

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 7 November 2023 In The Vestry meeting room, Beyton

Councillors Present: Graham Jones (Chairman) (GJ), Ann Alderton (Vice Chairman) (AA), John Clark (JC) and Helena Harris (HH).

Others in attendance: Penny Otton (County Councillor) (PON), Austin Davies (District Councillor) (AD), David Bradbury (District Councillor) (AD), Tina Newell (Clerk) and four members of the public.

Apologies for absence:

071123/01 Councillors Kerry Mason (KM), Peggy Orsler (PO) and Jonathan Wilson (JW).
offered apologies for absence prior to the meeting.

071123/02 All Councillors accepted apologies for absence from KM, PO and JW.

071123/03 **Declarations of Interest:** No declarations of interest were declared.

071123/04 **Dispensation:** Councillors noted no requests for dispensations had been
received and none were requested at the meeting.

071123/05 **Minutes of previous meeting:** All Councillors resolved to accept the minutes
of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 October 2023 and as a true reflection
of the decisions made and authorised GJ to sign the minutes (reference
101023/01-53 inclusive).

Public Forum:

071123/06 County Councillor Penny Otton's (PON) report was received prior to the
meeting and is appended in full; anyone affected by the flooding can make a
claim to SCC for £500 to help with the clear up costs; PON encouraged all
present to take part in the library consultation taking place until January 2024;
an audit of the road signs is to be undertaken to make use of the additional
£3k in PON highways budget.

071123/07 PON left the meeting.

Signed: *Graham Jones*

Dated: 05 December 2023

- 071123/08 All Councillors confirmed receipt of a joint report from both District Councillor's; Thurston Community College has opened up the fitness suite at the Thurston campus; the District Council have a £2million energy saving grant to help with home insulation to assist with the cost of living by reducing energy bills; AD and DB are happy to support any action the Parish Council wish to take as a result of additional traffic. The full report is appended to these minutes.
- 071123/09 A resident expressed concern at the increase in volume of traffic coming off the A14 at Rougham along Quaker Lane.
- 071123/10 A resident asked for the Parish Council to consider listing The Bear as an asset of community value; it is listed in the Neighbourhood Plan as a non designated heritage asset due to it being a community asset. The final draft of the Neighbourhood Plan is due to be consulted on very soon and it was thought this would show consistency.
- 071123/11 Prior to the meeting a resident expressed an interest in the 'Reclaim the Rain' project.
Planning: Councillors considered the following application made to the Local Planning Authority (MSDC) relating to Beyton:
- 071123/12 DC/23/04897 Notification to works to trees in a conservation area - proposal to fell two Cherry Tree (T1), Oregon Grape Tree (T2), Flase Accacia Tree (T3), Leyland Cypress Tree (T4), Apple Tree (T5) and Prunus Tree (T6) to ground level
All trees species and attributes recorded on report
Well Cottage, The Green, Beyton IP30 9AD
After a brief discussion all Councilors resolved to offer **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- 071123/13 DC/23/04772 Construction of front dormer and insertion of rear roofslope window.
2 Orchard Close, Beyton IP30 9AR
After consultation all Councilors agreed to **SUPPORT** this application noting it is more aesthetically pleasing with the symatry.
All Councillors noted the following determination made by the District Council relating to Beyton since

071123/14 DC/23/04128 Dibolds, Thurston Road, Beyton IP30 9AE

MSDC: GRANTED BPC: no objection

Finance:

071123/15 All Councillors confirmed receipt of the finance report for the period ended 01 November 2023 prior to the meeting.

071123/16 Bank Reconciliation: AA, as a non-bank signatory, confirmed the bank reconciliation as presented agrees to the bank statements with cash available of £51,494.51; £21,393.24 in the Community account and £30,101.27 in the Premium account.

071123/17 Budget to Actual: All Councillors reviewed this report and with no questions accepted this report.

071123/18 Reserves: AA confirmed at the meeting the reserves account reconciles to the bank statement and all Councillors accepted the general reserve is 97% of the precept and in line with the Parish Councils reserve policy.

071123/19 Receipts: Councillors noted there had been one receipt since the last meeting:

071123/20	Mid Suffolk District Council	CIL	4,831.58
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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	£
071123/21	Tina Newell	Salary and re-imbursements	1,236.45
071123/22	Graham Jones	Reimbursements inc refreshments for litter pick, stationery and provisions for geese	194.38
071123/23	Top Garden Services	Emergency removal of dead wood on one tree at The Green	216.00

071123/24 All Councilors confirmed receipt of a first draft budget prior to the meeting and agreed the principle is for the Parish Council to achieve a zero change to the Precept for 2024/25. It was agreed to bring this to the next meeting when the tax base is known.

The Village Green:

Signed: *Graham Jones*

Dated: 05 December 2023

- 071123/25 Councillors noted the purchase of The Green was completed 13 October 2023; a formal announcement will be made shortly.
- 071123/26 Monthly Visual Inspection: KM's report confirmed the football nets need replacing and the wooden play structure may require some treatment to preserve the wood. It was agreed TN will obtain quotes for new football nets and the maintenance required, if any, for the wooden play structures to the next meeting.
- 071123/27 Roundabout refurbishment: Wicksteed confirmed the roundabout was manufactured in 1975 and has since had a non manufacturer conversion to a large whirling roundabout. The roundabout fails BS EN 1176 (a series of standards that spells out good practice in the design, manufacture, installation and maintenance of playground equipment in public spaces). From a maintenance perspective the bearings are worn, the footboards are damaged, the handrails have been welded and the impact surface has been serverly damaged in areas. In summary they are suggesting the unit, age and condition make it an uneconomic if not physically impossible repair and have suggested looking for a replacement. All Councillors agreed it possesses only a medium risk and therefore agreed to defer any decision until the annual play inspection report is received.
- 071123/28 Councilors agreed a full tree survey with mapping should be carried out without delay and agreed to instruct 'Hayden's Arboricultural Consultants Ltd' at a cost of £1,269.50. It was also agreed to bring the report to the next meeting where necessary works would be prioritised.
- 071123/29 All Councillors agreed to accept the offer from 'J S Wright & Sons' to fell 6 Bat Willow trees on The Green to ground level, remove the brushwood and cordwood leaving the site clear for replanting; they will pay £2,100 plus VAT for the privilege.
- To receive updates/reports from officers and village groups and consider action required:**
- Road Safety including Community Speedwatch:**
- 071123/30 All Councilors resolved to defer this item to the next meeting.

- 071123/31 An engineer from National Highways has agreed to meet Councillors on site to consider the need for a STOP sign at the end of the slip road off the A14 to Beyton/Thurston. It was agreed for GJ and TN to attend the meeting.
- 071123/32 **Tree Warden:** There has been no contact from a resident who previously expressed an interest and it was agreed to advertise this voluntary role.
- 071123/33 **Bus service:** Councillors noted there is only one regular user of the service from Beyton and agreed to continue until the end of the trial when they will review it.
- 071123/34 **Beyton Sixth Form:** Councilors agreed to send a letter confirming the Parish Councils formal interest in the site and buildings to Suffolk County Council.
- Flooding:**
- 071123/35 It was agreed to host an onsite meeting and invite representatives from the Environment Agency, Anglian Water and Suffolk County Council to agree ways to prevent future flooding in the Parish.
- 071123/36 **Geese:** Whilst there has been no notification of Avian Influenza in the area it was agreed TN would speak with the resident who has agreed to house the birds should restrictions be enforced in accordance with DEFRA guidance.
- 071123/37 **Any other Council business for information to be noted or to be included in a future agenda:** defibrillator, consideration to listing The Bear public house as an asset of community value, Unity Trust Bank, commemorative plaques to mark the history of the Green and trees planted for occasions, the purchase of goal nets, and the setting of the budget and precept.
- 071123/38 Councillors noted the date of the next meeting is Tuesday 5 December 2023.
- 071123/39 The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.17pm.