

<p align="center">Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6 March 2017</p>
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PRESENT: Cllrs G Jones (Chair), J Clark, G Lockhart-White (part time), P Orsler and A Pope

IN ATTENDANCE: Co Cllr P Otton and Dist Cllr D Haley (both part time), 4 Members of the Public (2 part time) and the Parish Clerk

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	<p><u>Bank Statements</u>: Cllr Clark requested that arrangements be made for Barclays to send a second statement to him. (Post meeting, Barclays advised that they can issue only one statement.) The Clerk agreed to scan and email same to RFO.</p> <p>Effectiveness of Internal Controls/Risk Assessment/Standing Orders/ Financial Regulations/Appointment of Internal Auditor/Review of Audit Scope/External Auditor's Report/Asset Register: It was confirmed that the current Standing Orders and Financial Regulations had been approved on 11 July 2016, and, therefore were valid for this financial year. It had been confirmed that, if so desired, the appointment of SALC as Internal Auditors could be 'rolled over' for this financial year (and, similarly, the Audit Scope). This was approved. The Risk Assessment had been circulated and was approved for this financial year. The Asset Register is to be updated to include the recent purchases of the CSW apparatus, Polytunnels and Grit Bins; otherwise all else is in order. This is to be circulated.</p> <p><u>Grass Cutting Quotation</u>: A quotation for the season 2017/18 had been received from Mr P Bird, the PC's current contractor. It was agreed to obtain other quotations from local contractors to compare. A decision would be made before end March, and ratified at the April meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
339	<p>ADMINISTRATION</p> <p><u>Parish Council Vacancies</u>: A second expression of interest in co-option had been received; the Parish Clerk is to liaise in this regard.</p> <p><u>Village Green Lease</u>: Contact had been established with the solicitor working on behalf of the Ladies of the Manor, who was to email the Ladies. However, as of today, no response had been received. Further contact would be made.</p> <p><u>Emergency Plan</u>: All the information has now been received and the Plan will be submitted next month.</p> <p><u>Grit Bins</u>: With thanks to a Locality contribution from Cllr Otton, two bins had been purchased (currently in store with Cllr Jones). It was agreed that these would be installed by 'Arcadia' on Bury Road (as requested by resident) and one near the junction of the one way street and Bury Road.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>AP</p> <p>GJ/JC</p>
340	<p>HIGHWAYS</p> <p><u>Flooding</u></p> <p>– <u>Drinkstone Road</u>: The ditch here has now been cleared by TCC, although the grips remained to be cleared (by SCC).</p> <p>- <u>Manor Farm Drive</u>: SCC hopes to get the landowner to meet the cost of any new drains required; a response is awaited. Nothing to report.</p> <p>- <u>Tostock Road (o/s Grange Farm)</u>: The flooding here remains to be sorted out.</p> <p>- <u>Highways Signs/Barriers</u>: Cllr Jones advised that these are not seen as a priority by SCC. He will remove the fence ready for collection after Litter Pick on 25 March. The barriers will remain for SCC's attention.</p>	<p>GJ</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>GJ</p>
341	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>(i) Decision Notices: Permission granted: 0199/17 Beyton Cottage, Church Road: Removal of 1 Silver Birch Tree</p> <p>(ii) Withdrawn Applications: None</p> <p>(iii) New Planning Applications: PA 0597/17: 0597/17 March House, The Green: Horse Chestnut trees (T1-T2) - fell to ground level. Replant with two trees on boundary. Horse chestnut tree (T3) - fell to ground level. Replant with one tree on boundary. Members supported this application.</p> <p>(iv) Enforcement Matters: None</p> <p>(v) Appeals: None</p> <p>(vi) Other Planning Matters:</p> <p>Land Opposite The Bear etc: A working party had been formed to learn more as to how planning permission had been granted on this land, which is outside the settlement boundary and within the Conservation Area. Dist Cllr Haley had set up an initial meeting with Philip Isbell of MSDC, and a subsequent meeting with Bill Newman (Officer responsible for the Local Plan). The PC was advised that the new Local Plan will cover a period of 30 years, be drafted in early summer and validated by the year end. Beyton is termed a 'Class 2' village (infilling is permitted). 'Class 3' relates to green open spaces. It is anticipated that the new LP will have four classifications. Currently, the key development area is along the A14 corridor; Thurston, Woolpit and Elmswell. The secondary area is likely to be Rattlesden and Walsham le Willows. Beyton is likely to be classed as third and Hesselsett as fourth. Cllr Jones stated that this is an appropriate time for Beyton, as a village, to consider whether it wishes to</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

	<p>produce a Neighbourhood Plan in an effort to 'steer' such future development. (Thurston has been working on its own Plan for the last 3 years.) It would have to be decided just what residents want to see in the village. It was further confirmed that a Neighbourhood Plan would be a statutory document, but the whole village has to support its production. A discussion followed as to the likely sequence of events; whether the PC should be fully appraised first of the requirements/likely production time, etc, etc, or to have a full general village-wide meeting as soon as possible. To date, some 270 Plans have been accepted nationwide. It was noted that there is guidance available in this regard from Local Government, significant support from the Royal Town Planning Institute and the Campaign to Protect Rural England. The production of such a document would necessitate the participation of a village group to drive it forward. Paul Bryant of MSDC had cited 2-3 years to complete. Woolpit is said to be a quarter of the way through their NP and had received input from an MSDC spokesperson advising on the whole process. It was agreed that the PC would seek a meeting with MSDC first and then organise a public meeting.</p> <p>Affordable Housing: Nothing to report. Cllr Haley confirmed that MSDC has to build over 400 dwellings p.a. (10 affordable).</p>	GJ/AP
342	<p>COMMUNITY</p> <p><u>Spring Litter Pick</u>: Saturday 25 March at 10 a.m. Posters displayed. Cllr Lockhart-White overseeing on the day. Refreshments afterwards at The White Horse PH.</p> <p><u>Defibrillator</u>: The training issue raised at the last meeting has still to be followed up along with the broken green BT panel.</p> <p><u>Website</u>: Possible advanced training for the webmaster. (Post meeting this was arranged.) Website address: http://beyton.suffolk.cloud.</p> <p><u>Community Speed Watch</u>: Poles are still awaited.</p> <p><u>Swimming Pool Report</u>: (i) <u>Fundraising</u>: A car boot sale (in conjunction with the BVA) is planned for 28 May in the school grounds. We have agreed to run the bric-a-brac stall at Beyton Fayre on 10 June for half of the proceeds!</p> <p>We are hoping for another Octave concert in December and have plans for other musical events. All these events are being publicised widely to surrounding villages, as we know that Beyton can't sustain them on its own.</p> <p>(ii) <u>Lease</u>: We are exploring ways of fundraising through SCC to pay for the costs of setting up the lease (£3-5k). We are still waiting for TCC to get back to us with some of the details, e.g. terms of use for the changing room. This is holding us up.</p> <p>(iii) Capital costs: All quotes are now in; all including VAT.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heating system £21,066 2. Changing room £49,200 3. Pool surround, boiler room, gates, fencing, guttering £25,745 4. Cover and equipment £12,000 (this a guess) <p>TOTAL inc VAT £108,011 (£18,000 = VAT)</p> <p>Contingency 10% £10,801 = £118,812</p> <p>A good round figure is £120,000</p> <p>Now we have the final costings, we can work on a new draft of our fundraising plan. (Sources of money: Fill in costs from TCC. Locality grants from SCC councillors. Locality money for community asset transfer (SCC pot). Sport England for the major part. Ongoing fundraising via events. Smaller local trusts. Sponsorship wall for individuals and businesses.) We hope this matching of funding will raise at least a third of what we need. An application to Sport England will be made for the rest.</p> <p>(iv) Trustees</p> <p>We are having another go at recruiting more trustees through Community Action Suffolk's new website.</p> <p>I can't report back on our meeting with Warren Smyth of Abbeycroft Leisure as it hasn't happened yet.</p> <p><u>Geese</u>: Two residents of the Green, who have kindly been looking after the food/water requirements of the geese, whilst they have been quarantined on the Green due to the Avian Flu precautions, advised that they are both intending to cease this help by end April latest. One resident reiterated their earlier request for the geese to be allowed to gradually 'die off' naturally, and that no attempt should be made to bolster their numbers, as they consider that, to release these 'domestic' geese into the 'wild' would be illegal (DEFRA's apparent interpretation). It would be cruel to retain them in the village and it would be illegal to release them. Their droppings also present health hazards to the community at large and particularly to children. The resident presented an email dated 23.2.17 from Emily Yule, Corporate Manager, Democratic Services (BDC & MSDC) advising that the two surveys previously undertaken; one by the PC and one by them</p>	<p>GLW</p> <p>GJ GJ</p> <p>GJ</p>

	<p>have no legal standing. To get a survey undertaken (conducted by the Returning Officers) would cost approx £2k. However, the email added that there is no reason why a PC couldn't use the results of an informal survey or questionnaire exercise to help inform their decision making. Furthermore, the resident advised that, if the geese are released from their current polytunnels, the CPS and DEFRA would be notified. It was mentioned that 15 geese had been killed in 6/7 years (according to their recollection). It is estimated that they have cost taxpayers approx. £1.9k (less £280 in donations). This debate continued for some time.</p> <p><u>Grit Bins</u>: See Min 339 above.</p> <p><u>Welcome to Beyton Booklet</u>: Barbara Jones may be seeking help re layout.</p>	
343	CORRESPONDENCE : None	
344	MATTERS OF REPORT ONLY : None	
345	DATE OF THE NEXT PC MEETING : Monday 3 April at 7.30 in The Vestry, All Saints Church.	
346	The Meeting closed at 10.40 p.m.	

Approved at the PC Meeting held on 3 April 2017