

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 26 November 2018

Present: Cllrs G Jones (Chair), A Alderton, J Clark, M Orsler, T Ridyard

In attendance: Co Cllr P Otton, Dist Cllr D Haley, seven members of the public

18/099	APOLOGIES NOTED: P Lamb (Clerk), Cllr A Pope	
18/100	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None	
18/101	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:</p> <p>Co Cllr Otton ran through the main points of her report highlighting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new approach over pothole repairs • Council sign up to 100% nuclear energy deal • Consultation over potential savings to the 2019/20 County Council budget • Her concerns over cuts to the winter gritting service and CAB, noting that the Council has reserves of £30m. • A 2.9% possible rise in Council Tax <p>Cllr Otton advised she was on a working group to help those families who will lose free school transport.</p>	
18/102	<p>DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:</p> <p>Dist Cllr Haley reported on the following district council highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The local community achievement awards had been made, selected out of 150 nominations • A reminder to have a say over the homeless reduction strategy • Joint Local Plan consultation and changes needed to comply with the new system • The planting of English Oaks in Debenham in honour of the first world war. • The Tree for Life scheme – providing parents with an opportunity to plant a tree for every child in Suffolk • The new Visitor Information Point Network <p>Cllr Haley advised that the Council's work programme and upcoming decisions were available to review on the Council's website</p>	
18/103	<p>PUBLIC FORUM:</p> <p>Stonemeade</p> <p>Cllr Jones reported on recent correspondence relating to Stonemeade and the request by Cllr Pope that the Council discussed its role in communicating issues of concern between the village and Stonemeade.</p> <p>Cllr Ridyard advised that the role of the PC depended on what challenges arose and the nature of those challenges. There were some situations, typically minor where it would not be appropriate for the Council to intervene. Cllr Clark agreed and that the role of the Council was to serve the village and to answer any questions from parishioners about the appropriate actions they should take should any issues arise.</p>	

	<p>Members of the public present who were neighbours of Stonemeade reported a number of recent concerns over the property, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic to and from the property, which at times involved up to 11 vehicles being parked on the drive. • Staff talking loudly during changeover times • Potential breaches to their commitments in their previous response to the parish council • A query over whether Stonemeade was regulated by the CQC – it was reported that a change of use from residential care to supported living meant that CQC registration was no longer a requirement • Poor response rates from Kisimul when concerns were reported • Concerns over residents' safety with residents being reported walking unsafely along a dangerous stretch of Church Road • Concerns over privacy <p>Co Cllr Otton advised that neighbours to Stonemead should report any concerns, issues or complaints to Kisimul directly and should make the Parish Council aware. The County Council had a duty of care under Adult Safeguarding and it was down to the organisation running the facility to do so responsibly and safely.</p> <p>It was agreed that concerns raised by members of the public regarding Stonemeade should be reported directly to Kisimul or, where appropriate, with the relevant authorities if there were concerns over noise, nuisance or health and safety. It was agreed that the Parish Council had acted appropriately in the handling of issues to date and that the public should report their concerns to the Council if they were not satisfied with the responses they were getting.</p> <p>Other</p> <p>A member of the public wished to raise three issues with the PC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A concern over overspending on the parish council budget and request that the budget for 2019/20 be reduced by 5%. He noted in particular his disapproval of providing food and drink to litter pickers and spending on the BVN, which he thought could be reduced from 6 issues a year to 4. Cllr Jones responded that the forecast was for a small overspend and advised him to write to the Parish Council with his concerns and his ideas to save money. Cllr Jones advised that the Council might need to increase the precept as its reserves were expected to match at least one year's costs, which guidelines recommended. This was not the current position. • Whether the PC was aware that Beyton had been designated a "fossilised village" – a CLA designation reflecting the lack of facilities such as shops, primary school and post-office. The PC thanked him for bringing this to its attention. • Concern that the village stream was overgrown and that it might attract vermin. Cllr Jones advised that the PC was arranging for it to be cleared as recommended by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust and that this would take place before Christmas. 	
18/104	APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 1 October were approved and signed	
18/105	MATTERS ARISING: None	

18/106	<p>FINANCE:</p> <p><u>Receipts:</u> MSDC: CIL Payment – October 2018 £55.89</p> <p>Bank account balances: 31.10.18 Current: £16,222.24, Savings: £100.23</p> <p>Total: £16,322.47</p> <p>Bank reconciliation as at 28.9.18, Spreadsheet 2018/19 and Budget 2019/20 and Precept 2019/20 were all approved.</p> <p><u>Payments</u></p> <table><tr><td>A New Creation: Branch clearing and tree pruning on Green and digging a settlement pond</td><td>£260</td></tr><tr><td>Precision Marketing Group: Beyton Village News Printing: Apr/May, Jun/Jul, Aug/Sep, Oct/Nov & 6 x A1 posters – Battle’s Over Event</td><td>£640.80</td></tr><tr><td>Swayne & Partners: Euthanese 1 Goose</td><td>£20.00</td></tr><tr><td>TC Forestry & Fencing Invoice 130: Jul & Sep £708.50 Invoice 136: Oct & Nov £262.50</td><td>£971.00</td></tr><tr><td>J D Redwood: Construction of new wooden bridge, bench repair and replacement of 4 slats</td><td>£1,500.00</td></tr><tr><td>SALC: 6 months’ payroll service to 30.09.18</td><td>£21.60</td></tr><tr><td>Mr S Gage: GDPR related works to Parish Clerk’s PC</td><td>£88.00</td></tr><tr><td>Clerk: Reimbursement of annual MS 365 Mailbox Charge £54.72 & 1 ream of printing paper £3.25</td><td>£57.97</td></tr><tr><td>Open Spaces Society: Annual Subscription 1.10.18-30.09.19</td><td>£45</td></tr><tr><td>Cllr G Jones – reimbursement of expenses: Laminated pouches £17.89 and the Bear Refreshments for litter pickers £139.45</td><td>£157.43</td></tr></table>	A New Creation: Branch clearing and tree pruning on Green and digging a settlement pond	£260	Precision Marketing Group: Beyton Village News Printing: Apr/May, Jun/Jul, Aug/Sep, Oct/Nov & 6 x A1 posters – Battle’s Over Event	£640.80	Swayne & Partners: Euthanese 1 Goose	£20.00	TC Forestry & Fencing Invoice 130: Jul & Sep £708.50 Invoice 136: Oct & Nov £262.50	£971.00	J D Redwood: Construction of new wooden bridge, bench repair and replacement of 4 slats	£1,500.00	SALC: 6 months’ payroll service to 30.09.18	£21.60	Mr S Gage: GDPR related works to Parish Clerk’s PC	£88.00	Clerk: Reimbursement of annual MS 365 Mailbox Charge £54.72 & 1 ream of printing paper £3.25	£57.97	Open Spaces Society: Annual Subscription 1.10.18-30.09.19	£45	Cllr G Jones – reimbursement of expenses: Laminated pouches £17.89 and the Bear Refreshments for litter pickers £139.45	£157.43	
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18/107	<p>ADMINISTRATION</p> <p><u>PC Vacancy:</u> No applications received to date</p> <p><u>GDPR:</u> Policies approved and due to be uploaded onto the website</p> <p><u>Standing Orders 2018</u> – carried forward to the next meeting</p> <p><u>Village Green Lease:</u> Cllr Ridyard updated the Council on latest correspondence and the advice from the Ladies’ solicitors that there is a claim for adverse possession against a fragment of the green. This did not affect the part that the Council was interested in but it was included in the same Land Registry reference number.</p> <p>Cllr Ridyard declared an interest in relation to the discussion of Ashton’s fees, which were quoted at £170 per hour plus VAT, to be capped at £520. It was agreed that Cllr Jones could sign the letter.</p> <p>VETS: No new information</p>																					
18/108	<p>HIGHWAYS</p> <p>Flooding. Cllr Jones reported on two key areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drinkstone Road – the school has agreed that it is responsible for clearing the ditch adjacent to its land.																					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The culverts under Thurston Rd have been cleared by Suffolk Highways and a small lagoon created in the stream by the children's play area to create an area for silt to collect Thurston Road – responsibility remains in dispute between Highways and the landowner. Discussions, which have included the County Council, are ongoing but this remains unresolved. 	
18/109	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>(i) Decision notices: Permission Granted: DC/18/03884 Hope House, Bury Road: Discharge of Conditions re DC/18/01044 – Condition 3 (Schedule of Works)</p> <p>(ii) Withdrawn applications: none</p> <p>(iii) New Planning Applications: DC/18/04961 Vulcan's Cottage, Quaker Lane, Beyton: refurbishment of existing single storey shed and store to provide additional living accommodation. Responses required by 17 December</p> <p>(iv) Enforcement Matters: none</p> <p>(v) Appeals: none</p> <p>(vi) Other Planning Matters: none</p> <p>(vii) Neighbourhood Plan: meeting arranged for Wednesday 28 November. The Chair of Drinkstone PC to attend to explain why they're doing it and the approach they're taking. Jo Churchill recommended that PCs spoke to one another about their experiences. It was confirmed that this would have a cost to the PC.</p> <p>(viii) Affordable Housing: update at next meeting</p>	
18/110	<p>COMMUNITY</p> <p>Footpath cutting – jointly responsible with the County Council. Agreed to keep arrangements as they are with current sub-contractor</p> <p>Play Area – Cllrs Jones and Clark would carry out a check</p> <p>TCC/Cycle Crossing: Cllr Jones reported on correspondence from the school regarding a request for a comment on safety along Mount Road. Cllrs Jones and Clark would review and make a recommendation at the next meeting.</p>	
18/111	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Cllr Orsler volunteered to attend as representative from BPC for the Hesselton and Beyton Village Hall Management Committee.</p>	
18/112	<p>MATTERS OF REPORT ONLY</p> <p>None</p>	
18/113	<p>MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING</p> <p>As previously noted in the minutes</p>	
18/114	<p>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Monday 7 January 2019 at 7:30pm in the Vestry, All Saints Church, Church Road.</p>	