

# BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4 March 2019

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Co Cllr P Otton, MSDC Cllr D Haley and 2 members of the public

18/150	<b>APOLOGIES NOTED:</b> From Parish Clerk Mrs Pat Lamb	
18/151	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</b> None	
18/152	<p><b>COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:</b> Cllr Otton ran through the main points of her report, as previously circulated &amp; tabled and as attached.</p> <p>In response to queries regarding the on-going highway flooding, Cllr Otton suggested that it might be judicious to ask SCC Highways whether or not they consider that the ditch in question needs remedial works and, if so, where the responsibility for such works properly lies. In the event that ownership is not immediately evident, SCC should be pressed to carry out the works and to re-charge the owner when known.</p> <p>With regard to the Neighbourhood Plan proposals, Cllr Otton reinforced the benefits in terms of CIL uplift once the ensuing Order is in force</p>	Clerk
18/153	<p><b>DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:</b> Cllr Haley's reported orally on the following matters:</p> <p>(a) Plans are approved for 138 dwellings and some retail provision on the Council's old headquarters site at Needham Market. The Needham Market Middle School site is also in due process of a Planning application.</p> <p>(b) The recently published Housing Land Position Statement will need to be tested before the 5.3 year Housing Land Supply, as posited, can be relied upon.</p> <p>(c) BMSDC Members have undergone training in the matter of the County Lines drug problems towards their being in a position to spot the signs of such activity in their communities.</p> <p>(c) Meetings of both Councils will, in future, be live streamed.</p> <p>(d) The 2 District-wide dedicated roving PCSO's are now in place</p> <p>(e) The recent Precept decision means an uplift of 6p / week for MidSuffolk Band D Council Tax households, although some 60% of district housing stock is banded below this.</p> <p>(f) BMSDC support the Government's recent Rural Strategy proposals which are out for comment on line.</p>	
18/154	<p><b>PUBLIC FORUM:</b> The following matters were raised when public input was invited:</p> <p>(a) The 'Diamond Jubilee' &amp; 'Millennium' plaques on The Green have been damaged in the course of grounds maintenance and Council accepted the offer of alternatives being sourced in metal for possible purchase and installation.</p> <p>(b) Recent graffiti on the concrete at A14 junction will be addressed during the forthcoming community 'Clean Up Beyton' exercise.</p> <p>(c) The Chairman is to seek the co-operation of current contractors working on Tostock Road towards effecting the removal of discarded sand bags left on The Green by previous workers.</p>	GJ
18/155	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> February were approved and signed.	

18/156	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING:</b> The following matters, not covered in the Minutes or on the agenda, were raised for information or for inclusion on a future agenda:</p> <p>(a) Clean Up Beyton Day is fixed for 30<sup>th</sup> March and the Clerk is to be asked to source the bags from MSDC</p> <p>(b) The Neighbourhood Plan group is to be asked to consider whether or not there is an advantage in engaging with a digital mapping provider – Pear Technology and Parish On-Line are suggested as possible providers and co-operation with SCC / MSDC is a possibility</p> <p>(c) A first step in fencing off the play area to prevent fouling by the geese was agreed to be contact with the Ladies of the Manor although a parallel exercise towards pricing such an initiative will be undertaken by Cllr Clark</p> <p>(d) Defibrillator / CPR training is to be made available via Neal Higham who will address an Open Voice meeting on the matter</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>JC</p>
18/157	<p><b>FINANCE</b></p> <p><u>Receipts:</u> None</p> <p><u>Bank Account Balances:</u></p> <p>31.12.18: Current: £11,049.87, Deposit: £100.28: Total: £11,150.15</p> <p><u>Bank Reconciliation</u> as at 31.01.19:</p> <p>YTD £13,390.00 Actual £12,629.00</p> <p>Noted: An underspend of some £761.00 being attributable to reserve against the flu risk countered by extra expenditure of £1500.00 on grounds maintenance at the bridge.</p> <p><u>Spreadsheet</u> 2018-19: This had been circulated.</p> <p><u>Payments</u></p> <p>Inv. 2789 Community Heartbeat Trust...£97.20</p> <p>Clerk's salary / mileage Jan – Mar 2019...£632.25</p> <p>Vestry hire...£160.00</p> <p>HMRC...£143.60</p> <p>Chairman's reimbursements...£69.21</p> <p>Room hire for NP meeting...£128.71</p> <p>Ashton's Solicitors re Village Green...£469.80</p> <p>The above were approved for payment.</p>	
18/158	<p><b>ADMINISTRATION</b></p> <p>1 There was discussion regarding the Village Green Lease and the issue surrounding a small strip of land adjacent in which the Council is being asked to confirm interest or ownership. This land has been considered to be verge and, therefore, the responsibility of SCC, but there is now an interest on the part of other parties which requires clarification. Ashton's are to be instructed to confirm that the Council has no present or future interest in the land concerned.</p> <p>2 The Chairman confirmed that the Insurer will cover in full the costs of the temporary Parish Clerk cover with no detriment to the No Claims situation and with no Excess due.</p> <p>3 The Meeting accepted the quote ref 0219 from Messrs TC Forestry &amp; Fencing for grass cutting in the village for the 2019 season as scheduled in their letter of 20.02.2019.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
18/159	<p><b>HIGHWAYS</b></p> <p>Flooding: Cllr Jones referred back to Cllr Otton's earlier comments and undertook to continue to pursue the matter with SCC.</p>	<p>GJ</p>



**PLANNING****(a) Decisions Received:**Permission Granted:

DC/19/00115 Land at The White Horse, Bury Road. Works to trees...

Permission Refused:

DC/19/03236 Vulcans Cottage, Quaker Lane. Conversion of barn to residential ...

DC/18/01410 Badgers, Church Road. Erection of single store detached dwelling.

**(b) Applications on which comment invited:**

DC/19/00529 The Badgers, Church Road. Erection of detached dwelling...

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Members unanimously objected to this PA for the following reasons;

1 An additional dwelling here would result in further over-development of the site.  
 2 Parking Issues: Additional parking of vehicles near the entrance to the development will result in congestion and safety concerns, and access difficulties for emergency vehicles.

3 Highways Issues:

- Increased volume of traffic entering/leaving the site at this narrow section of Church Road (and with the nearby entrance to Thurston Community College and its high volume of traffic) poses real safety concerns - exacerbating an already very difficult situation.
- Already poor access off Church Road

4 An earlier, similar application was refused for reasons of over development, environmental and parking issues.

DC/19/00762 Land adjacent Guerdon Cottage, Drinkstone Road. Erection of 4 dwellings...including revisions approved under 0833/17 & DC/17/03664.

Councillors objected to this Application and urged that a stop be put to the construction begun on 'Plot 6' which is clearly well beyond the purview of a 'revision'.

It represents a proposal for a serious over-development of the plot creating a cramped result to the detriment of the amenity of the neighbouring properties at Grange Cottage and The Laurels.

In reaching this conclusion, Councillors had reference to policies requiring require development to maintain or enhance the character of their surroundings and respect the density of surrounding development, being Local Plan Policies GP1, SB2, H3, H13 & H15, Policy CS5 of the Core Strategy which, although out of date with reference to NPPF strictures at paragraph 11, retain relevance and force under FC1 of the Core Strategy Focused Review.

DC/19/00628 Lynwood House, Tostock Road. Erection of...side extension... conversion of garage...erection of cart lodge...

Councillors supported this Application

DC/19/00698 Land adjacent Grange Cottage, Tostock Road. Erection of 2 storey dwelling...revised design as approved ref 0571/91

Councillors objected to this Application which represents a proposal for a serious over-development of the plot creating a cramped and overbearingly dominant result by virtue of its height, to the detriment of the amenity of the neighbouring properties. The access from Tostock Road is in close proximity to the dwellings between which it proposes to pass and clearly would serve to diminish the amenity of both.

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**(c) Enforcement matters:**

The Chairman drew the Meeting's attention to Enforcement action at March House, as mentioned by Cllr Haley.

	<p>(d) <b>Neighbourhood Plan:</b> The Meeting noted a Report from Peter Dow on the public meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February. It was unanimously agreed that Ian Poole of PLACES4PEOPLE be contracted to provide professional support in the preparation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan as outlined in his fee proposal dated March 2019 for a sum not to exceed £10,091.00 net of VAT.</p> <p>(e) <b>Housing Needs Survey:</b> The Meeting noted that the CAS survey is in due process as is the funding from MSDC to cover the cost. Cllr Pope is seeking volunteer help with distribution on 12<sup>th</sup> &amp; 13<sup>th</sup> April with a closing date for returns scheduled of 29<sup>th</sup> April.</p> <p>(f) <b>Stonemeade:</b> The Meeting agreed that a number of the minor issues regarding the situation at Stonemeade could be resolved in a meeting between neighbours and BPC representatives acting solely as mediators and in no way proffering a personal view or an opinion on the part of Council. The Chairman and Vice chairman agreed to arrange and attend such a meeting</p> <p>(g) <b>4 development sites:</b> The Meeting noted that, although survey poles have appeared on 4 sites around the village which are thought possibly to have been identified in BMSDC's Local Plan document outlining their Strategic Housing &amp; Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA), nothing further is known.</p> <p>(h) <b>CIL:</b> The Meeting noted that the next round begins on 1<sup>st</sup> May. The sitting Clerk suggested that a Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan (PIIP) might be a way forward towards securing funding for, as an example, the proposed play area fencing.</p>	
18/161	<p><b>COMMUNITY</b></p> <p>1 <b>Cycle Crossing on Mount Road:</b> Following Cllrs Jones' and Clark's cycle ride along this route at the request of Thurston Community College, it was agreed that, Council's view having been duly recorded, the task was complete.</p> <p>2 <b>Good Neighbour Scheme</b> The Meeting agreed that, once the Neighbourhood Plan group is well established, Sally Connick of Community Action Suffolk might be invited to speak on the Good Neighbour Scheme with a view to possibly incorporating such an initiative into the aspirational 'Community Actions' section of the Plan.</p>	
18/162	<b>CORRESPONDENCE:</b> No correspondence was tabled.	
18/163	<b>MATTERS OF REPORT ONLY:</b> There were no matters raised by way of report to Council.	
18/164	<b>MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING:</b> No matters were put forward for inclusion on the next agenda.	
18/165	<b>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:</b> The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 in the All Saints vestry.	
18/166	<b>CLOSE:</b> There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 9.37.	