

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4 February 2019

PRESENT: Cllrs G Jones (Chair), A Alderton, John Clark, Peggy Orsler and Tim Ridyard

IN ATTENDANCE: Co Cllr P Otton, and 3 members of the public

18/132	APOLOGIES NOTED: Cllr A Pope and Dist Cllr Haley	
18/133	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None	
18/134	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr Otton ran through the main points of her report including the 2019/20 budget, which will be presented to full Council on 14 February. Proposals include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ removal of all grant funding for CAB (over 2 years) (Cllr Otton to express her concerns) ➤ reduction in Housing Related Support (supporting those at risk of homelessness), ➤ reduced funding for sponsored bus services and reduction in highways expenditure ➤ staffing reductions across all directorates. <p>Other items of note; Upper Orwell crossings project cancelled (£8m spent to date on consultants' fees). Cabinet to consider smaller project and complete the small crossings B and C, which will provide links to the island site. Cabinet has agreed to underwrite a maximum of £10.8m (balance of previous commitment) and will require other significant local contributions to enable crossings B and C to proceed. Potential £45.1m investment for Special Educational Needs. Full investment appraisal needed before Cabinet will commit to a firm £45.1m. Expected in early 2019. Mark Ash, new Director of Highways will be joining SCC from ECC. School Transport: Helen Wilson and Jean Wheeler hoping to provide school transport at reduced cost and perhaps extend car park using extra land available. School Catchment Areas: Cabinet agreed not to change these. Cllr Otton's full report is attached.</p>	
18/135	DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: No report available in Cllr Haley's absence.	
18/136	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: No formal report submitted; information will be covered within meeting.	
18/137	PUBLIC FORUM: No matters raised.	
18/138	APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 7 January were approved and signed.	
18/139	MATTERS ARISING: None	
18/140	<p>FINANCE Receipts: None Bank Account Balances: 31.12.18: Current: £12,198.44, Deposit: £100.23: Total: £12,298.72 Bank Reconciliation as at 31.12.18: Cllr Alderton checked and signed this as correct. Spreadsheet 2018-19: This had been circulated.</p> <p><u>Payments</u></p>	

	AS Pest Control: Mole clearance from Green; pond and village sign areas: £70.00 (chq 101171) The above was approved for payment.	Clerk
18/141	<p>ADMINISTRATION</p> <p><u>Parish Clerk's Planned Absence – Alternative Arrangements:</u> Members agreed to ask Mr Peter Dow if he would be able to attend the next 3-4 meetings, as required, and to prepare relevant paperwork and minutes. (Post Meeting this was arranged.)</p> <p><u>Possible Co-Option:</u> Mrs G Wilson had expressed her interest in co-option and had confirmed eligibility for office. Her details had been circulated. Members agreed to co-opt her. After signing the Acceptance of Office form, Mrs Wilson was invited to join the other Members. Post Meeting: Mrs Wilson expressed doubts about the role. She was advised that she had signed the Declaration and Acceptance of Office form and was, therefore, a Councillor. If she preferred not to continue, it would require a letter/email tendering her resignation. Alternatively, if she failed to complete and return the Register of Member's Interests form within 28 days, which would be deemed a resignation.</p> <p><u>Village Green Lease:</u> Cllr Ridyard advised that there was nothing to report at the moment. It was suggested that Cllrs Jones and Clark could meet with the Ladies of the Manor in an effort to discuss/expedite the matter. In the meantime, Cllr Ridyard is to ask Messrs Ashton to submit their invoice for work to date (£300).</p> <p><u>Geese Excrement:</u> Cllr Pope had circulated a new rota for Green cleaning (with some 9 volunteers). Following an earlier complaint about the state of the play area, Members discussed the possibility of a low wooden fence (as unobtrusive as possible) to enclose just the play area. A check is to be made with Planning re this and the Ladies of the Manor consulted during the two Councillors' aforementioned proposed visit.</p> <p><u>Installation of Temporary Posts on Verge outside Hedge – Old School House</u> The PC's permission was sought by the resident here for the placing of posts to prevent further erosion prior to the re-seeding of this area. It was noted that the PC does not have the gift to grant such permission, but Members had no objection in the hope that this would prevent further damage to the area.</p> <p><u>Posts:</u> A discussion followed as to whether posts should be installed along the one way side of the Green to deter parking; it was agreed to review this at a later date.</p> <p><u>'The Green':</u> Cllr Jones advised that this sign, at the junction of Bury and Thurston Roads, required replacement of the support posts. Members agreed to accept the kind offer of help by Cllrs Clark and Jones to effect this repair; the related expenditure in respect of the posts was also approved.</p> <p><u>Advertising – BVN/Website:</u> Following discussion, it was agreed to include only village related notices etc, as currently.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>TR</p> <p>GJ/JC</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>ALL</p>
18/142	<p>HIGHWAYS</p> <p>Flooding: Cllr Jones advised that progress is very slow. Co Cllr Otton is kindly trying to ascertain ownership of the land along Thurston Road. There is currently conflicting information as to whether the ditch is the responsibility of the landowner, or SCC (following an agreement). Cllr Otton is to pursue her investigations at SCC.</p>	<p>SCC/ GJ</p>
18/143	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>(i) Decisions Received: Permission Granted: DC/18/04961 LBC: Vulcans Cottage, Quaker Lane: Refurbishment of existing single storey shed and store to provide additional living accommodation. DC/18/05549 TCA: Sirocco, Church Road: Fell 1 no Field Maple</p> <p>(ii) Withdrawn applications: None</p> <p>(iii) Planning Applications: DC/19/00115: Land at the White Horse, Bury Road: Works to Trees protected by TPO 342: 3.4m Crown lift to (G5) Common Lime tree. Application supported.</p> <p>(iv) Enforcement Matters: None</p> <p>(v) Appeals: None</p> <p>(vi) Other Planning Matters <u>Neighbourhood Plan & Proposed Development of 4 Designated Sites:</u> The date of the NP Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 27 February in the Hall/Conference Room at Thurston Community College, Beyton Campus, commencing at 7.30 p.m. A majority vote of those attending would be required in order to pursue the project. (Details of the meeting had been included in the BVN and website.) It was noted that several poles had been erected in one/two of the four identified sites (the planning agents had advised that they would be making exploratory investigations). Mr William Hooper had advised Cllr Jones that his family wishes <i>to do things agreeable to Beyton residents</i>, since the village had been the family's home for many years. The first site being considered is the land</p>	<p>u</p>

	<p>adjacent to Field House on Church Road. Cllr Ridyard advised that the impending developments had engendered a great deal of interest in the village. A large number of properties in Quaker Lane are likely to be affected by proposals. The land immediately behind the Church is expected to be designated as 'open space' (and certainly is not expected to be developed while Mrs Hooper is living in the area).</p> <p>Cllr Jones reported that he is meeting with Mr Ian Poole, planning consultant, on Friday 8 February to run through the agenda for the NP Meeting.</p> <p><u>Affordable Housing and Housing Needs Survey</u>: Cllr Pope had advised that the standard survey and bespoke covering letter had been sent to Cllrs Anderton and Graham for approval. These would need to be approved by next week for return to Community Action Suffolk – for printing – in readiness for distribution after the NP Meeting on 27 February.</p> <p><u>Stonemeade</u>: Cllr Jones reported that he had written to Kisimul on 3 February advising his surprise that, on at least 3 occasions, the Police had been called to the premises and still there had been no proactive contact from Kisimul to their neighbours. Kisimul was again invited to meet with their neighbours to establish a dialogue and, particularly, alert them to potential issues.</p>	
18/144	<p>COMMUNITY</p> <p><u>Cycle Crossing on Mount Road</u></p> <p>Following Cllrs Jones' and Clark's cycle ride along this route, at the request of Thurston Community College, it was agreed that the airfield junction on Mount Road needs to be investigated by a professional body to improve safety for cyclists.</p>	Clerk
18/145	CORRESPONDENCE : None to record.	
18/146	MATTERS OF REPORT ONLY : None	
18/147	MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING : As aforementioned.	
18/148	DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING : Monday 4 March 2019	
18/149	The Meeting closed at 2115 hours	

Approved at PC Meeting held on 4 March 2019