

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 10 May 2022 at 6.30pm in All Saints Church Vestry meeting room

Present: Graham Jones (GJ) (Chairman), Tina Newell (TN) (Clerk), and 26 members of the public.

- 10522/01 Graham Jones as Chairman of Beyton Parish Council welcomed all to the meeting.
- 10522/02 **Apologies:** A representative from Beyton Village Association offered apologies.
- 10522/03 The Chairman offered apologies for not including the Webmaster report in the 2021 meeting.
- 10522/04 **Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 4 May 2021 were approved and all present agreed for GJ to sign these as an accurate record of the meeting.
Reports were heard from various Parish groups and where available will be appended to these minutes:
- 10522/05 **Community Speed Watch:** The current team consist of seven, with more volunteers always welcome, who meet every other week for one hour a day at various locations around the Parish. The busiest road being Tostock where speeds in excess of 35 miles are regularly recorded. It was suggested to include the data on the Parish website when available.
- 10522/06 **Beyton Village Association:** a verbal update was received to which those present noted a village walk is being for June 2022. Suggestions from the floor included Open Gardens and Beyton in Bloom noting historically the village won The Best Kept Village.
- 10522/07 **All Saints Church, Beyton:** An Ordained Local Minister (OLM) gave a report which is appended to these minutes, during which residents heard how £75k is required annually to afford a full time minister.
- 10522/08 **Beyton Environmental Group:** This is a small enthusiastic group who maintain three sites in the village: the Churchyard, the Old Orchard and the Oak Tree Pond. They are looking forward to working with Beyton Sixth horticultural society to

increase diversity on the school site. Volunteers are welcome to join – more resources, more opportunities!

- 10522/09 **Beyton Village News:** The editor confirmed the publication has many loyal and valued contributors and welcomed feedback from residents; the more content the more interesting the news is.
- 10522/10 **Neighbourhood Plan:** Councillor Jonathan Wilson is hopeful the final plan will be available for the June meeting of the Parish Council stating it has taken many years and lots of enthusiastic volunteers to get to this final stage. Recent, local court cases have proven the validity of these plans.
- 10522/11 **Thurston Sixth Form:** The new head of Thurston Sixth form introduced himself before a student spoke of the Ukrainian refugees and plans for a trip to Rwanda.
- 10522/12 A resident expressed gratitude to the OLM for his work, unpaid towards the benefice and expressed concern for a piece of Parish land which appears to have been claimed by a resident.
- 10522/13 **Parish Council accounts:** The Parish Clerk gave a brief summary of the parish accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 confirming the accounts are on the website.
- 10522/14 **Parish Council Chairman's report:** The Chairman gave an overview of the Parish Council's accomplishments of the year with particular reference to reducing flooding in the village and the agreement to purchase the village green. He praised the excellent work of the Parish Council members and the Clerk and thanked our County and District Councillors for their continued help. He also added that none of the achievements would have been possible without the support of the parishioners of Beyton.
- 10522/15 Penny Otton, County Councillor, suggested re-introduction of meetings with Beyton Sixth Form would be much welcomed.
- 10522/16 Parish matters: No comments.
- 10522/17 Date of the next meeting: Noting the meeting must be held between March 1 and June 1 it was agreed to hold the next Annual Parish meeting on 9 May 2023.
- 10522/18 A member of the public gave thanks to the Parish Councillors for the work they have undertaken and success they have achieved.
- 10522/19 The meeting was closed.

Note: The Webmasters report is appended.

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