

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9 April 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), Peggy Orsler (PO) and Jonathan Wilson (JW)

Others in attendance: Tina Newell (Clerk) and two members of the public.

090424/01 **Apologies for absence:** Helena Harris (HH) sent apologies prior to the meeting due to work commitments.

090424/02 All Councillors accepted Helena Harris (H) apology.

090424/03 County Councillor Penny Otton (PO) and District Councillor Austin Davies (AD) offered apologies for absence prior to the meeting.

090424/04 **Declarations of Interest (DoI):** No declarations of interest to consider.

090424/05 **Dispensation:** Councillors noted no requests had been received and none were requested at the meeting.

090424/06 **Minutes of previous meeting:** All Councillors resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 March 2024 and as a true reflection of the decisions made and authorised GJ to sign the minutes (reference 050324/01 – 55).

Public Forum:

090424/07 County Councillor Penny Otton's (POtn) report was received prior to the meeting. With no questions the full report is appended to these minutes.

090424/08 All Councillors confirmed receipt of the joint District Councillor's report prior to the meeting; TN's previous request for more information on the District Councils rural transport grants scheme has yet to be received. The full report is appended to these minutes.

090424/09 No comments or questions were received by the public present.

090424/10 **Planning:** Councillor's noted there were no planning applications to consider relating to Beyton at the meeting.

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

090424/11 DC/24/01006 Marl Cottage, Church Road, Beyton

MSDC: GRANTED BPC: No objection

090424/12 DC/24/00655 The Hawthorns, Church Road, Beyton IP30 9AL

MSDC: GRANTED BPC: no objection

090424/13 DC/24/00478 Marl Cottage, Church Road, Beyton IP30 9AL

MSDC: GRANTED BPC: objected

Councillors noted changes made to this application on 11 March 2024 were of significance to the original application and should have required a consultation not least to enable the officer to determine whether the original objections had been overcome. After a brief discussion it was resolved to arrange a meeting with the Director of Planning and the Chief planning officer at MSDC, inviting both District Councillors and the planning officer as all Councillors feel there might be a case for maladministration in the way in which the application was administered. It was agreed GJ would speak with the land owners informing them of the Parish Councils intentions.

090424/14 Councillors noted the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Team at the District Authority have confirmed they will provide an update on outstanding CIL and work they have carried out to collect overdue monies in time for the May 2024 meeting.

090424/15 All Councillors noted as soon as the Neighbourhood Plan is formally adopted the Parish Councils portion of CIL from future approved developments will increase from 15% capped to 25% uncapped.

Finance:

090424/16 All Councillors confirmed receipt of the finance report for the year ended 31 March 2024 prior to the meeting.

090424/17 **Bank Reconciliation:** AA as a non-bank signatory confirmed the bank reconciliation 31 March 2024 as presented agree to the bank statements with

cash available of £43,247.51; £12,994.95 in the Community account and £30,252.56 in the Premium account.

090424/18 **Budget to Actual:** All Councillors confirmed receipt of the budget to actual report for the year ended 31 March 2024 prior to the meeting. Receipts exceeded budget by £14,110.58 due to £11,992.69 in CIL, £1,000.00 in grants, £151.77 in interest, £40.00 from the Beyton Village Association and a VAT refund of £926.12 – none of these were confirmed at the time of setting the budget for the year. Payments in the year were under budget by £4,890.63 with £25,686.62 of the £43,982.00 paid funded from reserves.

090424/19 **Reserves:** AA confirmed the reserves account as at 31 March 2024 reconciles to the bank statement. All Councillors agreed the reserves account represents current and future plans and noted the general reserve represents 52% of the annual precept. All Councillors accepted the reserves account as representing the Parish Council’s future planned finances as at 31 March 2024.

090424/20 **Assets:** All Councillors reviewed the asset register dated 31 March 2024 with no amendments noting the Parish Council hold 50 physical assets on behalf of the residents with an acquisition value of £50,003.00 and an insurance value of £96,988.61.

090424/21 **Community Infrastructure Levy report:** Councillors noted the remaining neighbourhood CIL relating to planning application DC/19/01991 of £635.71 will be paid to the Parish Council in April 2024.

090424/22 **Receipts:** Councillors noted there had been one receipt since the last meeting for interest of £112.72 received on 4 March 2024.

Payments: All Councillors noted one payment had been made since the last meeting:

090424/23	A New Creation	Tree work and ditch clearance	£170.00
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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	£
090424/24	Suffolk Cloud	Suport and Website hosting 2024/25	120.00

090424/25	SALC	2024/25 Subscription	327.91
090424/26	People4Places	Neighbourhood Plan	108.00

090424/27 After discussion and noting due to the recent storms flood water had entered the boiler room in All Saints Church, Beyton all Councillors agreed to purchase a new Sump Pump for use at the Church up to a value of £600.

090424/28 Councillors noted the VAT return for year ended 31 March 2024 has been submitted with a refund of £1,404.05 requested.

090424/29 Councillors noted payroll 2023/24 has been completed and a P60 issued to the Clerk.

The Village Green:

090424/30 Councillors resolved to defer consideration of the annual inspection report of the play equipment to the next meeting noting there are no areas of high risk. GJ and KM agreed to review the report and recommend actions, if any, at the May meeting.

090424/31 GJ confirmed the goal posts have been re-painted and the new nets are now in place.

090424/32 Councillors noted the removal of the Bat Willow trees is due to commence on 15 April 2024 and the payment of £2,100.00 would be received prior to this date.

090424/33 It was agreed to amend the wording on the commemorative plaque as no definitive date can be found easily. TN will resend the wording to all Councillors for agreement and obtain a quote for a plaque to be made up in brass/brass effect. It was agreed the plaque should be unveiled on 25 May 2024.

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

090424/34 **Beyton Village News:** No update.

090424/35 **Beyton Village Association (BVA):** Councillors received requests from the BVA to use The Green for the following two upcoming events noting parking for the public is requested on the far side of The Green for both events and BVA have adequate insurance:

Open Gardens on Saturday 25 May 2024 10am – 4pm including erection or a catering gazebo, a couple of stalls and a display of supercars from 10am - 2pm (owners of the supercars have their own insurance).

An 'open mic' night on Friday 23 August 2024 (as previous years) and a village fayre on Saturday 24 August 2024

Councillors noted TN's advice not to allow parking on The Green noting if a large area of The Green is used for car parking it is unlikely to be considered for the better enjoyment of The Green and may interfere with the rights of local people to use the land for recreation. After consideration all Councillors resolved to approve both events and to allow the temporary parking of cars on The Green for these two organised events.

- 090424/36 **Beyton Sixth Form:** It was agreed for TN to continue to progress the future of the site with POtn as County Councillor.
- 090424/37 **BEG:** No update
- 090424/38 **Bus service:** TN confirmed there is no update available but was hopeful an update would be given at the May meeting.
- 090424/39 A member of the public left the meeting.
- 090424/40 **Flooding:** Following a meeting with a local Civil Engineer and after a lengthy discussion all Councillors agreed for GJ and JC to meet with and request a quote from a local drainage contractor for works they deem necessary to mitigate future flooding in the village.
- 090424/41 It was noted a meeting with National Highways has been arranged for 17 April 2024 to consider the maintenance of the culvert off the A14; GJ and JC agreed to attend the meeting.
- 090424/42 **Geese:** All Councillors noted and supported the previous decision to allow the geese to self-perpetuate (060224/52) and agreed the eggs should not be removed from their nests.
- 090424/43 **Neighbourhood Plan:** All Councillors noted the referendum took place on Thursday 4 April 2024 and the question asked was 'Do you want Mid Suffolk District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Beyton to help them decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'; of the 562 eligible to vote 184 (32.74%) voted resulting in 178 (96.74%) in favour and 6 (3.26%) not in favour. GJ, on behalf of the Parish Council, offered thanks to the Neighbourhood Plan team for their commitment and work to achieve this outstanding result.

- 090424/44 **Parish Warden:** Councillors noted no applications have been received for this paid role.
- 090424/45 **Road safety:** TN continues to progress repairs to two damaged drains in Beyton with Suffolk County Council and POtn as the County Councillor.
- 090424/46 **Tree warden:** TN will review the Tree Survey Health and Safety report dated 5 January 2024 and bring a schedule of outstanding work to the May meeting.
- 090424/47 The potentially dangerous tree on Quakers Lane was reported to Suffolk County Council on 5 March 2024; TN continues to pursue this with POtn as County Councillor.
- 090424/48 **Asset of Community Value:** Councillors noted Mid Suffolk District Council has accepted the nomination to list The Bear as an Asset of Community Value; this will now be added to the Council's List of Assets of Community Value and restrictions placed on the Land Registry and Land Charges Register in order that the Community Right to Bid may be exercised if the property is offered for sale. The listing will run for 5 years (unless the listing is removed, or the property is sold/transferred), ending on 01 April 2029. GJ gave thanks to PO for her help with both gathering support from residents and providing photographs evidencing its historic importance within the community.
- 090424/48 **Correspondence:** None
- 090424/50 **Any other Council business for information to be noted or for inclusion in a future agenda:** Internal audit, geese, flooding, erosion on The Green and devolution.
- 090424/51 All Councillors noted the next meeting is the Annual Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 7 May 2024. It was agreed to host this and the Annual Parish meeting in the conference room at Thurston Sixth Form Beyton Site (£15 per hour) and to offer refreshments from 6.30pm to allow residents to meet. The Annual Parish meeting will start at 7pm followed immediately by the Annual Parish Council.
- 090424/52 The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:04hrs.