


## BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12 July 2022 In  
The Vestry of All Saints Church, Beyton

Councillors Present: Graham Jones (Chairman) (GJ), Anne Alderton (Vice Chairman) (AA),  
John Clark (JC), and Peggy Orsler (PO).

**Others in attendance:** Tina Newell (Clerk) and three members of the public.

120722/01     **Apologies for absence:** Councillor's Helena Harris (HH) and Jonathan Wilson  
offered apologies prior to the meeting due to illness

120722/02     All Councillors resolved to accept Helena Harris's and Jonathan Wilson's  
apologies.

120722/03     County Councillor Penny Otton offered apologies for absence.

120722/04     **Declarations of Interest:** None received.

120722/05     **To consider requests for dispensation:** None received. **Casual Vacancy:** No  
applications received.

120722/06     **Casual Vacancy:** No applications received

120722/07     **Minutes of previous meeting:** All Councillors confirmed receipt of the draft  
minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 14 June 2022 prior to the  
meeting. All Councillors accepted these minutes as a true reflection of the  
business conducted and decisions made; GJ signed the minutes (reference  
100522/01-100522/45).

**Public Forum:**

- 120722/08 A member of the public congratulated District Councillor Harry Richardson on his appointment as the new Deputy Leader of Mid Suffolk District Council although expressed concerns as to if this new appointment will interfere with his role as District Councillor to Beyton
- 120722/09 All Councillors acknowledged receipt of County Councillor Penny Otton's (CC PO) report prior to the meeting.
- 120722/10 A member of the public asked how many more names are needed to complete the petition demanding SCC produces an in house bid for the new Suffolk Highways contract and when will the decision on a contractor be made. It was agreed to add the information to the website and social media.
- 120722/11 The same member of public asked why the PC are being asked to consider a further £508 for searches relating to the purchase of The Village Green.
- 120722/12 GJ commented on the Highways Investment Fund and all Councillors agreed to request some footpaths in the Parish are cut using this fund; GJ will update TN on the footpath numbers outside of the meeting.

**Planning:** Councillors considered the following planning applications:

- 120722/13 DC/2203437 Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area- Reduce 1 no Silver Birch by 5m and prune to a natural shape. Prune 1 no False Acacia to clear garage by 2.5m and remove deadwood. Fell 1 no Cherry.  
Location: 5 Bear Meadow, Beyton IP30 9HS

After brief discussion all Councillors agreed to **SUPPORT** this application.

- 120722/14 Councillors noted the following determination made by MSDC since the last Parish Council meeting: DC/22/01358 Nursery House, Tostock Road

MSDC: **GRANTED** BPC: Objected

Councillors expressed disappointment at the lack of notice the District Council appear to have taken of the Parish Council's concerns over the discharge of surface water on this site and the potential flooding this development will cause to the village.

120722/15 Councillors noted MSDC have issued 'Liability Order Reminder Notices' for both plots 4 and 5 for the outstanding CIL liability relating to the development on Land adjacent Guerdon Cottage, Drinkstone Road, Beyton. If no payment has been received within a reasonable time MSDC will commence court proceedings.

120722/16 Councillors considered the evidence required to support a land registration application on village amenity land. It was agreed for GJ to speak with the current residents and offer support with grass cutting whilst TN liaise with CC PO to ascertain who owns the land.

120722/17 **Road Safety:** Councillors noted Suffolk Highways have scheduled repairs to the 'fissure' that runs across Tostock Road which will reduce traffic noise in the area.

120722/18 The hedges along Drinkstone Road that were previously reported as overgrown were cut down before Highways visited the area.

**Finance:**

120722/19 **Bank reconciliation:** All Councillors confirmed receipt of the finance report for the period ended 30 June 2022 prior to the meeting. Councillor AA, as a non- bank signatory, confirmed the bank reconciliations as presented agreed to the bank statements with available cash of £36,985.65; £100.56 in the savings account and £36,885.09 in the Community account.

120722/20 **Budget to Actual:** All Councillors confirmed receipt of the budget to actual payments and receipts report for the period ended 30 June 2022 prior to the meeting.

120722/21     **Reserves:** Councillors resolved to accept the reserves as presented with the general reserve at 49% of the Precept noting the second instalment of the Precept is due prior to the next meeting.

120722/22     All Councillors noted there had been no receipts since the previous meeting.

	Payee	Details	£
120722/23	Tina Newell	Salary	560.20
120722/24	Trevor Brown	Internal Audit	158.55
120722/25	T C Forrestry & Fencing	Grass cutting	980.00
120722/26	SALC	Subscription	341.79

120722/27     One of the benches on the green will be refurbished by a local contractor over the summer as agreed at the previous meeting.

120722/28     The two faulty benches remain on the village green. It was agreed to have an engineer inspect these as a number of Councillors believe these can be restored and are not currently unsafe. If the engineers report deems these two benches are unsafe they will be taped off immediately.

120722/29     The required sizes for two new noticeboards have been sent to suppliers and quotes have yet to be received

120722/30     All Councillors noted the external auditor's invitation to Beyton Parish Council to certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review. Noting the receipts and payments are under £25k all Councillors agreed to certify the Council as exempt from a limited assurance review and resolved for TN and GJ to complete the Certificate of Exemption (CoE). The CoE was signed at the meeting by GJ and TN.

120722/31     Councillors noted the 2020/21 audit was qualified.

**To receive reports/verbal updates and consider action required from committees and representatives:**

- 120722/32     **Village green play equipment:** The safety matting on the goal mouth requires attention: TN to contact the contractor to repair this.
- 120722/33     TN confirmed the Solicitor is awaiting answers to questions sent to the vendors solicitor and a signed confirmation that no additional overriding interests exist (overriding interests are interests affecting registered or unregistered land which benefit third parties. They are not recorded on the registered title or in the title deeds but they are binding on an owner of registered land and their successors in title).
- 120722/34     The Solicitor has confirmed commercial searches are required for The Village Green and not residential searches as had initially thought and quoted for. All Councillors considered the cost for commercial searches noting an increase from £400 to £558 and resolved to accept the increase of £158. TN will instruct Gudgeons & Prentice to carry out the commercial searches without further delay.
- 120722/35     **Flooding:** No update
- .                **To receive updates from village groups:**
- 120722/36     **Community Speedwatch:** none
- 120722/37     **Beyton Village Association (BVA):** The Group are planning a garage sale in October 2022 and an Open Garden event next year.
- 120722/38     **Beyton Environmental Group (BEG):** No update.
- 120722/39     **Beyton Sixth Form:** TN attended the Community Voice Meeting at Beyton Campus where the new Principle confirmed her desire to help the whole community. At the meeting TN confirmed the Parish Council wishes to engage with students and staff more, offering students both volunteer and paid opportunities within the Parish. TN also confirmed the Parish Council are keen to make use of the facilities in a cost effective manner. A representative

from Thurston Army Cadets was interested to know more about volunteering opportunities for the Cadets in the Parish. TN asked who owned the campus building and was informed it is owned by SCC. The governor present at the meeting confirmed there is an opportunity for a self contained annexe on the campus which would make it easier and better value for money for community groups to use although time and money would need to be invested to make this possible. It was agreed for TN to pursue this idea with PO.

- 120722/40     **BVN:** The next edition goes to print on 20 July 2022. GJ was concerned as to the frequency of this newsletter however a member of the BVA thought bi-monthly was sufficient as this allows time for advertising village events.
- 120722/41     **Parish Warden:** TN advised an increase in hours from 3 to 4 hours a week had been agreed by the District Council. The insurance company have confirmed so long as the Parish Council comply with the legal requirements for employees aged 16-17, re hours they can work, supervision and breaks etc the Parish Council would be covered under the Employers Liability cover. It was agreed to advertise the vacancy with four hours a week.
- 120722/42     **Any other matters for information, to be noted, or for inclusion on a future agenda:** AA suggested the Parish Council confirm their interest in the thermal imaging camera.
- 120722/43     **Date of the next scheduled meeting:** Councillors noted a major planning application has been received and requires commenting on by 20 July 2022.
- 120722/44     The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21.32pm.