

# BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 2 July 2024

### In The Vestry of All Saints Church, Beyton

**Councillors Present:** Graham Jones (GJ) (Chairman), Ann Alderton (AA) (Vice Chairman), John Clark (JC), Kerry Mason (KM) and Jonathan Wilson (JW)

**Others in attendance:** Austin Davies (AD) (District Councillor), Tina Newell (Clerk) and one member of the public.

020724/01 **Apologies for absence:** Helena Harris (HH) sent apologies prior to the meeting due to work commitments.

020724/02 All Councillors accepted Helena Harris (H) apology.

020724/03 District Councillor David Bradbury (DB) and County Councillor Penny Otton (PO) offered apologies for absence prior to the meeting.

020724/04 **Declarations of Interest (DoI):** No declarations of interest to consider.

020724/05 **Dispensation:** Councillors noted no requests had been received and none were requested at the meeting.

020724/06 **Minutes of previous meeting:** All Councillors resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 4 June 2024 and as a true reflection of the decisions made and authorised GJ to sign the minutes (040624/01 - 35 )

#### **Public Forum:**

020724/07 All Councillors noted the brief report by the District Councillor's which included confirmation the District Councils purchase of 3 acres of woodland for community use in a nearby Parish. AD also confirmed the District Council are considering two options to provide a local bus service either by giving money to a commercial bus company to put on a service or to give money to local organisations to assist with providing local transport – TN confirmed Beyton, Woolpit, Elmswell and Thurston as a group are offering a two day a week service with assistance from Vertas

already. GJ confirmed the local Air Corps have a 17-seater bus which they are keen to hire for local needs. AD and TN have pursued the CIL team for an update on the outstanding CIL money: all Councillors agreed as this is not the first time the Parish has had to pursue such a CIL debt they may consider contacting the local press.

020724/08 AD agreed to liaise with Thurston Parish Council to ensure a meeting is held soonest to consider a plan to resolve the flooding issues along Thurston Road and further to information received from Suffolk County Council (SCC) following a Freedom of Information (Fol) request resolved to ask POTn to investigate why the actions from the number of draft options maps created in 2014 and two completed flood investigation reports from 2019 had not been carried out by Suffolk County Council.

020724/09 County Councillor Penny Otton's (POTn) report was noted.

020724/10 Councillors were made aware of a meeting with Drinkstone Parish Council (DPC) and National Highways to consider road maintenance now the A14 roadworks have been completed; Beyton Parish Council asked to attend the meeting but were declined by DPC - all Councillors were disappointed and agreed a co-ordinated approach between the Councils affected by the diversion of traffic is likely to be more effective. It was agreed TN would pursue a meeting with POTn and National Highways.

020724/11 A resident suggested carrying out some of the work suggested by SCC from the Fol request would potentially cause flooding to properties on The Green.

020724/12 **Planning:** Councillor's considered the following planning application relating to Beyton:

DC/24/02667 Householder application erection of a rear extension and installation of solar panels to roof.

Pinellas, The Green, Beyton IP30 9AD.

After a brief discussion it was resolved to **SUPPORT** this application.

Councillors noted the following determinations made by the District Authority relating to Beyton since the last meeting:

- 020724/13 DC/24/02336 Marl Cottage, Church Road, Beyton IP30 9AL  
MSDC: GRANTED BPC: cont consulted
- 020724/14 DC/24/02127 2 Manor Farm Drive, Beyton IP30 9GQ  
MSDC: NO OBJECTION BPC: supported
- 020724/15 DC/24/01519 Land at Cangles Lane and West of Drinkstone Road, Beyton  
MSDC: REFUSED BPC: no comment
- 020724/16 Councillors noted the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Team at the District Council have not received an update from the developers regarding outstanding CIL and confirmed the preparation of the legal documents is continuing to go ahead. TN to confirm what legal documents are being prepared.
- 020724/17 All Councillors agreed to converse with Thurston Parish Council regarding the development of dwellings on Beyton Road Thurston when meeting to consider the flooding along the same road.
- Finance:**
- 020724/18 All Councillors confirmed receipt of the finance report for the period ended 1 July 2024 prior to the meeting.
- 020724/19 **Bank Reconciliation:** AA as a non-bank signatory confirmed the bank reconciliation for the period ended 01 July 2024 as presented agrees to the bank statements with cash available of £55,641.19; £25,275.49 in the Community account and £30,365.70 in the Premium account.
- 020724/20 **Budget to Actual:** All Councillors confirmed receipt of the budget to actual report for the period ended 30 June 2024 prior to the meeting. Noting there was no budget for S137 or Flooding all Councillors resolved to move £500 from the asset replacement budget and allocate £225 to Flooding and £275 to S137.
- 020724/21 **Assets:** All Councillors agreed to defer reviewing the asset register noting HH as the officer delegated with this task was not at the meeting.
- 020724/22 **Receipts:** Councillors noted the only receipt was from GJ as a payment made to him was returned; it was noted the bank account used to send the payment to had been closed. TN will set up the payment again with the correct bank account.

**Payments:** All Councillors noted three payments had been made since the last meeting:

020724/23	Trevor Brown	Correction to previously mis-reported amount of Internal Audit	£56.24
020724/24	Precision Marketing	Beyton Village News (April)	£232.00
020724/25	Precision Marketing	Beyton Village News (July)	£232.00

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	£
020724/26	Tina Newell	Salary and re-imburements	£1260.92
020724/27	HMRC	PAYE	104.60
020724/28	T C Forestry & Fencing	Grass cutting (as per quotation)	760.00
020724/29	ICO	Data Protection Annual fee	40.00

020724/30 After discussion and noting the Vestry is a Parish amenity all Councillors agreed to donate £1,000 from the asset replacement account to the Parochial Church Council agreeing this represents almost 33% of the total project cost.

020724/31 Councillors noted the insurance was renewed with Ansvar using Community Action Suffolk as the broker at a cost of £626.46 with fidelity guarantee of £100,000 and assets of £92,459 plus all risks of £6,361 (speed gun, MacBook and SID).

020724/32 Councillors noted Barclays are no helpful in amending a bank mandate; TN has tried on numerous occasions to contact the mandate team to add JW and for HH for HH to have a new membership number created so far without success.

020724/33 All Councillors agreed to adopt the new Financial Regulations as issued by the National Association of Local Councils with the adaptations for Beyton.

**To receive updates and reports from officers and take appropriate action:**

020724/34 **Bus service:** TN confirmed a meeting is taking place with all four Parish Councils to consider an additional bus service later in July.

- 020724/35 **Road Safety:** All Councillors noted the Automatic Number Plate Recognition safety camera will be in the Parish early in July 2024 for two weeks.
- 020724/36 **Flooding:** This was covered earlier in the meeting.
- 020724/37 **Beyton Sixth Form:** All Councillors noted there has been **no decision** made to build a sixth form at Thurston Community College and the current Principal will issue a statement to this effect; all Councillors agreed this is contrary to their beliefs from the former Principal.
- The Village Green:**
- 020724/38 TN is in the process of putting together a schedule of work and obtaining quotes for such. It was agreed to bring this to the September meeting noting there are no concerning safety issues. TN to source some pegs for the goal nets.
- 020724/39 All Councillors agreed to defer consideration of the play equipment on The Green to the September meeting noting the outstanding CIL money would be needed to fund any additional equipment.
- 020724/40 All Councillors agreed parking on The Village Green is unlawful and to put a kindly reminder in the Beyton Village News (BVN) before considering if further action is needed.
- 020724/41 **Geese:** Councillors noted the poorly goose has since passed away due to her infection and agreed to consider making donation to 'Anglia Wildfowl & Poultry' at the next meeting.
- 020724/42 **Village Voice:** All Councillors confirmed receipt of a report on the success of this event prior to the meeting and agreed it was time and money well spent. Many issues brought up are already being dealt with including speeding traffic, the future of the Thurston Sixth Form site and flooding. All Councillors agreed to include a brief biography and a photo in the BVN having noted not all residents who attended the event were aware of who the Councillors are.
- 020724/43 It was agreed for the Parish Council to have a stall at the Annual Village Fayre on Saturday 24 August 2024 with a demonstration on CPR if possible including maps showing where the local defibrillators are located. GJ, AA, volunteered to man the stand.

- 020724/44 **Asset of Community Value:** Councillors noted the application to list The White Horse as an Asset of Community Value is almost complete.
- 020724/45 **Correspondence:** Councillors noted correspondence had been received from a resident regarding a 'Tomlin Order'.
- 020724/46 **Any other Council business for information to be noted or for inclusion in a future agenda:** commemorative plaque
- 020724/47 All Councillors noted the date of the next scheduled meeting as Tuesday 3 September 2024 and agreed to hold this in the Vestry meeting room.
- 020724/48 The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.55hrs.

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