

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5 February 2018

PRESENT: Cllrs A Pope (Chair), A Alderton, J Clark, M Orsler and T Ridyard

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr, Dist Cllr D Haley, Co Cllr P Otton and 4 members of the public

17/120	ANNOUNCEMENT: SALC's statement regarding filming/recording of meetings was read out.	
17/121	APOLOGIES NOTED: Cllrs G Jones and G Lockhart-White	
17/122	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None	
17/123	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Co Cllr Otton reported as follows: <u>School Travel Consultation Launched</u> Despite parents, governors and councillors voicing serious concerns over proposed changes to the School Transport policy, SCC has decided to move the process forward and go to public consultation. This was launched on Tuesday 12 December and will run until 28 February 2018. The consultation survey, along with more information on the proposals, can be found-www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel. A number of workshops have been organised, where the proposals will be discussed, and questions answered. You will need to book to attend any of these. I would strongly urge you to respond to the consultation survey and attend one of the events if possible. If you would like any further information or clarification on the potential impacts of changing the policy, please don't hesitate to contact me. Whilst you may not have children, who are impacted by this proposal, there is serious concern by neighbouring villages at the possibility of increased traffic. I shall be attending a session at Thurston Community College arranged by Helen Wilson on 1 February. It was reported that Cllr Jones had addressed this meeting, which had been well attended by parents, schoolchildren, Parish Council and Governors. <u>BUDGET:</u> An increase in general council tax of 2.99% (Band D £1,161) and 2% for adult social care (Band D £80.64) I am particularly concerned at the reduction in grant to the CAB and Trading Standards, and the inability of the councils to deal with applications for disabled facilities to help people stay in their homes. SCC is borrowing £21 million from the Public Loans Board for highways repairs. (hopefully this will work!!) <u>SPEED LIMIT PANEL:</u> This has now been abandoned, so I will need to find out how to go ahead with any proposal for a change. <u>Business Rates:</u> It is hoped that it will be possible to keep all this income to stay within the County, rather than going to Government; if so it will help SCC's finances. <u>Repairs to Church Road:</u> It was noted that some potholes had been repaired, but several had been left awaiting attention.</p>	
17/124	<p>DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr Haley advised that no MSDC meetings had been held since his last report and that any communications received had been passed to the Parish Clerk for circulation. Cllr Haley advised of an interesting document on the Wildlife Trust website re homes for people and wildlife. MSDC is currently promoting 'Spring Clean' initiatives. CIL: There are meetings scheduled re the Community Infrastructure Levy; the one closest to Beyton being 19 February at 10 a.m. in the Chamberlyne Hall, Blackbourne Centre, Elmswell IP30 9UH. This will also advise how this money is dealt with. MSDC is increasing its Council Tax this year (by £0.81 p.w. on a Band D property). Business Rates: An official decision remains to be made as to whether BDC will be permitted to retain such monies. Cllr Haley commended everyone to access the MSDC website, which serves as a</p>	

	<p>conduit for information from the LA to residents. A Rural Vulnerability Day (with several MPs attending) is to be held shortly. It is considered that rural areas are severely underfunded. Cllr Pope suggested that representation at the Village Fayre in this regard might be of interest. School Transport: Cllr Haley advised that a public demonstration has been mooted in this connection. On 13 February, there will be a public inquiry into the closing of the public crossing; Cllrs Clark and Ridyard are hoping to attend.</p> <p>Cllr Ridyard advised that TCC had calculated/circulated an alternative scheme. It was noted that it is not just the Thurston area, which is affected. Pressure is to be effected by all interested parties. The cost over a period of 7 years has been cited as £9.3m. It is considered that as many people as possible should join the demonstration to highlight the impact of all the families driving to the school.</p>	JC/TR
17/125	<p>PUBLIC FORUM: A brief discussion followed re a reference to the injured swan reported at the last meeting. Cllr Pope advised that the PC has been following recommended guidelines and is maintaining a watching brief as to DEFRA recommendations if avian flu is reported. It was pointed out that, on the recent occasions of very low temperatures, no food had been provided. (Post Meeting arrangements were made to reinstate this, as required.)</p>	
17/126	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting, held on 8 January 2018, were approved and signed.</p>	
17/127	<p>MATTERS ARISING: None</p>	
17/128	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>Receipts: £18 – Reimbursement of towel cost to Mrs S Maynard (from Cllr Jones) Bank Account Balances: 29.12.17: Current: £12,038.34, Savings: £100.00: Total: £12,138.34.</p> <p>Bank Reconciliations as at 29.12.17 had previously been circulated.</p> <p>Precept 2018/19: The figure of £12,800 had been confirmed by MSDC.</p> <p>Internal Audit Scope: This SALC document had been circulated prior to the meeting; Members approved its scope.</p> <p>Review Register of Assets: The updated/amended schedule had been circulated. It had not been possible, at the time of the meeting, for the Clerk to physically double check the number of litter, dog litter and grit bins; this would be done asap.</p> <p>Locality Fund Offer: This offer had been received recently towards the purchase of two grit bins. It was agreed to proceed with this, and to thank Cllrs Haley and Jewson.</p> <p><u>Payments</u></p> <p>Precision Marketing Group Ltd re BVN: Jun-Jul & Aug-Sep: £374.10) Chq 101148 Nov,Dec-Jan & Feb-Mar: £410.40) <u>£784.80</u></p> <p>Beyton & Hessett PCC: Vestry 2017/18: £195 (101149)</p> <p>Beyton & Hessett PCC: Contribution to Grounds Maintenance: £200 (101150) (representing an increase in the PC's previous s137 payment of £175).</p> <p>The above were approved for payment.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
17/129	<p>ADMINISTRATION</p> <p>Village Green Lease: Cllr Ridyard advised that no response had been received from the Ladies of the Manor to our recent letters. It was agreed to resend (this time posting by Recorded Delivery).</p> <p>Naming of new development adjacent to Guerdon Cottage, Drinkstone Road: The PC's proposal of Orsler Close had been accepted and agreed by MSDC.</p> <p>Telephone Kiosk Adoption and Transfer: This form was approved and will be submitted.</p> <p>Possible invitation to Buckingham Palace Garden Party: As it was possible to nominate only one past Member's name, the nomination form was completed and submitted in the name of ex Chair, Mr Jon Rapley.</p> <p>Update re General Data Protection Regulation to be introduced in May this year. In this regard, NALC's final advice/recommendation is awaited (SALC had advised that some information being circulated from other bodies was both misleading and incorrect.) The Parish Clerk is to attend a local training course on 9 March.</p> <p>Rest Centre Training: Details/dates of this training had been circulated. Only Cllr Pope had responded and two training sessions accordingly booked for her (9 May and 4 June).</p> <p>VETS: This is a cascade type telephone system used to alert trained users of the</p>	<p>TR</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>AP</p>

	<p>defibrillator, in the case of an emergency. There would need to be one number set up for 10 volunteers. Training is to be organised first and then the VETS system set up. Regarding the trainers, there are a number of bodies, including the St Johns Ambulance, Mid Anglia First Aid and the Fire Service; training costs per person (and maximum number per training session) will be obtained from these various bodies. Once sufficient numbers have been trained, the type of cascade system will be decided. It was felt that the Village Fayre would offer a convenient opportunity to attract more volunteers.</p> <p>Green Cleaning Rota: Cllr Pope is to prepare a draft rota of those willing to sweep/clean relevant areas during the Spring/Summer months. More volunteers are required, e.g. members of the public. Cllr Pope is to discuss with Cllr Jones possible methods to reach residents.</p>	<p>GJ</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>AP</p> <p>AP/GJ</p>
17/130	<p>HIGHWAYS</p> <p>Manor Farm Drive: Ongoing. For the time being a <i>watching brief</i> is to be maintained and will be reviewed if/when necessary and contact made with Highways.</p> <p>A14 Slipway: Cllr Jones is arranging a meeting with highways before the growing season; confirmation is awaited.</p> <p>'Fieldside' Hedge, Cangles Lane: It has been decided to await the pruning of a nearby hedge and then ascertain whether reduction of this particular one is also required. Cllr Clark advised that a wall in excess of 6' has been erected behind the Fieldside hedge; thus providing the privacy the resident seeks, so a reduction of approx. 2' in height of the aforementioned hedge should be acceptable. Enquiries will be made with both Highways and Planning in these connections.</p> <p>Tree on Island, Quaker Lane: It was noted that this had been removed.</p>	<p>GJ</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>Clerk</p>
17/131	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>(i) Decision Notices: Permission Granted: DC/17/05731: Land Adjacent to Guerdon Cottage, Drinkstone Road: Erection of two storey dwelling with integral garage (plot 5).</p> <p>(ii) Withdrawn Applications: None</p> <p>(iii) New Planning Application: DC/18/00335: Land Adjacent to Guerdon Cottage, Drinkstone Road: Erection of a detached dwelling and detached garage and alterations to existing vehicular access without compliance with Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) to allow changes to the elevations/plans of Planning Permission 0314/16 (Plot 3) Members agreed to support this application.</p> <p>(iv) Enforcement Matters: None</p> <p>(v) Appeals: None</p> <p>(vii) Local Plan Consultation/Consideration of Possible Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Pope advised that our comments re the Local Plan had been submitted to MSDC. Now the Parish has to decide whether it wishes to go ahead with a Neighbourhood Plan, which would need to reflect what is outlined in the Local Plan (which will not be available for some time). The NP is about proposing suitable areas for development. Research needs to be done as to where we are with the Local Plan and to consider what benefits a NP might bring and the consequences of not doing anything, e.g. having development(s) foisted upon the Parish, which couldn't be done if there is a suitable Local Plan in place. Furthermore, a strategy would be required, e.g., if building were considered outside the current village boundary. Cllr Pope felt that, if the Community as a whole, wished to embark on a NP, the Local Plan Working Party would be interested in developing a NP.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>AP</p>
17/132	<p>COMMUNITY</p> <p>Proposed changes to free school transport (Refer also Mins 128 and 129 above): Further to the earlier discussions, Cllr Ridyard felt that SCC's proposed changes were discriminatory, since 85% of children go to non rural schools, where transport is not an issue. The proposed changes could cause educational destabilisation, since a lot of children from primary schools expect to move on to TCC, for which the system is geared. TCC hopes that they can save money and retain the choice for rural children. The leaflet drafted by TCC quotes Options 1 and 2 as not supporting the proposals, Option 3 to retain the status quo. A copy of this leaflet, and the link to the consultation, is to be provided via the website. 812 children are potentially affected by SCC's proposed changes, and are likely to reduce roll numbers at TCC. Current proposals would warrant a £2.4m reserve for redundancy and 72 primary schools would lose. In this connection, one resident had asked if it would be acceptable for her to display a banner; it was agreed that, providing the wording, size and position of same were</p>	<p>TR/GJ</p>

	<p>acceptable/legal, this would be supported. Information was to be circulated by email. Post meeting, this was approved.</p> <p>Litter Pick: 24 March; posters have been printed.</p> <p>Web Site: This has been updated with the latest village news and Speed Watch information.</p> <p>Community Speed Watch: It was reported that Thurston Road (inbound) sees 2,000 vehicles daily and 1,600 at the weekends. The highest recorded speeds here (over 5 sessions) were 70-85 mph. The Police had been approached to see if a new CSW position would be permitted, but this was rejected, as a clear 300m from the speed limit sign is required. Traffic volumes at Tostock Road (inbound) had seen a decrease both during weekdays and weekends.</p>	
17/133	CORRESPONDENCE: None	
17/134	MATTERS OF REPORT ONLY: None	
17/135	<p>MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>Green clean up rota. Review of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Internal Control, Risk Assessment, Asset Register and Insurance Cover</p>	
17/136	DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Monday 5 March 2018	
	The Meeting closed at 2120 hours	

Approved at the PC Meeting held on 5 March 2018