

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

<p align="center">Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7 January 2019</p>
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PRESENT: G Jones (Chair), A Alderton, John Clark, Peggy Orsler and Adele Pope

IN ATTENDANCE: Co Cllr P Otton, Dist Cllr D Haley and 11 members of the public

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18/123	<p>ADMINISTRATION</p> <p><u>Possible Co-Options</u>: Two applications had been received to date; one applicant agreed to join the possible Neighbourhood Plan team instead in light of his experience. The other applicant had been unable to attend the meeting, but it is hoped they will be able to attend the February meeting.</p> <p><u>GDPR</u>: All documents are displayed on the website.</p> <p><u>Village Green Lease</u>: Cllr Ridyard had advised that his colleague had received a telephone call from the solicitor to the Ladies of the Manor advising that he is without instructions from them and has suggested we resume direct contact. This matter will be discussed with Cllr Ridyard with a view to agreeing to write to them, or visit, and to ask how long we could continue as currently.</p> <p><u>Geese Excrement</u>: A complaint had been received from a visitor to the village re the extent of this problem – especially in/around the play area. When the possibility of fencing the play area was previously broached, it was found that this could not be done and/or Members did not wish to create such an enclosure. Cllr Pope advised that the cleaning up regime had been rather lax over the Christmas holiday period, but she was willing to produce a new rota and also canvas additional helpers. It was agreed that Cllr Pope would highlight on the blackboard on the Green the village's band of helpers in this regard and seek additional people – who would only need to commit to help for one hour per month.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>TR/GJ</p> <p>TR</p> <p>AP</p>
18/124	<p>HIGHWAYS</p> <p>Flooding: Cllr Jones reported that there are two key areas still under discussion with SCC, namely Drinkstone Road and Thurston Road. Both parties are being pushed to carry out their obligations in this regard. Re Thurston Road, SCC is adamant that it is the landowner's responsibility, whilst the landlord maintains that, following an agreement a few years ago, the land was transferred to SCC along with responsibility. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would contact SALC to ascertain whether there is a precedent in this regard in Suffolk, i.e. landlord/highways.</p>	<p>GJ</p> <p>Clerk</p>
18/125	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>(i) Decision Notices: None</p> <p>(ii) Withdrawn applications: None</p> <p>(iii) Planning Applications:</p> <p>DC/18/05537: Little Paddocks, The Green: Installation of new external swimming pool and associated landscaping works</p> <p>DC/18/05549: Sirocco, Church Road: Fell 1 no Field Maple, The Green: Various Tree Works</p> <p>It was agreed to support the above applications.</p> <p>(iv) Enforcement Matters: None</p> <p>(v) Appeals: None</p> <p>(vi) Other Planning Matters</p> <p>Possible Developments: Cllr Jones reported on a preliminary discussion held prior to this meeting with PC Members and potential developers of four plots situated around the village.</p> <p>Two organisations had addressed the PC; Messrs Armstrong Rigg Planning (based in Bedford)(Mr Geoff Armstrong-Director) and Manor Oak Homes (based in Northampton (Mr Oscar Briggs-Strategic Land and Project Manager). Initial discussions had been held with MSDC regarding all sites; 9 dwellings per site was considered acceptable. Mr Armstrong had stated that the organisation would prefer to bring forward one site for development with the PC's support. Whilst it was noted that the results of an affordable housing survey are awaited, the needs of the wider population would also be considered. The four sites currently under consideration were cited as;</p> <p>Site 1: Adjacent to the Church. Whilst not particularly considered as a site for development, it was felt that this area might serve as open space.</p> <p>Site 2: Behind Garage in Church Road: Site in Conservation Area; some issues to be overcome.</p> <p>Site 3: Church Road: From Field House to pumping station. Some CA issues to be overcome here. Some potential for housing in character with the area with a range of house types.</p> <p>Site 4: Land fronting Bury Road: The largest of the four sites with fewer constraints, but not necessarily one to be brought forward at this stage; it could perhaps be put to other uses; the organisations would be willing to listen to the PC's ideas. Obviously, residential is being considered (the adjacent blue edged land is currently classed as agricultural (the use of such land is reviewed annually to consider other possible classes of use).</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

	<p>The organisations had advised that they are happy to work with the PC to bring forward some, or all, sites.</p> <p>Currently background work is being carried out (e.g. archaeology, landscaping, heritage etc).</p> <p>The organisations' work on behalf of landowners to try and obtain planning permission on their land, which is then sold to a developer. It is intended that the outline planning application is submitted with as much detail as possible, so that the development proceeds as per the planning permission. The owner had stated a preference to submit the application(s) as soon as possible, but the organisations had advised that consideration would be given to both parties.</p> <p>The matter was left for Members' consideration and response. (Cllr Jones had advised that a decision re the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan was to be made later that evening - in the PC meeting.)</p> <p><u>Neighbourhood Plan:</u> Cllr Jones reported on an excellent presentation in this regard by Daphne Young at Drinkstone, who had also provided details of a planning consultant. They anticipate completion in 18 months – at a total cost of £11k (with a Government grant of £9k). Following discussion of the anticipated benefits, Members agreed to proceed with this following a further meeting with Parishioners in February (avoiding half term holiday 16-24th) in TCC's Hall and to follow the Drinkstone model. Information would be included in the BVN and on the website. Contact would be made with Daphne Young in order to ascertain the names of those people speaking at Drinkstone's NP Meeting.</p> <p><u>Affordable Housing and Housing Needs Survey:</u> Cllr Pope advised that she has a meeting the following day with Sunila Osborne of Community Action Suffolk re the results of the recent survey.</p> <p><u>Stonemeade:</u> Cllr Jones advised re the recent incidents here, which had necessitated Police presence. It was agreed to send a further letter to Kisimul asking them to engage more with the village – and especially those living nearby.</p>	<p>AP</p> <p>GJ/AP</p> <p>AP</p> <p>GJ</p>
18/126	<p>COMMUNITY</p> <p><u>Cycle Crossing on Mount Road</u></p> <p>Following Cllrs Jones and Clark's cycle ride along this route, it was agreed that the airfield junction on Mount Road needs to be investigated from the perspective of traffic volumes/safety and appropriate improvements made (which may include removal of a hedge by the crossing in order to improve visibility. It was recommended that an H&S expert view the route, as it was considered that the crossing was VERY dangerous.</p>	GJ
18/127	CORRESPONDENCE: None received.	
18/128	<p>MATTERS OF REPORT ONLY:</p> <p>Cllr Jones referred to an email from a parishioner citing cost saving ideas including a reduction in frequency of issue of the BVN (considered to be a retrograde step as this is a useful communication tool). End provision of refreshments on Litter Pick days and programme such GM replacements as bridge across stream etc. Where appropriate, it was agreed some ideas may be considered.</p>	
18/129	MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING: State of Green on one way street side.	
18/130	DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Monday 4 February 2019	
18/131	The Meeting closed at 2210 hours	

Approved at PC Meeting held on 4 February 2019