

# BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6 February 2017

**PRESENT:** Cllrs G Jones (Chair), J Clark, G Lockhart-White (part time), P Orsler and A Pope

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Co Cllr P Otton and Dist Cllr D Haley (part time), 6 Members of the Public and the Parish Clerk

<b>16/311</b>	<b>ANNOUNCEMENT:</b> SALC's statement regarding filming/recording of meetings was read out.	
<b>312</b>	<b>APOLOGIES NOTED:</b> Dist Cllr E Jewson	
<b>313</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</b> None	
<b>314</b>	<b>COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:</b> Cllr Otton's report had been circulated. Now attached.	
<b>315</b>	<b>DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:</b> Cllr Haley reported that garden waste collection dates have been changed. Move to Endeavour House, Ipswich: As a public access place, MSDC will operate from 55 Ipswich Street, Stowmarket (re MSDC and SCC matters). A T&PC Newsletter had been issued (and circulated) recently. It was noted that the CAB offices in BSE and Stowmarket had dealt with 232 issues in this Ward. A decision is awaited re this year's Council Tax. Planning applications for 827 new dwellings in Thurston are being considered (1,340 dwellings currently).	
<b>316</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:</b> The report for February had been circulated and printed in the Beyton Village News. There was nothing further to record at present.	
<b>317</b>	<b>PUBLIC FORUM:</b> Favourable comments were received re the steps taken by the PC in response to Defra's guidance re the current Avian Flu threat. However, concern was expressed that, whilst the PC endeavours to look after the flock of geese, history would suggest that they are likely to be run over (as, it was stated, had happened to 15 birds in the last 7 years). Keeping the flock is considered to be tantamount to animal cruelty. It was suggested that the existing 6-10 geese be kept until they die/are re-homed and no more added. It was believed that it had previously been agreed not to supplement the flock artificially; if this were found to be so, one Member would support this proposal. One resident advised that they are in receipt of a communication from DEFRA of some 5 years ago which states that the geese are considered to be domestic animals. It was requested that a copy of this document be provided to the PC. The Chair reminded the meeting that the PC had undertaken a survey on this subject (the details of which are still available for scrutiny by anyone wishing to do so); this survey had confirmed an overwhelming majority of the parishioners wished to retain the geese.	
<b>318</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> The minutes of the meeting held on the 9 January were approved and signed.	
<b>319</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING:</b> None	
<b>320</b>	<b>FINANCE</b> The financial details (as per the agenda) were confirmed. Receipts: BVA: £1,750.00 re Community Speed Watch equipment Bank Balances as at 30.12.16: Current Account: £6,427.50, Savings: £4,918.46 Total: £11,345.96 A Bank Reconciliation for the period 1.11 to 30.12.16 had been circulated and was approved and signed.	

	<p>Payments</p> <p>The following were approved for payment:</p> <p>Mr A Rollett: Cutting vegetation along stream on Green: £150.00 (Chq 101116)</p> <p>Ms S Maynard: Food for Geese: £97.62 (101117)</p> <p>Beyton Environmental Group: Request for contribution to costs; hire of special mower and one-off charge for fuel and tool-hire (pollarding of 2 large Willows at Oak Tree Pond): £165.00 (101119)</p> <p>Hire of Vestry for PC Meetings: June 2016-March 2017: 9 @ £15 = £135.00 (101120)</p> <p><u>Bank Mandate</u>: The agreed change (increase) in the number of authorised signatories to the PC accounts had previously been agreed; the prepared form was signed. Signatories will, in future, be: Cllrs Jones, Clark, Lockhart-White and Pope.</p> <p><u>Transfer of Funds from Business Premium Account to Current Account</u>: As had been previously agreed, a letter of authorisation was signed and counter-signed asking for the the sum standing to the credit of the Business Premium Account (less £100 to keep the account open) be transferred to the Current Account</p> <p>Review of Internal Controls: This document, recommended for adoption by SALC, was approved. This will be formally adopted at the March PC Meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
321	<p><b>ADMINISTRATION</b></p> <p><u>Parish Council Vacancies</u>: An expression of interest had been received from Trish Muxlow, who was, unfortunately, unable to attend due to family circumstances.</p> <p><u>Village Green Lease</u>: A response is awaited to the letter written to the solicitors of the Ladies of the Manor re a new lease.</p> <p><u>Emergency Plan</u>: This is to be expedited up. However, if the information isn't received, a copy of the village map would be used.</p> <p><u>Notice Board on the Green</u>: This is considered fit for purpose; if many notices have to be displayed, alternative boards and the website could be used. A note of the website address would be placed on each notice board.</p> <p><u>Grit Piles/Bins</u>: SCC had recently advised that grit supplies would, in future, be supplied only into grit bins (i.e. not heaps, as previously). Members agreed that, if Co Cllr Otton were able to fund the purchase from her locality budget, the PC would place an order.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>AP</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
322	<p><b>HIGHWAYS</b></p> <p><u>Flooding</u></p> <p>- <u>Drinkstone Road</u>: Cllr Otton advised that David Irving has taken over from Josh Kerridge at SCC; she will ask him to expedite this matter.</p> <p>- <u>Manor Farm Drive</u>: SCC hopes to get the landowner to meet the cost of any new drains required; a response is awaited. Otherwise, Messrs Chelsteen Homes of Chelmsford (the developers) would be contacted. (Cllr Haley believes they may have gone into liquidation.)</p> <p>- <u>Quaker Lane</u>: It was reported that the situation is much improved; and that no issues remained. This item is to be removed from the agenda.</p> <p>- <u>Highways Signs/Barriers</u>: Still to be done. Also, the wooden barrier on the slipway.</p>	<p>PO</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>GJ</p>
323	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p>(i) Decision Notices: None</p> <p>(ii) Withdrawn Applications: None</p> <p>(iii) New Planning Applications: 0199/17 Beyton Cottage, Church Road: Removal of 1 Silver Birch Tree: Members supported this application.</p> <p>(iv) Enforcement Matters: None</p> <p>(v) Appeals: None</p> <p>(vi) Other Planning Matters:</p> <p>Land Opposite The Bear: It was confirmed that no PAs had been received in this regard.</p> <p>Affordable Housing: Cllr Haley advised that a new Paper on this topic is expected shortly.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the development proposals being considered for Elmswell, Thurston and Woolpit are likely to impact on Beyton. Philip Isbell of MSDC Planning had also advised that such designations as Conservation Areas and Settlement boundaries are no longer sacrosanct, as HMG endeavours to increase the housing supply. Cllr Haley confirmed that MSDC has to build over 400 dwellings p.a. (10 affordable).</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

<p><b>324</b></p>	<p><b>COMMUNITY</b></p> <p><u>Spring Litter Pick</u>: Saturday 25 March at 10 a.m. Posters being printed. Refreshments afterwards at The White Horse PH.</p> <p><u>Defibrillator</u>: The training issue raised at the last meeting has still to be followed up along with the broken green BT panel.</p> <p><u>Website</u>: Nothing to report. Website address: <a href="http://beyton.suffolk.cloud">http://beyton.suffolk.cloud</a>.</p> <p><u>Broadband/Interrupted service</u>: With the deadline for the introduction of this service being constantly pushed back and the current service proving less than robust, the Chair is interested in learning of those residents experiencing such problems.</p> <p><u>Community Speed Watch</u>: The new speed monitoring equipment is in use and CSW is operational alternate weeks; this may be increased depending upon volunteer numbers. Four sites have been identified/agreed for the speed sign. Poles were to have been installed late January/early February. Supplier chosen; Westcotec. The formal agreement is being sent for signature.</p> <p><u>Swimming Pool Report</u>: The situation has not changed a great deal from last month:  Admin: We are still waiting for clarification from TCC as to what help they can give us in running the pool. We have heard positive noises from Abbeycroft and are hoping to meet them soon to discuss whether they can be involved. We've had a meeting with Will Hopkin Jones of the Sports Partnership to see if they can help – they can't be involved formally, but are a very useful contact for primary schools swimming.  Seamans are preparing another quote for for the pool surround, but we are having trouble getting another firm to quote (JCE George has not got back to us).  Fundraising and publicity: Date set for the car boot sale – Sunday 28 May – so we need to get on with advance publicity in village newsletters. We are still exploring options to help with lease costs and hope to be able to get grants to cover this (but so far I can't report back as we haven't had a meeting with the relevant person.)  We also have had to cancel our monthly meeting in the Bear for Feb, as I am double-booked. We're hoping to meet in the 2nd half of the month.  I am going to the inaugural meeting of the Friends of Thurston College on 23 February. Obviously they are going to be trying to get volunteers for all sorts of things but I will quietly try to sniff out some people who might be interested in the pool. The chair of the Friends is the contracts manager for Seamans, so that will be useful.</p> <p><u>Geese</u>: An additional polytunnel has been erected with the geese numbers split 6/4.</p> <p><u>Bat Willows</u>: Fourteen new trees planted. The company involved advised a cost breakeven situation. (The question was asked as to whether it would be possible to obtain bat(s) using our own willow (to sponsor Woolpit Cricket Club).)</p> <p><u>Stream</u>: Grass cutting along stream had been carried out and the invoice presented.</p> <p><u>Grit Bins/Piles</u>: See Min 321 above.</p> <p><u>Welcome to Beyton Booklet</u>: Barbara Jones may be seeking help re layout.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>GJ GJ</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>GJ</p>
<p><b>325</b></p>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>: None</p>	
<p><b>326</b></p>	<p><b>MATTERS OF REPORT ONLY</b>: None</p>	
<p><b>327</b></p>	<p><b>DATE OF THE NEXT PC MEETING</b>: Monday 6 March at 7.30 in The Vestry, All Saints Church.</p>	
<p><b>328</b></p>	<p>The Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.</p>	

Approved at the PC Meeting held on 6 March 2017