

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11 April 2023

In The Vestry of All Saints Church, Beyton

Councillors Present: Graham Jones (Chairman) (GJ), Ann Alderton (Vice Chairman) (AA), John Clark (JC), Helena Harris (HH), Kerry Mason (KM), Peggy Orsler (PO) and Jonathan Wilson (JW).

Others in attendance: Harry Richardson (District Councillor) (HR), Penny Otton (County Councillor) (PO), Tina Newell (Clerk) and three members of the public.

- 110423/01 **Apologies for absence:** All Councillors were in attendance.
- 110423/02 Austin Davies (AD), District Councillor tendered apologies prior to the meeting.
- 110423/03 **Declarations of Interest (DoI):** No declarations of interest to consider.
- 110423/04 **Dispensation:** Councillors noted no requests had been received and none were requested at the meeting.
- 110423/05 **Minutes of previous meeting:** All Councillors resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 March 2023 and as a true reflection of the decisions made and authorised GJ to sign the minutes (reference 0140323/01 – 67).
- Public Forum:**
- 110423/06 All Councillors confirmed receipt of reports from both District Councillor's and noted the District Council is in a pre-election period (previously known as 'purdah') where specific restrictions are placed on communications. The reports were noted but not discussed.
- 110423/07 County Councillor Penny Otton's report was received prior to the meeting; the new fire and police station in Stowmarket has been officially opened; new,

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improved security gates and fencing are to be installed at Thurston Sixth, Beyton Campus; work to improve the A14 has started and PO is interested in any additional speed watch campaigns that are running and if there is an increase in traffic through the village; 11 new schools are to be built countywide with further maintenance and expansion of current schools; a new report confirmed the SEND provision in Suffolk is reassuring after SCC adopted all recommendations given in the Council's damning report in 2021.

110423/08 CC PO stated no data from the ANPR trial in 2022 has been forwarded to her; it was agreed for TN to request this data is sent.

110423/09 JW asked if the Parish Council could be involved in meeting with the Sixth Form regarding grants mentioned in AD's report.

110423/10 CC PO left the meeting.

110423/11 **Planning:** Councillors considered the following application made to the Local Planning Authority (MSDC) relating to Beyton:

DC/23/01289 Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area – Crown reduce by up to 4m and prune back from power line 1 no Maple (T1 on map). Fell 1 no Norway Maple (T2 on map). Crown reduce and prune back from power line 1 no Norway Maple (T3 on map) Prune lower branches of 1 no Scots Pine to 5m above ground (T4 on map). Reduce height of 1 no Metasequoia by 6m (T5 on map).

Redwood Lodge, Church Road, Beyton, IP30 9AL.

After a brief discussion all Councillors resolved to SUPPORT this application.

110423/12 All Councillors noted there had been no determinations made by MSDC relating to Beyton since the last meeting.

Finance:

110423/13 All Councillors confirmed receipt of the finance report for the year ended 31 March 2023 prior to the meeting and heard that AA and KM had met prior to the meeting to confirm the figures as presented.

- 110423/14 **Bank Reconciliation:** AA, as a non-bank signatory confirmed the bank reconciliation as presented agree to the bank statements with cash available of £49,932.92; £49,871.33 in the Community account and £100.79 in the Premium account with an unrepresented payment to HMRC of £39.20; with all Councillors in agreement it was resolved to accept this as the bank reconciliation for the year ended 31 March 2023.
- 110423/15 All Councillors agreed for TN to investigate interest rates to ensure the Parish Council are receiving the best rates possible for investments.
- 110423/16 **Budget to Actual:** All Councillors noted this report which highlighted an increase of receipts in the year of £19,118.22 mainly due to £2,950 of grants for the village pond and 'winter warmth' project with a further £14,590.23 received from MSDC Section 106 towards the purchase of The Green. All Councillors accepted this report for the year ended 31 March 2023.
- 110423/17 **Reserves:** AA confirmed the reserves account reconciles to the bank statement. All Councillors agreed with the reserves reconciliation for the year ended 31 03 2023 noting that the general reserve represents 33.764% of the annual Precept and the total reserves represents 115%.
- 110423/18 **Assets:** All Councillors confirmed receipt of the schedule of assets prior to the meeting. All Councillors accepted the asset register as presented for the year ended 31 03 2023 is approved agreeing the year end assets held by the Parish Council total £49,835k.
- 110423/19 **CIL Return:** TN presented a reconciliation of CIL received upto 31 03 2023 showing there was no receipts in the year ended 31 03 2023. All Councillors noted Regulation 62A of the 2010 Regulations sets out special reporting requirements (separate from the Annual Governance and Accountability Return) and all Councillors resolved for GJ to sign the report showing a c/f balance of £7,314.35.
- 110423/20 **Receipts:** Councillors noted there was interest received of 13pence since the last meeting.

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	£
110423/21	Tina Newell	Salary, re-imbursements	582.00
110423/22	HMRC	PAYE & NIC	53.74
110423/23	Helena Harris	Geese provisions	62.54
110423/24	Tristar Media	Coronation mugs	241.50
110423/25	Unipar Services	Speen gun calibration	289.20
110423/26	Suffolk.Cloud	Annual website hosting and support	120.00
110423/27	Viking Office UK Ltd	Stationery	106.73
110423/28	Gadd Brothers	Bark for geese	60.00
110423/29	SALC	Subscription	317.97
110423/30	Westcotec	Speed Device battery	109.80

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

- 110423/31 **Community Speedwatch:** The Community Speedwatch team carried out three speed checks last week and confirmed there has been an increase in traffic since the roadworks on the A14; they are in need of more volunteers.
- 110423/32 It was agreed to consider purchasing more Speed Indicator Devices and was resolved for KM and TN to look into options including funding.
- 110423/33 **Neighbourhood Plan:** JW confirmed this is currently out for public consultation with a deadline of 4pm on 26 April 2023.
- 110423/34 **Bus Service:** TN confirmed the Parish Councils expression of interest in continuing to investigate options for bus services in Beyton and its surrounding villages has been registered with Woolpit Parish Council whom, to date, had only received two such expressions.
- 110423/35 **Beyton Sixth Form:** It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish meetings in the Conference room at the Beyton Campus at a cost of £15 per hour; GJ and JW

will attend training at the campus on how to access the facilities; TN will complete the hire agreement.

The Village Green:

- 110423/36 **Inspection report:** KM had carried out a visual check and noticed some sections of the football nets were adrift from the post and the wetpour around the roundabout was breaking up. It was agreed to secure the nets with cable ties.
- 110423/37 **Update on purchase:** After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to send a letter to the owners to re-open discussions, clearly stating the current risks to all parties confirming the Parish Councils wish to pursue a purchase. The letter will be sent recorded delivery to both owners and their land agent on/before 14 April 2023.
- 110423/38 A member of the public entered the meeting.
- 110423/39 **Maintenance:** It was agreed for the Parish Council to instruct T C Forestry & Fencing to commence cutting the grass on The Green noting this is necessary low level maintenance, necessary for the better enjoyment of The Green and therefore not a breach of section 12 Inclosure Act 1857 or section 29 Commons Act 1876.
- 110423/40 **Any other matters for information, to be noted or to be included on a future agenda:** ditches, final bench restoration, CPR training
- 110423/41 **Correspondence:** Councillors received an email from a resident of a neighbouring Parish who expressed concerns around dogs near the play equipment. Councillors agreed there is little action that can be taken due to lack of engagement from the owners of The Green.
- 110423/42 Councillors were informed a resident would be keen to assist financially to secure the purchase of The Green.
- 110423/43 All present noted the date of the next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 9 May 2023 which follows the Annual Parish Meeting.
- 110423/44 The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.01pm.