

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5 September 2016

PRESENT: Cllrs G Jones (Chair), J Clark, G Lockhart-White, and P Orsler

IN ATTENDANCE: Co Cllr P Otton (part time), Dist Cllr E Jewson, Ms Helen Geake, 11 Members of the Public and the Parish Clerk

16/237	ANNOUNCEMENT: Cllr Jones read SALC's statement regarding filming/recording of meetings.	
238	APOLOGIES NOTED: Cllr A Pope and Dist Cllr D Haley	
239	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None	
240	COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr Otton's monthly report, which had been circulated, was read out by Cllr Jones and is attached.	
241	DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr Jewson commented on the proposed new development along the A14 corridor. A new residential planning application re Thurston is expected soon; Cllr Jewson hopes to be in a position to advise re this next month.	
242	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: None available.	
243	<p>PUBLIC FORUM: Cllr Jones advised re the switching of two of the Councillors' roles; Cllr Lockhart-White is swapping the Responsible Financial Officer role for that of Vice-Chair (and with responsibility for Planning matters). Cllr Clark is to assume the mantle of RFO. A parishioner commented on MSDC's decision to approve PA 2638/16: Erection of 2 No. detached two storey dwellings each with a single storey double garage on land to the East of the Grange, Tostock Road – contrary to the PC's opinion due to the site being within the Conservation Area, outside the settlement boundary and fears that it might lead to further development on land behind the site. This parishioner was asked to compose a letter to MSDC Planning requesting the background to its approval of this application. A parishioner stated there is a need for significant infrastructure improvement if there is to be a major residential development in Thurston, which will increase traffic volumes locally; it is hoped that this requirement will be taken into account.</p> <p>It was agreed to send a letter to MSDC noting the permission granted, and confirming the statement made in Cllr Jones' presence that, permitting this application, would not give rise to a precedent and there would be no development to the rear along the A14. It would also be suggested that the settlement boundary should be re-drawn.</p> <p>A parishioner stated that, previously, if the PC had objected to a PA, it would have ensured its referral to the Planning Committee for determination; Cllr Otton advised that this Regulation had since been dropped.</p> <p>With the increased need for communities to take action themselves (due to the reducing resources of the County and District Councils), Cllr Otton advised that SCC is considering whether residents should be indemnified against injury (along lines similar to that re clearance of snow).</p> <p>Community Speed Watch: The cost of a replacement Speed Camera and purchase of a Vehicle Activated Sign would be £5,000+.</p> <p>This could be (a) purchased and used by ourselves only (b) shared with another PC, or (c) funding could be obtained for same. Currently there is no such funding available, but</p>	Clerk

	<p>there will be new money, for which application may be made, from 1 November.</p> <p>No retrospective funding will be considered. Cllr Otton advised that locality funding could be used towards the VAS sign itself and her smaller, safety, budget could help with the installation costs. Cllr Otton said that she would hope to be able to provide 50% of the total cost. Details of equipment and pricing will be sent to Cllr Otton.</p>	IM
245	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on the 11 July were approved and signed.</p>	
246	<p>MATTERS ARISING: None</p>	
247	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>Bank Balances as at 31.8.16: Current Account: £8,947.14, Savings: £4,917.24: Total: £13,930.26.</p> <p><u>Receipts</u> 22.7.16: Lottery Main Grants: £1,960.00 1.9.16: 2nd half Precept: £5,294.50</p> <p><u>Payments</u></p> <p>The following items were approved for payment/order:</p> <p>Mr P Bird: Grounds Maintenance: 31.3.16-7.7.16: £1,314.86 (Chq 101062)</p> <p>SALC: Annual Internal Audit Y/E 31.3.16: £148.80 (Chq 101063)</p> <p>Gipping Press: BVN August/Sept: £131.44 (Chq 101065)</p> <p>Community Heartbeat Trust: 1 x cPAD View Semi Auto Defib & Rotaid Cabinet: £1,974 (Chq 101066)</p> <p>BVA: £100 Contribution towards the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations (Chq 101067)</p> <p>Approval for purchase of 1 no WeatherShield External Freestanding Showcase with Sunken Posts: £517.20 gross (£431 nett) to replace existing Quaker Lane notice board</p> <p><u>Budget 2016/17:</u> Cllr Jones had circulated a draft budget for this financial year, which would see outgoings only slightly higher than income. If the PC did not have to purchase the speed monitoring items, the year end balance is anticipated as £9.8k. (This draft budget was approved and is attached.)</p> <p><u>Annual Play Inspection – 1 August:</u> Cllr Jones advised that, despite a request for him to attend the most recent inspection, this work was undertaken without contact having been made. This report is being circulated and will also be placed on the web site. The following items require attention:</p> <p>Goal Posts: Re-seeding of surrounding area.</p> <p>Roundabout: New bearing required: To replace the bearing presents a major problem, as the roundabout itself would require to be mechanically lifted. A parishioner advised that it might be impossible to resolve. He will also consider welding the broken hand grip rail in situ.</p> <p><u>Memorial Seat:</u> Cllr Orsler is to provide an update in this regard.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>GJ MO</p>
248	<p>ADMINISTRATION</p> <p><u>2015/16 Accounts and Audit Return:</u> BDO had recently sent queries in this regard, which were answered by Cllr Jones in the Clerk's holiday absence. A response is awaited.</p> <p><u>Training:</u> Cllr Clark is scheduled to attend a New Councillors course on the 17 and 24 November (at a cost of £110). The Clerk is to attend a Budget Setting course on the 6 October (£25).</p> <p><u>Update/Review of Assets Register:</u> The Clerk now has BDO's recommended asset register, which will be completed in due course.</p> <p><u>PC's Pension Responsibilities:</u> The PC will register in this regard by the appropriate date.</p> <p><u>Parish Council Vacancies:</u> Cllr Jones reminded everyone that the PC needs two more Members in order to achieve its full complement of 7 and encouraged Members and residents to consider such a role. Further advertisements will be placed.</p> <p><u>Village Green Lease:</u> Cllr Jones had still not received the requested information from Messrs Ashton KCJ and will try to expedite.</p> <p><u>Quaker Lane Notice Board:</u> As per Min 247 above, a new notice board, as suggested by Cllr Pope, is to be ordered.</p> <p><u>Emergency Plan:</u> This is awaiting review by Cllrs Jones and Pope, after which it will be circulated to everyone and then to the appropriate contact in Bury.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk Clerk</p> <p>Clerk GJ</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>GJ/AP</p>

	<p>A new initiative, which would assist the ambulance service, when called to treat vulnerable residents, was outlined and leaflets etc provided</p> <p><u>Willows on the Green</u>: Cllr Jones advised that notices had been placed around the Green regarding the planned removal of some of these trees (10 out of 18). Concern had been expressed by two residents that removing so many trees at one time would leave The Green looking bare, especially around the play area. The Council, however, have been alerted to a possible safety hazard from falling branches, Cllr Jones to seek a second opinion from The Play Inspection Company and to set up a meeting between the two parishioners and Messrs J.S.Wright prior to felling. The work, is scheduled for next month.</p> <p><u>Dog Fouling – Bury Road</u>: A vet had advised that it would not be possible to link the DNA found in the faeces of the ‘offending’ dog to a particular breed. It would, however, be possible to link it to a particular ‘suspect’. MSDC had provided appropriate notices and would have provided a camera for a resident’s use, but this is currently broken. Cllr Jones had advised the witness as to the rules, if they wished to take photographs themselves. To date, there had been no further reported issues.</p> <p><u>Mowing of footpaths</u>: Details as to SCC’s and Paul Bird’s responsibilities/cutting frequencies had been obtained and are to be passed to Cllr Jones. A parishioner added that the landowners have responsibility for maintaining footpaths on their land.</p> <p><u>Notice Board on Green</u>: Poor attendance at a recent BVA event due was reported. The parishioner believed, that this was due to a lack of suitably located advertising. After discussion of the various possible methods, and the likely permission(s) required, it was agreed that enquiries would be made with MSDC Planning as to whether it would be permissible to place a notice board on the bus shelter door.</p>	<p>GJ</p> <p>Clerk GJ</p> <p>Clerk</p>
249	<p>HIGHWAYS</p> <p><u>A14 (Eastbound) Slip - Thurston: Visibility Issues</u>: Following the recent accident reported at the last meeting, Cllrs Clark and Jones had cut down the vegetation. The Police had not informed SCC Highways of the accident. It was suggested that, early next summer, SCC be contacted to ensure a better job is done by their contractors, Messrs Keir.</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>Flooding - Quaker Lane</u>: Cllr Jones confirmed that the required remedial works have been completed.</p> <p><u>Flooding - Manor Farm Drive</u>: SCC is now assuming charge of this and will be undertaking the required works.</p> <p><u>Flooding - Drinkstone Road</u>: Information is awaited from SCC after their contact with the landowners regarding ditch maintenance, which will be followed up by Cllr Jones. The farmer concerned has agreed to dig out the ditch all the way along Drinkstone Road up to the School. and SCC is asking the School to clear out its ditches.</p> <p><u>Flooding - Thurston Road</u>: This was due to a broken pipe, which has now been replaced.</p> <p><u>Flooding - Opposite White Horse PH</u>: A member of the public advised that properties here had been flooded with sewage. Anglian Water had stated that this was due to the build up of grease from the pub’s kitchen.</p> <p><u>Parking on Footpath, Church Road</u>: Cllr Orsler reported that she had spoken to the resident concerned, but so far no change has been effected. It is, of course, illegal to park on the pavement, but it was felt that, if sufficient room is left clear for pedestrians/prams/wheelchairs etc to pass safely, it may be considered acceptable.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>GJ</p>
250	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>(i) Decision Notices: Permissions granted:</p> <p>2365/16: Land adjacent Fieldgate, Church Road: Erection of a 1.5 storey 2 bedroom cottage with garaging plus replacement garaging for ‘Fieldgate’ following demolition of existing garage block.</p> <p>2876/16: 5 Rectory Gardens, Church Road: Various tree works</p> <p>2638/16: Land East of The Grange, Tostock Road: Erection of 2 no Dwellings</p> <p>(ii) Withdrawn Applications: None</p> <p>(iii) New Planning Applications:</p> <p>2976/16: Charltons, Quaker Lane: Erection of dormer to contain shower room.</p> <p>3304/16: Poplar Cottage, Church Road: External re-decorations to rendered walls</p>	

	<p>with mineral silicone paint. 2560/16: Manor House, The Green: Tree Works</p> <p>Members agreed to support the above applications (iv)Any Other Applications Received since the date of this Notice: None (v)Enforcement Matters: None (vi) Appeals: None (vii)Other Planning Matters: Proposed Affordable Housing: Nothing to report</p>	Clerk
251	<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 (after the Autumn Litter Pick and Refreshments). Cllr Jones is to speak to the School re advertising. The resident, who had very kindly provided the new map, FOC, was presented with a small gift by the PC in his absence as a token of its appreciation.</p> <p><u>Swimming Pool</u>: The following report was presented by the Swimming Club: We have had some activity during the summer and moved forward quite a way. A meeting was held with Paul Whittingham of Ashton KCJ in August, free of charge via Suffolk ProHelp. He recommended setting up a Charitable Incorporated Organisation which would be able to hold the lease, run the pool, employ staff and so on. He will set it up free of charge. A meeting was held on 11 August to discuss this and decide on the directors of the CIO. It was decided to create a Foundation CIO with four directors. To complement the directors, we will, hopefully, have a larger committee including a representative from TCC, one from BVA, and other representatives. For the future, we have decided to have a regular monthly meeting - open to all, so we will be in the Bear on the first Thursday of each month at 8pm for anyone who would like to drop in. Ongoing work includes exploring funding sources and commissioning new quotes for work needed. Publicity will continue at Beyton village events such as the sale trail. Cllr Jones suggested that regular, reliable funding from the PC would provide known income. The backing of parishioners would be required in this regard in order to proceed. SALC had recommended making a commitment of no more than 4-5 years. The organisation has to be non profit making. If, for example, the PC were to pledge £1k p.a., it would cost each household £3 p.a. in Band D (i.e. £3 for every £1,000.00 pledged). Cllr Jones recommended supporting such sports activities. This proposal was accepted in principle, pending the aforementioned support of residents.</p> <p><u>BVA</u>: No one has, to date, volunteered to accept the post of Chair, which is likely to be shared - at least for the foreseeable future.</p> <p><u>Community Speed Watch</u>: The CSW representative reported that Beyton had access to a tripod, which was shared with Elmswell and Woopit for two weeks in every six. The type of fault experienced with our equipment is reported to be affecting 14 machines at the moment. We are currently waiting to learn whether the problem has been sorted out. Erection costs for the VAS unit are not included in SCC's charge; £150 per pole for every one required. It is thought that 3 poles are needed, plus extension poles for any 30mph repeaters used. There are now only two official suppliers. One camera has a data collection facility and costs £2,875. It is anticipated that the project will take approximately one year to completion. A new speed detection device is required to replace the existing 7 year old item. The unit is particularly susceptible to problems in wet weather and mainly relate to the battery. The possible options to consider are; (a) repair current equipment, (b) replace with a similar model or (c) a laser based unit. The CSW Group currently comprises Hessest, but it is not known whether they are interested in a VAS. It is thought likely that CWS will cease in Hessest. Perhaps BVA could get involved(?). Of the choices currently available, a VAS was considered preferable to a new speed gun. Cllr Jones recommended taking up Cllr Otton's offer; in this regard application is to be made to Cllr Otton. It was also suggested that BVA be contacted regarding a possible donation towards the VAS.</p> <p><u>Tennis Club</u>: Nothing reported</p> <p><u>Play Equipment</u>: Refer Min 247 above</p> <p><u>Painting of Railings over the Stream</u>: The two sets of railings over the south end of the stream have been painted; those on the Green side at the north end are still to be done</p>	<p>GJ</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>IM</p>

	<p>but no more than that will be painted due to danger from passing traffic.</p> <p><u>Parish Magazine:</u> The Editor has retired after 15 years. This task is now being done by another parishioner; the original email address still applies (post meeting this was found not to be possible, therefore, a new one will be set up.)</p> <p><u>BVA Fireworks' Display:</u> It was reported by BVA that it is likely to be expensive for them to purchase public liability insurance for this annual event; enquiries will be made as to whether this might be covered under the PC's insurance.</p>	Clerk
252	CORRESPONDENCE: None	
253	MATTERS OF REPORT ONLY: None	
254	DATE OF THE NEXT PC MEETING: Monday 3 October at 7.30 in The Vestry, All Saints Church.	
256	Close: The Meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.	

Approved at the PC Meeting held on 3 October 2016