

# BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

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

**Councillors Present:** Graham Jones (GJ) (Chairman), Ann Alderton (AA), John Clark (JC), and Helen Preston (HP)

**Others in attendance:** Claire Usher (Clerk) and four members of the public.

030226/01 **Apologies for absence:** Helena Harris (HH) and Jonathan Wilson (JW)

030226/02 **Declarations of Interest (DoI):** No interests were declared.

030226/03 **Dispensation:** Councillors noted no requests had been received and none were requested at the meeting.

030226/04 **Minutes of previous meeting:** All Councillors resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 as a true reflection of the decisions made and authorised GJ to sign the minutes.

#### Public Forum:

030226/05 County Councillor Report – Penny Otton reported that there will be no County Councillor elections in 2026 and that a decision was pending regarding devolution. Suffolk County Council had introduced a new 20 mph policy for which Parish Councils could apply for, but a traffic survey would need to be undertaken as the first stage and this could be costly. The Chairman reported that flooding on Quaker Lane had recently been a huge problem with the ditch overflowing as with other areas in the village.

District Councillor Report – Harry Richardson reported that the Call for Sites consultation had now closed and would take a further 6 months before the report would be published. MSDC were introducing the new scheme for bin collections which was due to start in June and the bins will begin to be delivered to residents. MSDC had increased their Council Tax by 2.99%. A trial date had been set for September regarding the outstanding CIL monies. GJ asked if HR could approach MSDC Housing as the flooding in Quaker Lane was outside 3 council properties and whether this would speed up the process to have the ditches dug.

There were no questions from the public.

030226/06 **Planning:**

- a. DC/25/00080 Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents), Condition 9 (Bin Storage Details), Condition 13 (Lighting Design Scheme) and Condition 14 (Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy) of Planning Permission

DC/20/00663 for the erection of 9 dwellings – Beyton Nurseries, Tostock Road - Councillors supported this application.

It was felt by Councillors that the Clerk include in their response to MSDC Planning highlighting that the original planning application when approved included a condition that prior to the commencement of development that details of the access and associated works (including layout, levels, gradients, surfacing and means of surface water drainage) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Parish Council still has concerns with surface water drainage onto Tostock Road. It also would like to enforce its concerns regarding the implementation of traffic calming measures on Tostock Road (Condition 6 Highway Improvements) and Condition 10 (Construction Management Plan) and that these still went ahead.

b. Councillors noted that no decisions had been made by MSDC.

**Finance:**

030226/07 All Councillors confirmed receipt of the finance report for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026 prior to the meeting.

030226/08 **Bank Reconciliation:** Councillors agreed that the reconciliation for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026 as presented agrees to the bank statements with cash available of £60,674.10; £29,678.24 in the Community account and £30,995.86 in the Premium account.

030226/09 **Budget to Actual:** All Councillors noted the actual spend to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026 is £27,922.54 against a budget of £23,842.54. At the end of the financial year monies will be moved from reserves to balance the accounts.

030226/10 **Receipts:** Councillors noted that there had been no receipts.

030226/11 **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	£
030226/12	Claire Usher	Clerks Wages	571.20
030226/13	HMRC	PAYE	142.80
030226/14	Claire Usher	Home Allowance	144.00
030226/15	Precision Marketing	Beyton News	232.00
030226/16	A C Rollett	Works on Green	200.00

**Governance:**

- 030226/17 All Councillors agreed to approve the new IT Policy. All Councillors reviewed the Standing Orders and the Financial Standing Orders for 2026.
- 030226/18 **Outstanding Actions:** Councillors noted the updated report.
- 030226/19 **The Village Green – Citifibre and Openreach:** GJ updated Councillors on current situation regarding Citifibre and Openreach and would report more details at the next Parish Council meeting.
- 030226/20 **Thurston 6<sup>th</sup> Form College:** GJ had attended the recent public exhibition. At the present time no further updates had been received.
- 030226/21 **The Village Green Parking:** GJ and the Clerk were due to meet with Suffolk County Council Highways on site this week to establish the edge of the highway and the edge of The Green along the one way side of The Green to enable the installation of wooden posts to help alleviate the problems with the edge of the Green being destroyed by the parking of vehicles.
- 030226/22 **The Village Green – Additional Goose:** GJ had received a request from Dream Care Farm that they had a single female goose and would like to add her to the flock on The Green. All Councillors agreed to adopt the goose and introduce her to the flock.
- 030226/23 **Footpath Behind All Saints Churchyard:**  
GJ declared a non pecuniary interest in this item and members agreed that GJ could remain in the meeting.  
A resident whose property backed onto this footpath was looking to create a new hedge along his boundary adjacent this footpath. Unfortunately, there is not a true distinctive boundary line along this footpath. It was agreed that before any work took place that the Clerk contact Suffolk County Council Public Rights of Way to ask for a plan to indicate the edge of the footpath. If this was not forthcoming or was not distinctive enough to show a clear line that legal action be sought.
- 030226/24 **Repainting of Telephone Boxes:** GJ reported that the boxes could do with a repaint, but was struggling to find someone willing to do the work. It was agreed to advertise in the Beyton News for anyone who would be interested.
- 030226/25 **Correspondence:** The Clerk had received no additional correspondence.
- 030226/26 **Any other Council business for information to be noted or for inclusion in a future agenda:** None
- 030226/27 All Councillors noted that the next meeting will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 to be held at The Vestry.

030226/28 The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.