

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3 October 2016

PRESENT: Cllrs G Jones (Chair), J Clark and A Pope

IN ATTENDANCE: Co Cllr P Otton (part time), Dist Cllr D Haley (part time), Ms Helen Geake, Mr A Rollett and Mr I Marshall and the Parish Clerk

16/257	ANNOUNCEMENT: Cllr Jones read SALC's statement regarding filming/recording of meetings.	
258	APOLOGIES NOTED: Cllrs P Orsler, G Lockhart-White and Dist Cllr E Jewson	
259	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None	
260	COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr Otton's monthly report, which had been circulated, is attached. SCC is re-visiting the topic of potholes in the area. BPC wishes to purchase a new camera asap in order to continue with CSW. A VAS sign is also sought as an additional speed control tool. Cllr Otton advised that, having spoken to Hessematt PC, she believes they will not continue with CSW (although this has yet to be confirmed). It was agreed that BPC would proceed with a Vehicle Activated Sign (with Hessematt sharing if they so wish) at a cost of £5k+. BPC hopes to purchase the camera for its sole use with the help of locality funding from Cllr Otton. How much can PO give (and is HPC interested)? Cost per pole for the VAS is £150. Cllr Otton recommended purchasing the gun – with decision being made at this meeting, or await decision of HPC in a month's time. Cllr Otton to submit locality budget request for the gun and then decide what to do re the VAS sign. Cllr Otton is to submit the locality form with Ian Marshall's letter (or a formal quotation). Cllr Otton left the meeting.	
261	DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr Haley advised that the Boundary Commission's guidance is being sought to review the Wards composition in MSDC. It is believed that there is an imbalance in the number of electors across the area; their recommendation may affect the number of councillors appointed. Any such changes would come into effect in 2019. It has been agreed that MSDC and BDC are to move their HQs into Endeavour House in Ipswich (where SCC is situated) in order to enhance communication etc, etc. It has been noted that most residents now transact business electronically (via email/transfer of money etc). Some 4-5 'hubs' will be dotted around the county. These measures will also see an increase in the number of officers working from home. It is hoped to have this operational by 2017. Recruitment/selection of a new Chief Executive is underway; it is hoped to announce the appointment by the end of October. Devolution: Cllr Haley stated this presents an opportunity for councils to gain major funds now, which are unlikely to be available in the future. Newsletter: Recently circulated. Legal services are shared between MSDC, BDC and West Suffolk. Cllr Haley agreed to get newsletter summaries produced for display on notice boards etc.	
262	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Cllr Jones' report can be found in the BVN; no questions were raised in this regard.	
263	PUBLIC FORUM: Nothing to report.	

	<p><u>Community Voice</u>: PC members on a rotational basis agreed to take the place at these meetings vacated by Ellen Kirkby. Frequency of meetings is one/term, with the next meeting scheduled for November.</p>	ALL
268	<p>HIGHWAYS</p> <p>A14 Slip – Thurston: SCC to be contacted early next year to ensure vegetation is cut early and then as required.</p> <p><u>Quaker Lane/Church Road Junction</u>: It was reported that an oak sapling had been planted on this junction by a resident. At least one complaint had been received suggesting its removal. It was agreed that SCC Highways would be asked to hold a site meeting, so that the junction itself, and the matter of the oak sapling, could be discussed.</p> <p><u>Quaker Lane Flooding</u>: Cllr Pope advised that SCC's reinstatement of drains and clearance of drainage channels appears to have worked (as was evidenced after a recent heavy downpour).</p> <p><u>Flooding</u></p> <p>- <u>Manor Farm Drive</u>: SCC is to identify and undertake the required works.</p> <p>- <u>Drinkstone Road</u>: Adjacent Farmer and TCC have agreed to clear the ditch along Drinkstone Rd</p> <p>- <u>Thurston Road</u>: Cllr Jones reported that Rod Scott had advised that the culvert under the A14 had been cleared. Josh Kerridge of SCC has been asked to verify this.</p>	<p>GJ</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>GJ</p>
269	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>(i) Decision Notices: Permission granted: Old Flinthaven, Church Road: Conversion of existing four bed dwelling into 2 No 2 two bed dwellings. To include alterations to existing front porch/building entrance, removal of existing bay and erection of new porch to form entrance to new dwelling. Associated landscaping and formation of new driveway. (There had been no record of this PA having been received to enable the PC to make comment.)</p> <p>(ii) Withdrawn Applications: None</p> <p>(iii) New Planning Applications: 3875/16: The Old Mill, The Green: Eucalyptus Tree - Crown reduction/reduce height Members agreed to support the above application.</p> <p>(iv) Any Other Applications Received since the date of this Notice: None</p> <p>(v) Enforcement Matters: None</p> <p>(vi) Appeals: None</p> <p>(vii) Other Planning Matters: Cllr Jones reported that there had been no reply to his letter to MSDC Planning regarding building permission granted on the site next to The Grange on Tostock Rd. Proposed Affordable Housing: Nothing to report</p>	<p>GJ</p> <p>AP</p>
270	<p>COMMUNITY</p> <p><u>Autumn Litter Pick</u>: This is to be held on Saturday 22 October from 10 a.m., meeting at the bus stop on the Green. Refreshments afterwards at the Bear PH.</p> <p><u>Defibrillator and Village Map</u>: It was agreed to have a formal presentation of these at the Bear on Saturday 22 October (before the Autumn Litter Pick and Refreshments). Cllr Jones advised that electrical installation is awaited. He is to speak to the School re advertising. It is understood that the machine is insured by the manufacturer for the first year, but this will be checked and, if not, will be insured by the PC. Two training courses are to be run; one in the morning and one in the afternoon – both at the School.</p> <p><u>Website</u>: With the proposed transfer of the onesuffolk websites from SCC to Community Action Suffolk, training is to be arranged for Cllr Jones and Mr R Brand re the Suffolk Cloud, as a possible alternative. This training is to be held on 12 October. Since Mr Brand's attendance necessitates his cancellation of a prior engagement, it was agreed that the PC would pay the cancellation cost of £14.75.</p> <p><u>Community Speed Watch</u>: As per Min 16/260 above.</p> <p><u>Swimming Pool</u>: The following report was presented: Our first couple of meetings have gone well and we are now having a regular meeting in the Bear on the first Thursday of every month, so we have one at 8pm this Thursday 6th October. We are sorting out our charitable purposes and hopefully will agree these on Thursday, and then we can go ahead and set up the CIO. Our current draft is this: <i>To promote for public benefit the provision and maintenance of an outdoor swimming pool</i></p>	<p>GJ</p>

	<p><i>and recreational area in the village of Beyton in Suffolk, in the interests of improving the condition of life of the public at large by providing healthy recreation, sports education, volunteering opportunities, and the promotion of life-saving classes.</i></p> <p>The lease has begun to be drafted by TCC as the sitting tenant of the County Council, with input from the School Infrastructure Team and Charlotte Glass (Corporate Property Advisor for schools at SCC). They will probably use Concertus to do the actual work – a private consultancy from Ipswich who are already working on the Air Training Corps's lease at the Thurston site.</p> <p>We have also raised a few aspects which will need further discussion – water charges, caretaking charges, etc.</p> <p><u>BVA</u>: Fireworks Insurance: Decision to be made at BVA meeting tomorrow as to whether it wishes cover to be arranged by PC.</p> <p><u>Bat Willows</u>: Cllr Jones is awaiting advice from the contractor following concerns expressed by two residents re the removal of so many trees – particularly those by the play area. The contractor had, however, expressed concern about the possibility of branches falling and that this work should be done in October.</p> <p><u>Village Map</u>: Cllr Jones was authorised to purchase two signs for this at a cost of £15 and £10</p> <p><u>Tennis Club</u>: This item will be pended forward to next year.</p> <p><u>Stream</u>: Mr A Rollett was asked to cut back the vegetation along the stream and raise the tree canopy at the same time (at his standard hourly rate). Mr Rollett is also to speak to Mr P Bird re the re-establishment of an area of longer grass on the Green (for the geese).</p> <p><u>Painting of Railings</u>: This work has been completed.</p> <p><u>Welcome to Beyton Booklet</u>: Authorisation was granted to pay the necessary printing costs associated with the updating of this booklet. Mrs Barbara Jones has volunteered to prepare this.</p>	<p>GJ</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>GJ</p>
271	CORRESPONDENCE: None	
272	MATTERS OF REPORT ONLY: None	
273	DATE OF THE NEXT PC MEETING: Monday 28 November at 7.30 in The Vestry, All Saints Church.	
274	Close: The Meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.	

Approved at the Parish Council Meeting held on 28 November 2016