

# BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4 September 2017

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** PC 1443 S Henriksen, Co Cllr P Otton, Dist Cllr D Haley and 4 members of the public

17/053	<b>ANNOUNCEMENT:</b> SALC's statement regarding filming/recording of meetings was read out.	
17/054	<b>APOLOGIES NOTED:</b> Cllr G Lockhart-White	
17/055	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</b> None	
17/056	<b>COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:</b> Cllr Otton mentioned the change of governance system to that of a Cabinet but with Committees, and where meetings will not now be held in public. The Highways staff review has been completed; Beyton will now become the responsibility of the team based in Rougham. <a href="mailto:RoughamSDC@suffolk.gov.uk">RoughamSDC@suffolk.gov.uk</a> . Cllr Otton's full report is attached.	
17/057	<b>DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:</b> Cllr Haley outlined the recent meetings. The draft Joint Local Plan is out to consultation (and can be found on the website). Various possible warding arrangements had been discussed and one (recommending 34 or 35 Councillors), drawn up by MSDC, is to be submitted to the Warding Commission with the recommendation that the Ward comprises Thurston, Hessett, Beyton and Tostock. It had been suggested that Thurston's various PAs, which are currently awaiting determination, be called in by the DCLG, but it is thought that this is unlikely to happen. The Reserved Matters applications are likely to be submitted to the October Planning Committee. The recent high incidence of accidents at Fishwick Corner suggests that this situation must be addressed by SCC. To date, all that has been done is the white lines have been repainted, and some vegetation cut back.	
17/058	<b>PUBLIC FORUM:</b> PC Henriksen provided an update on Police related matters for the Parish and commended parishioners to subscribe to the free Police Connect service.	
17/059	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</b> The minutes of the last meeting, held on 10 July 2017, were approved and signed.	
17/060	<b>MATTERS ARISING:</b> Cllr Jones advised that he has been regularly checking the defibrillator, and is now pleased to advise that Mr Neil Higham (one of our First Responders) is to assume this responsibility.	
17/061	<b>FINANCE</b> Receipts: None Bank Account Balances: 31.7.17: Current: 8,310.27, Savings: £1,853.53: Total: £10,163.80 Bank Reconciliation to 31.7.17 had been circulated along with the Expenditure and Income Spreadsheet. The anticipated expenditure this year is £14,870 – with the second half of the precept payment due later this month. Annual Return: Asset Query re figures cited on this Return had been raised by BDO. This was clarified and the figures on p3 of the Return were amended and submitted. A full review of the Register of Assets will be undertaken to ensure correct handling and accuracy going forward – once confirmation of handling method is received from SALC. Possible Purchase of PC Lawnmower by Mr R Wyartt. Former Cllr Wyartt is currently custodian of this item of equipment in case of possible requirement for	Clerk

	<p>urgent grass cutting on the Green. Mr Wyartt had expressed interest in purchasing this; he is to be asked to make an offer.</p> <p>Payments</p> <p>TC Forestry &amp; Fencing: May: 2 cuts of the Green @ £94.00 and one cut of blue area @ £31.98: £219.98</p> <p>Ditto: July: 1 cut of Green @ £94.00, one cut of blue area at £31.98 and strimming around posts @ £34.20: £160.18 <u>TOTAL: £380.16</u> (Chq 101096)</p> <p>Clerk: 1 ream Printing Paper: £4.00 (Chq 101097)</p> <p>Grass Cutting: Our contractor had drawn attention to a fallen tree along Drinkstone Road, which it is hoped to clear. Mr Crighton had offered to cut back the 'tunnel' of overgrown vegetation along Quaker Lane at a price of £40. Members agreed to accept this quote.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
17/062	<p><b>ADMINISTRATION</b></p> <p>Parish Council Vacancies: One of the two applicants for co-option had been forced to withdraw. A letter of application from Mr Tim Ridyard had been received and circulated. Members agreed to co-opt him and, after completing and signing the Acceptance of Office form, he was invited to join Members.</p> <p>Village Green Lease: Messrs Brown &amp; Co had submitted a valuation of this land in the sum of £10k. The invoice for this valuation, in the sum of £360.00, had been submitted. It was agreed that advice would be sought from our solicitors (Ashtons) as to how best to proceed if the PC wished to submit a purchase offer to the owners. It was agreed that the address and telephone details of the owners would be obtained, and confirmed, before speaking to the solicitors in light of contact difficulties experienced hitherto (and to reduce legal costs).</p> <p>Emergency Plan: Cllr Pope advised that copies had been issued to the PC, and the County and District Councillors. Resulting amendments were effected. Information is awaited from the PCC. Cllr Pope is to produce a leaflet re vulnerable residents for inclusion in the next edition of the BVN.</p> <p>Adoption of SALC's Complaints Handling Procedure: Following confirmation to adopt at the July meeting, the documents were formally approved and signed.</p> <p>Consideration of Bi-Monthly Meetings: It was agreed to postpone a decision until further details had been gleaned from other PCs.</p> <p>Archives: Roger Wyartt is to be asked to provide these documents to the Clerk for consideration/action.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>AP</p> <p>AP</p> <p>Clerk</p>
17/063	<p><b>HIGHWAYS</b></p> <p>Manor Farm Drive: Cllr P Otton pursuing on our behalf.</p> <p>A14 Slipway: Information is awaited from Melanie Hall re the outstanding work re removal of overgrown vegetation, but if nothing is forthcoming, contact will be made with Mark Stevens, Asst Director Operational Highways.</p> <p>Speed and Directional Signs: In many cases these are masked by overgrown vegetation; Cllr Jones agreed to contact Highways in this regard.</p>	<p>PO</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>GJ</p>
17/064	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p>Decision Notices: Permissions Granted:</p> <p>0834/17: Land adjacent to The Laurels, Tostock Road: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) following grant of planning permission</p> <p>2237/16 – Erection of a 1.5 storey dwelling with integral garage to enable revision of site location plan and layout.</p> <p>1651/17: Sequoia, Quaker Lane: Non-material amendment following grant of PP 0548/12 (Erection of 1.5 detached dwelling and associated car port) to alter the car port roof.</p> <p>DC/17/03548: 1 Grange Cottage, Tostock Road: Fell and remove 1 no Eucalyptus (T1)</p> <p>DC/17/02792: Land adj Guerdon Cottage, Drinkstone Road: Erection of a detached dwelling and detached garage without compliance with Cond 2 of PP 0675/15</p> <p>New Planning Applications</p> <p>DC/17/04332: The Old Forge, The Green: Fell 1 no Willow tree and 1 no Rowan Tree and remove dead branches of 1 no Ash Tree. It was agreed to support this application.</p> <p>Local Plan Consultation Document, BPC Team: Cllr Pope advised that it had been possible to reduce the questions for the Beyton team on the consultation document from 100 to 23/24. An initial consultation meeting for Parish Councils is</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

