

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10 October 2023 In The Vestry meeting room, Beyton

Councillors Present: Graham Jones (Chairman) (GJ), John Clark (JC), Peggy Orsler (PO) and Jonathan Wilson (JW).

Others in attendance: Penny Otton (County Councillor) (PON), Tina Newell (Clerk) and three members of the public.

Apologies for absence:

- 101023/01 Councillor Ann Alderton (AA) and Helena Harris (HH) offered apologies for absence prior to the meeting.
- 101023/02 All Councillors accepted apologies for absence from AA and HH.
- 101023/03 Austin Davies (AD) (District Councillor) tendered apologies prior to the meeting.
- 101023/04 **Declarations of Interest:** No declarations of interest were declared.
- 101023/05 **Dispensation:** Councillors noted no requests for dispensations had been received and none were requested at the meeting.
- 101023/06 **Minutes of previous meeting:** All Councillors resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 September 2023 and as a true reflection of the decisions made and authorised GJ to sign the minutes (reference 050923/01-55 inclusive).

Public Forum:

- 101023/07 County Councillor Penny Otton's (PON) report was received prior to the meeting and is appended in full.
- 101023/08 TN will ask National Highways if the directional signs painted on the slip road off the A14 could be made permanent.
- 101023/09 It was agreed to request the 'No Entry' road signs along Tostock Road are reduced in height to eye level.

Signed *Graham Jones*

Dated *07 11 2023*

- 101023/10 All Councillors confirmed receipt of a joint report from both District Councillor's, the full report is appended to these minutes.
- 101023/11 A member of the public asked if the Willow Trees that may be felled could be marked so people are aware of which trees will be removed; the same resident told all present that the designer of the Beyton Village News suggested a refresh on the design and it was agreed for the resident to ask for some ideas at no cost.
- 101023/12 A resident confirmed there is a large pot hole which needs some type 1.
Planning: Councillors considered the following application made to the Local Planning Authority (MSDC) relating to Beyton:
- 101023/13 DC/23/04319 Erection of 1 no detached dwelling
Land to the East of The Grange, Tostock Road, Beyton
TN reported there was a covenant on purchasing this land there could be only three houses in total on the site. Despite the site being outside the settlement boundary in the New Joint Local Plan there is an acceptable exception (policy LP01) which allows infilling of 1 -2 dwellings. In the neighbourhood plan for 10 dwellings. After discussion all Councillors agreed to make NO OBJECTION to this application.
- 101023/14 DC/23/04269 Erection of cart lodge with rooms over. New position in garden land to that approved under DC/22/06269 (no change in cart lodge design)
Marl Cottage, Church Road, Beyton IP30 9AL
TN confirmed the new Joint Local Plan prohibits new developments outside settlement boundaries and noting the Neighbourhood plans confirms this area is one of conservation with an importance in the two centre character of the village aswell as being designated as a green space in the plan all Councillors resolved to **OBJECT** to this application.
- 101023/15 DC/23/04128 Application for listed building consent Replacement of 3 panel (2 opening 1 fixed) double glazed unit external door with bespoke 3 panel bifold system door manufactured in Oak.
Dibolds, Thurston Road, Beyton IP30 9AE

After discussion all Councillors agreed to make NO OBJECTION to this application.

- 101023/16 All Councillors noted the District Council have made no determinations relating to Beyton since the last Parish Council meeting.

Finance:

- 101023/17 All Councillors confirmed receipt of the finance report for the period ended 30 September 2023 at the meeting.
- 101023/18 Bank Reconciliation: In the absence of AA KM, as a non-bank signatory, confirmed the bank reconciliation as presented agrees to the bank statements with cash available of £70,078.99; £69,977.72 in the Community account and £101.27 in the Premium account.
- 101023/19 TN confirmed Barclays currently offer interest of 1.41% gross in the Premium account with no interest in the Community account it was resolved to move £30k to the Premium account to allow TN time to research other banks.
- 101023/20 Budget to Actual: All Councillors reviewed this report at the meeting and with no questions accepted the report.
- 101023/21 Reserves: KM confirmed at the meeting the reserves account reconciles to the bank statement and all Councillors accepted the general reserve is 95% of the precept and in line with the Parish Councils reserve policy.
- 101023/22 Assets: All Councillors noted there had been one addition to the asset register since July: one LACie hard drive at a cost of £68.33.
- 101023/23 Receipts: Councillors noted there had been two receipts since the last meeting:

101023/24	Barclays	Interest	0.27
101023/25	Mid Suffolk District Council	Precept, remaining 50%	11,593.00

Payments:

All Councillors resolved to approve the following gross payments by internet banking confirming a full schedule, supported by invoices and receipts, had been received prior to the meeting:

	Payee	Details	£
101023/26	Tina Newell	Salary and re-imburements	826.00

101023/27	Mid Suffolk District Council	Uncontested election	144.71
101023/28	TC Forrestry & Fencing	Footpath clearance	60.00
101023/29	Viking	Stationery	117.65
101023/30	A New Creation	Work on The Green	1,523.38
101023/31	Precision Marketing	Beyton News	550.00
101023/32	Gudgeons Prentice	Legal fees inc disbursements and searches	20,274.32

101023/33 All Councillors received the competition statement from the solicitors and gave approval to pay this soonest with a suggested completion date of Friday 13 October 2023.

The Village Green:

101023/34 Councillors noted the 'Transfer of whole registered title' has been signed and returned to the solicitor; the completion statement has been received and agreement to pay this was granted earlier in the meeting with a completion date expected to be Friday 13 October 2023.

101023/35 Monthly Visual Inspection: KM has carried out a visual inspection with no change to previous report.

101023/36 Roundabout refurbishment: Wicksteed have allocated the enquiry to an advisor in the officer.

101023/37 Tree survey: It was agreed to defer this decision until the purchase of the Green has been completed.

101023/38 Replanting of 6 Bat Willows: All Councillors resolved to defer this decision until the purchase of the Green has been completed.

To receive updates/reports from officers and village groups and consider action required:

Road Safety including Community Speedwatch:

101023/39 TN confirmed the cost to erect white gates could be around £1,500 per unit with the purchase of the gates around £500 each.

101023/40 TN has contacted and chased National Highways, who are responsible for the slip road off the A14, asking for advice on how to request a STOP sign on the

slip road; the request for such a sign has been forwarded to the Eastern Region team and Customer Contact centre.

- 101023/41 **Tree Warden/Trees:** TN has sent information from the Suffolk Tree Warden Network to a resident who has previously expressed an interest in the role of Parish Tree Warden.
- 101023/42 **Bus service:** It was previously hoped any deficit in the funding of the bus would be covered by Suffolk County Council; TN has contacted Elmswell Parish Council who have been very generously completing the administration for the service who confirmed they will look into the funding recently received from Suffolk County Council before arranging a catchup meeting to consider the deficit and a plan for the future. Beyton has one resident who regularly uses the service. It was agreed to consider the long term future of this service on the next meeting agenda.
- 101023/43 **Beyton Sixth Form:** GJ and JW attended a meeting with the current Principal recently who confirmed her retirement at the end of the year; it is likely a 6th from college would be on the Thurston site within 3 years. It was agreed to hold another meeting with PON and any other interested parties before the next meeting.
- Geese:**
- 101023/44 Long term care: All present learnt of the passing of the previously lame goose; it passed away whilst sleeping and was nursed to the end by a local resident experienced in the care of these birds. The same resident expressed willingness to TN to take over the care of these birds should restrictions for Avian Influenza come into place at anytime. Another resident, also experienced in the care of geese, has expressed willingness to work with the Parish Council to make the lives of the remaining geese as pleasant as possible and it was agreed to acknowledge this offer and revisit it when The Green is owned by the Parish Council.
- 101023/45 All Councillors agreed with the passing of the one goose there is no longer a requirement to consider fencing a residents garden off (this one goose was the perpetrator)

- 101023/46 It was noted there are a large number of blocked drains in the village and the roads have not been swept for a considerable length of time thus resulting in a build up of vegetation on the road; all Councillors resolved for TN to report these issues as urgent with the hope these issues can be addressed before the winter.
- 101023/47 **Any other Council business for information to be noted or to be included in a future agenda:** highways maintenance contract and drains in general, budget and precept.
- 101023/48 TN confirmed Beyton have been successful in applying for the loan of a Thermal Imaging Camera; the loan period is from Monday 16 October to Monday 6 November 2023 and it was resolved to pass the details to AA.
- 101023/49 Councillors noted the referendum for the Neighbourhood plan is likely to be later this month.
- 101023/50 **Councillors are asked to resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded from the meeting due to the commercially sensitive nature of the business to be discussed regarding the annual staff appraisal:** Councillors resolved to exclude the Press and Public to consider the annual appraisal of the Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.
- 101023/51 All Councillors agreed with the recommendation from the staffing committee and resolved to increase the Clerk's salary in line with salary scale point to 21 noting the Parish Council are well served by the Parish Clerk.
- 101023/52 Councillors noted the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 7 November 2023.
- 101023/53 The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.11pm.