

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6 June 2016

PRESENT: Cllrs G Jones (Chair), P Orsler and A Pope

IN ATTENDANCE: Dist Cllr D Haley (part)
7 Members of the Public
Parish Clerk

16/195	ANNOUNCEMENT: Cllr Jones read SALC's statement regarding filming/recording of meetings.	
196	APOLOGIES NOTED: Co Cllr P Otton, Dist Cllr E Jewson and Cllrs G Lockhart-White and Clark	
197	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None	
198	COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr Otton's monthly report had been circulated and is attached.	
199	DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr Haley advised members that Thursday's scheduled Parish Liaison Meeting has been cancelled. Cllr Haley now holds the post of Vice Chair at Mid Suffolk. MSDC has placed a draft Land Availability (strategic sites) document on its website. Large sites are required. Suffolk Armed Forces Day is being held in Stowmarket on 25 June. Closure of Level Crossings: Meeting being held on Saturday 11 June at Horsecroft Road CEVC between 1100-1500 hours. Cllr Haley is to chase details of the meeting re flooding in Quaker Lane.	
200	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Since Cllr Jones had submitted his report for the BVN and the website, he was not intending to run through it here, unless there were questions. A copy is attached.	
201	PUBLIC FORUM: Cllr Jones advised that the painting of the railings in the village is progressing well, thanks to the help provided. (£60 has been spent to date on paint.) He has asked John Simpson of SCC to advise what steps could be taken to facilitate painting of the remaining sections (where there is heavy traffic).	GJ
202	APPROVAL OF MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 9 May were approved and signed.	
203	MATTERS ARISING: None	
204	FINANCE Bank Balances as at 25.5.16: Current Account: £11,482.71, Savings: £4,916.45: Total: £16,399.16 <u>Receipts</u> G Jones: Purchase of Goose Eggs (T Muxlow & G Jones): £6.50 16.5.16 Insurance Payment (Aviva) re Clerk's Sickness Absence: £174.15	

	<p>The following items were approved for payment:</p> <p>Came & Co: Renewal of PC Insurance for period 16.6.16 to 15.6.17 (with Ecclesiastical): £725.98 for a 3 year long term agreement.</p> <p>Beyton & Hissett PCC donation £175.00 towards grass cutting at Beyton Church</p> <p>SALC: Subscription 2016/17: £301.65</p> <p>Gipping Press invoice No 53062: Newsletter Printing December 2015: £99.59</p> <p>Gipping Press Invoice No 53921: Newsletter Printing April 2016: £112.00</p> <p>Cllr G Lockhart-White: Mileage re 4 return trips to SALC for Councillor Training: £65.88</p> <p>MSDC: Litter & Dog Bin Emptying: 1.4.16-31.3.17: £522.00 (9 x dog bins @ £35 & 4 x litter bins @£30)</p> <p>Glasdon UK Ltd: 3 x 'Topsy Royale' litter bins for the Green: £596.55</p> <p><u>Internet Banking</u>: To be discussed fully when full PC complement available.</p>	Clerk
205	<p>ADMINISTRATION</p> <p><u>2015/16 Accounts and Annual Return</u>: As SALC had not completed the internal audit, it was not possible to deal with these matters. It was agreed, instead, to hold a special meeting on Thursday 16 June at 7.30 p.m. in the Vestry to deal with these.</p> <p><u>Village Green Lease</u>: Cllr Jones advised that Messrs Ashton KCJ had stated that, with the input of the Open Spaces Society and NALC, they would be able to write to the Ladies of the Manor requesting a new lease (of 10 years). Members agreed to pursue this matter.</p> <p><u>Standing Orders Amendment and New 2016 Financial Regulations</u>: Deferred to July meeting.</p> <p><u>Parish Council Vacancies</u>: Two remain. Cllr Jones advised that Cllr Lockhart-White had expressed interest in filling the vacant post of Vice Chair and suggested that Cllr Clark's financial background should enable him to assume the role of Responsible Financial Officer. It was decided to consider this request at the meeting to be held on the 16 June, when both the aforementioned Cllrs would be present.</p> <p><u>Asset Register</u>: It was agreed that the following changes could be made to the Asset Register (and to the 2016/17 Insurance Cover): Remove 1 x Patriot PC (original value £677) and Add 1 pair of goal posts (purchase price £596.55). Came & Co confirmed that there would be no change to the premium quoted for this year.</p> <p><u>Internet Banking</u>: Refer Min 204 above.</p> <p><u>Quaker Lane Telephone Box and Notice Board</u>: Cllr Pope hopes to paint a second coat on the telephone box when she has a free weekend and also hopes to clean off the algae from the notice boards by the bus shelter. It was agreed that the Quaker Lane notice board needed 'sprucing up'. A replacement was agreed; Cllr Jones suggested a metal notice board, measuring 800 x 500mm.</p> <p><u>Emergency Plan</u>: Cllr Jones had commenced work on this and advised that the most likely scenario would be inclement weather. Discussion was held as to the most suitable venue(s) to accommodate vulnerable parishioners in such circumstances. Those mentioned were (a) Vestry, (b) Village Hall and (c) School (medical facilities available). Cllr Pope agreed to help log this detail electronically (during the meeting on the 16 June). A list of all those, who would like to help will also need to be recorded (including farmers) with suitable agricultural equipment, chain saws, etc. An item would be placed in the next newsletter (copy deadline 18 July). The possible use of the public houses was also mentioned.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>AP</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>GJAP</p>
206	<p>HIGHWAYS</p> <p><u>A14 Slip</u>: Cllr Jones thanked Roy Crosby for trimming the shrub near this junction. Cllr Jones had cut the grass, as SCC's cutting schedule starts on 13 June.</p> <p><u>Parking on Footpaths</u>: Cllr Jones had noticed vehicles parked on pavements in Tostock, Bury and Church Roads, but when he returned to discuss the issue with the owners, only one remained; in Church Road. Cllr Orsler advised that there is adequate parking to the rear of the affordable houses in Bury Road; sufficient for two cars/dwelling. Cllr Orsler offered to telephone the housing association asking them to ensure their residents park correctly behind The Bear PH.</p>	MO
207	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>(i) Decision Notices: None</p> <p>(ii) Withdrawn Applications: None</p> <p>(iii) New Planning Applications:</p>	

	<p>SCC\0094\16: Ticehurst Gravels, Maltsters, Tostock Road: Variation of Conditions 1 and 11 of PP MX/3788/14</p> <p>(i) To allow importation of material and retention of weighbridge until 30 June 2017</p> <p>(ii) Require submission of a topographical survey of the final restoration of the site by 31 October 2017</p> <p>Members were happy to support the PA.</p> <p>(iv) Any Other Applications received since the date of the notice: Land adjacent to the The Laurels, Tostock Road: Erection of a one and a half storey dwelling with integral garage. Following discussion, Members agreed to object for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whilst an earlier application on this site was two storeys high, this is for a 1.5 storey dwelling, but the footprint is very much larger (occupying almost the whole plot) and would bring the dwelling just 1m from the site's southern boundary (and the gardens of the Bear Meadow properties). The proposed site is on elevated ground (some 2m higher than the surrounding area), so any dwelling on this site should be single storey and with a reduced footprint. Insufficient on site car parking provision. Access from Drinkstone Road would be preferable to Tostock Road (from the congestion/access perspectives). <p>Members are familiar with this site; the issues pertaining to access, its 'higgledy piggledy' nature, the fact that no previous planning permissions have been enacted and that attempts to sell plots have so far come to nothing. Members feel that a fresh, 'holistic' approach to the design and layout of the area might result in a successful outcome.</p> <p>(v) Enforcement Matters: None</p> <p>(vi) Appeals: None</p> <p>Other Planning Matters:</p> <p>Proposed Affordable Housing: Nothing to report.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
208	<p>COMMUNITY</p> <p><u>Defibrillator</u>: The results of the Lottery funding application are still awaited. Cllr Jones advised that a 'dummy' defibrillator is to be provided for the 'ceremonial' purpose.</p> <p><u>Swimming Pool</u>: Helen Geake reported that one volunteer, Jim Gazzard, had come forward, but some more would be appreciated; especially a Chairperson. A successful funding application will facilitate the setting up of the Swimming Club as a charitable organisation (via Messrs Ashton KCJ). A website, Facebook and Twitter accounts have been organised. One quotation, to date, has been received re the ground heat supply. Requirements are still being 'firmed up'. At the Fayre, there will be a stall and an opportunity to sign up.</p> <p><u>Village Map</u>: Cllr Jones advised that this is in hand, but will not be ready for the Fayre.</p> <p><u>Tennis Club</u>: Ellen Kirkby reported that she had planned to have this operational from today. However, after chasing TCC for six weeks as to how much they wish to charge for use of the pool, she had only learned today that there would be a cost in this respect (which may relate to the cost of setting up the nets(?)) of £300. SCC is being chased to install the nets. Consequently, no membership fees have been advertised and no hire contract signed. Her disappointment re the charges and lack of action have been communicated to TCC. Helen Geake advised that the previous person running the Club, Marie Black, does have some funding remaining; her email address is to be provided. Andy Rollett believed that BVA would be happy to contribute. Cllr Jones was surprised that TCC is seeking money for the hire of the facility. Cllr Jones suggested that the PC might be able to assist with the hire cost, but felt TCC is being unfair in that regard.</p> <p><u>Play Area</u>: Cllr Jones reported that almost all the equipment inspection recommendations have been carried out.</p> <p><u>Litter Bins – The Green</u>: Three new litter bins have been delivered; the cost per concrete base is expected to be £20.</p>	Clerk/ GJ
209	CORRESPONDENCE: None	
210	MATTERS OF REPORT ONLY: None	

211	DATE OF THE NEXT PC MEETINGS: Thursday 16 June (for approval of 2015/16 Accounts and Annual Return only) and Monday 11 July - both at 7.30 in The Vestry, All Saints Church.	
212	Close: The Meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.	

Approved at the PC Meeting held on Monday 11 July 2016