

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 2nd September 2025

In The Vestry of All Saints Church, Beyton

Councillors Present: Graham Jones (GJ) (Chairman), John Clark (JC), Helena Harris (HH), Jonathan Wilson (JW)

Others in attendance: Claire Usher (Clerk), K. Mason, P. Orsler, H. Preston and three members of the public.

020925/01 **Apologies for absence:** Ann Alderton (AA)

020925/02 All Councillors resolved to accept the apology.

020925/03 **Declarations of Interest (DoI):** No interests were declared.

020925/04 **Dispensation:** Councillors noted no requests had been received and none were requested at the meeting.

020925/05 **Co-Option of a New Member of the Council:** Following the last meeting, and following an unanimous vote, Helen Preston was co opted as a Parish Councillor. Helen Preston signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

020925/06 **Minutes of previous meeting:** All Councillors resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st July 2025 as a true reflection of the decisions made and authorised GJ to sign the minutes.

Public Forum:

020925/07 It was asked if a plan of the proposed bridge from Thurston to Elmswell could be obtain from HR. The faded white lines at the junction of Thurston Road and Tostock Road adjacent The Green was still a concern following a response from Suffolk County Council Highways advising that they would monitor this junction. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Suffolk Highways and ask if the Parish Council was to finance the installation of white lines could this work be carried out.

JW asked if the Clerk could ask HR and DB if there was an update regarding the outstanding CIL monies for the Parish Council.

020925/08 County Council report – PO had sent her apologies. PO's report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

020925/09 District Council report – David Bradbury (DB) and HR had sent their apologies. HR's report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

- 020925/10 **Planning:**
- a. DC/25/03762 – Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area – Fell 1 No. Beech Tree – The Bungalow, Church Road – Councillors had no objection.
 - b. Councillors noted the decisions had been made since the last meeting.
- Finance:**
- 020925/11 All Councillors confirmed receipt of the finance report for the period ended 31st August 2025 prior to the meeting.
- 020925/12 **Bank Reconciliation:** Councillors agreed that the reconciliation for the period ended 31st August 2025 as presented agrees to the bank statements with cash available of £54,804.88; £24,001.44 in the Community account and £30,803.44 in the Premium account.
- 020925/13 **Budget to Actual:** All Councillors noted the actual spend to 31st August 2025 is £10,654.35 against a budget of £23,842.54.
- 020925/14 **Reserves:** Councillors noted the reserves report.
- 020925/15 **Receipts:** Councillors noted that there were no receipts.
- 020925/16 **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	£
020925/17	Claire Usher	Clerks Wages	495.00
020925/18	HMRC	PAYE	123.80
020925/19	Claire Usher	Home Allowance	72.00
020925/20	Precision Marketing	BVN	232.00
020925/21	A C Rollett	Works on The Green	309.85
020925/22	Helena Harris	Expenses - Geese	192.66
020925/23	Claire Usher	Expenses	92.25

- 020925/24 **Outstanding Actions:** Councillors noted the report.

- 020925/25 **The Village Green:** The Clerk reported that she had received a quote to carry out repairs to the roundabout surface from R & S Playground Installation for £600.00. Councillors accepted the quotation for the repairs. There were outstanding repairs to the flat seat swings in relation to the wooden supports which had been installed by Playdale. Councillors believed that the Playdale equipment was still under warranty and asked the Clerk to contact Playdale to confirm. If Playdale refuse to do the repairs then R & S Playground Installation be asked to carry out these works for the quoted price of £650.00.
- The Clerk had also obtained quotes from R & S Playground Installation for the installation of an aerial runway and a multi goal following the request from Councillors and interest from residents. Unfortunately, the installation of these two items could not be met from the Parish Council's finances and Councillors agreed that this project could not be supported.
- 020925/26 **Village Green and the Geese:** GJ reported that a member of the public had raised concern about the works being carried at the far end of the stream and confirmed that this work had been carried out to clear the stream to allow full flow of water. The area will then be planted with wildflower seed.
- Following on from this the GJ raised his concerns that there was still a stretch of ditch along the Thurston Road that still needed addressing by Suffolk Highways. The stretch was from Beyton Green and Pepper Lane, Thurston. The other stretches of ditch along this road had been cleared and he felt that this small area needed addressing to continue the flow of water. It was agreed that GJ write to Suffolk Highways to request this work to be undertaken.
- A member of the public raised concern about cars parking on the Green between the newly planted trees. Councillors would monitor the parking of vehicles. It was agreed that JW write some words regarding parking on The Green for inclusion in the BVN.
- 020925/27 **Neighbourhood Plan – Allotments:** GJ welcomed Alan Lewis to the meeting who had been involved in the preparation and adoption of the Beyton Neighbourhood Plan. He reported that the plan had now been in place for the last 18 months. At the time when the questionnaire was circulated to residents, a third of residents had been interested in the Parish Council providing allotments. This was an area that the Neighbourhood Plan group were looking into. Areas in the village would need to be identified and there would be costs involved in the purchase of land. He was asking if the Parish Council would support the group looking into this further. All Councillors

agreed to support the group looking at the provision of allotments and the finance for this project could be supported by CIL monies due to the Parish Council.

020925/28 **Beyton Autumn Clean Up** : It was agreed this would take place on Saturday 18th October 2025.

020925/29 **Correspondence:** The Clerk reported that an email had been received from Mrs Barham, Cangles Lane informing the Parish Council that the hedge that run along the edge of her property will be removed.

020925/30 **Any other Council business for information to be noted or for inclusion in a future agenda:** Safeguarding Policy

020925/31 **Presentations:** The Chairman presented flowers to Peggy who was retiring from the Parish Council. All Councillors wished her a happy retirement and thanked her for her support as a Councillor over many years. Flowers were also presented to Kerry Mason for her support as a Councillor and wished her well in her new village.

020925/32 All Councillors noted that the next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th October 2025 to be held at The Vestry.

020925/33 The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.