applications whenever appropriate.</p> | <p>GJ</p> <p>GJ</p> |
| 115 | <p>PLANNING:</p> <p>1 The Meeting noted the recent decision to refuse permission at Poplar Cottage, ref 2904/15 for re-painting on the grounds that the proposed paint was not acceptable in the context of a Listed Building.</p> <p>2 The Meeting, on advice from the acting Clerk, deferred any discussion or decision on Application 4297/15 at Fruit Farm Cottage pending an Extraordinary Meeting of Council to be called by the Chairman for 3.00pm on Saturday 9th January, on site, when the Application would be the only substantive agenda item.</p> <p>Cllr Kirkby undertook to post the meeting on 5th January so as to comply with proper practice with regard to requisite clear days' notice.</p> <p>3 The Chairman confirmed that he had been made aware of an impending application for residential development on land outside of the 1998 development boundary and sited within the Conservation Area opposite The Bear.</p> <p>4 Cllr Kirkby confirmed that there had been no progress made towards the Council's affordable housing aspirations over the Christmas break and suggested that the lack of contact from the Housing Association involved might indicate that a new initiative is needed.</p> | <p>EK</p> |
| 116 | <p>COMMUNITY:</p> <p>1 Cllr Kirkby confirmed that there are still problems with groups smoking and litter being left outside the School although the recent bus operator liaison seems to have been productive. An update on the possible siting of a defibrillator at the School is awaited.</p> <p><i>Cllr Kirkby left the meeting at this point</i></p> <p>2 It was confirmed that the BVA is planning to hold the celebration event marking HM The Queen's 90th birthday on the same day as the Village Fair.</p> <p>3 The meeting noted that there has been no progress towards a Village Emergency Plan and Cllr Pope undertook to research any such initiatives undertaken by villages of a similar size to Beyton.</p> <p>4 It was noted that a roster will be needed if the problem of the fouling of public places by the geese is to be adequately addressed.</p> <p>5 The Chairman appealed for more personal and community involvement in signing up to the on-line Police Link which is easily accessed via the Suffolk Constabulary website.</p> | <p>AP</p> |
| 117 | <p>CORRESPONDENCE: It was noted that there was no correspondence to this meeting.</p> | |
| 118 | <p>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: It was noted that the next Ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled for 1st February and that the venue is yet to be confirmed.</p> | |
| 119 | <p>CLOSE: The Meeting closed at 9.06.</p> | |