

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2021

PRESENT: Cllrs G Jones (Chair). A Alderton, J Clark, A Newberry and M Orsler

IN ATTENDANCE: Co Cllr P Otton, Dist Cllr H Richardson, 5, members of the public and Parish Clerk

20/077	APOLOGIES: Dist Cllr W.Turner	
20/078	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None	
20/079	COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr Otton's report for February was circulated and is attached.	
20/080	DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS: These had been circulated and are attached.	
20/081	PUBLIC FORUM: Jamie Meiklejohn suggested A14 and Bury St.Edmunds road direction signs in Thurston should direct traffic along Mount Rd to reduce the flow through Beyton. This should be particularly relevant to the new 210 housing area south of Beyton Road Thurston. Both District Councillors to be advised	Clerk
20/082	MINUTES OF PC MEETING HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2021: These were approved and signed.	
20/083	FINANCE: Bank Account Balances as at 31.12.20: Community: £36,443.94, Deposit: £100.56: Total: £36,544.50. Receipts: None Bank Reconciliations for August-November 2021 had been issued. December's statement (as kindly provided by Cllr Jones) omitted the individual expenditure items, and will, consequently, be provided once copy statements are received from Barclays, as requested. Income and Expenditure spreadsheet YTD 31.12.10 was not available for the meeting. The Clerk agreed to make the necessary corrections in a previous edition and circulate to the members as soon as possible Budget for 2021/2022 was agreed by all members and will be displayed on the website. Online Banking: Cllr Jones had spoken to Barclays and requested that the Simple Servicing Authority be reinstated for the Parish Clerk. Payments: The following invoices were approved for payment: A New Creation: Grounds Maintenance: Spraying of Mallow on Green and Tree Pruning, and Cutting alternate sides of stream verge: £185.00 AS Pest Control: Inv 790: Mole treatment: Green and pond: £70.00 SALC: 6 months' payroll service to 31.3.20: £21.60 CIL clarification is to be sought as to permissible expenditure.	Clerk Clerk Clerk
20/084	ADMINISTRATION: The Register of Assets had previously been approved and signed along with the Risk Assessment in readiness for financial year, 2021-2. Current PC Vacancy: Cllr Jones advised that there are two potential candidates, both of whom are still to decide. Village Green Lease: Cllr Jones reported on a telephone conversation with Carter Jonas, the land agents acting for the Ladies of the Manor, who had made a verbal offer to sell the freehold to the village for £30k. Cllr Jones had advised Carter Jonas that the feeling of the PC was undecided as to whether the Members had an interest in purchasing. Furthermore, if the PC were to pursue this, then it should be at the original valuation from 2017 of £10k. Carter Jonas had their own valuation, which they advised is significantly greater than £10k. Cllr Jones proposed to seek fresh independent valuations; this was not supported by Members, however, he was asked to check with Browns as	

	to whether there had been an increase in land prices since 2017 and to seek their opinion on a fair rent.	GJ
20/085	<p>HIGHWAYS: Flood Prevention Work: At least half of the meeting time was used in discussing this subject. All five of the roads in Beyton flooded during December and January. The PC members, and parishioners in attendance, unanimously agreed that although recent rainfall had been particularly severe, blame for the degree of flooding should reside with Suffolk County Council, whether directly or indirectly. SCC should have carried out preventative maintenance, or ordered whoever they believed to be responsible to carry out the required work. The Chairman thanked Roger Brand for his excellent investigation of the rules and responsibilities for maintaining water courses. Additionally, Andy Rollett and Roy Crosby were thanked for clearing drains in Quaker Lane and Bury Road. Without their proactive efforts, the problem would have been much worse. In conclusion, the following actions were agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The PC would support parishioners directly contacting the authorities. (Note two parishioners had already contacted Jo Churchill's office.) 2. Cllr Richardson agreed to facilitate contact with Jo Churchill, if requested so to do. 3. Cllrs Jones and Clark to pursue a second quotation for remedial work on Drinkstone Rd and to work in conjunction with Thurston Community College and Suffolk Highways for financing. 4. Roger Brand agreed to establish a procedure for legal action against SCC 5. Cllr Otton agreed to pursue remedial work with SCC CEO, Nicola Beach and John Clements, the Head of SCC's Floods team. .. 	All
20/086	<p>PLANNING: Decisions Received: Permissions Granted: DC/20/05351: The Bramleys, Quaker Lane: Alterations to roof, erection of dormer windows including first floor doorway and Juliette balcony. DC/20/05879: 3 Rectory Gardens: Various tree works; the PC supports this application. Withdrawn Applications: None New Application: DC/21/00562 – Sideways Cottage, The Green: Various tree works: Members supported this proposal. DC/21/00477 - Bethesda, Church Road: Erection of Double Garage. Members supported this proposal Enforcement Matters: None Appeals: None Neighbourhood Plan: A minor change to the NP was agreed by the Parish Council. A copy of the completed document will be delivered to every household in Beyton by the end of February. Consultation on the Plan, by parishioners, will last for 8 weeks</p>	
20/087	<p>COMMUNITY: October's Litter Pick: The Clerk had requested SCC to replace two broken glass panes in the bus shelter. The broken Beyton sign on Tostock Road has been reported for renovation/replacement. Beyton Village News: It was agreed that the next edition would be delayed until there was more substantive information to impart. Website: Councillors Details: Members agreed to supply a short biography and photograph for inclusion on the website. Home Schooling for young Beyton resident: Cllr Otton reported that progress is being made, Cllr Orsler thanked Cllr Otton for her help. Various donation requests had been received. Following discussion, it was agreed to donate £100.00 to Suffolk Accident Rescue Service.</p>	Clerk GJ GJ Clerk
20/088	MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING: As above	
20/089	DATE OF THE NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING: Monday 1 March 2021 at 7.30 p.m.	

Approved at the PC Meeting held on Monday 1 March 2021