

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 2nd June 2026

In The Vestry of All Saints Church, Beyton

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

Others in attendance: Claire Usher (Clerk), County Cllr Matt Bentley (MB) and 4 members of the public.

020626/01 **Apologies for absence:** None

020626/02 **Declarations of Interest (DoI):** No interests were declared.

020626/03 **Dispensation:** Councillors noted no requests had been received and none were requested at the meeting.

020626/04 **Minutes of previous meeting:** All Councillors resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th May 2026 as a true reflection of the decisions made and authorised GJ to sign the minutes.

Public Forum:

020626/05 County Councillor Report – Cllr Matt Bentley’s report had been circulated prior to the meeting. MB introduced himself as the newly elected County Councillor for Beyton and is part of the County’s Green Party. He would be happy to receive an email from the Clerk highlighting the current issues affecting the village.

District Councillor Report – Harry Richardson (HR) report had been circulated prior to the meeting and he had sent his apologies.

There were no questions from the public.

Planning:

020626/06 a. There were no planning applications made to Mid Suffolk District Council to consider.

Councillors noted that the following decisions had been made by MSDC since the last meeting:

DC/26/01213 – Internal and external alterations including replacement conservatory and Associated Works – Well Cottage, The Green – MSDC Approved.

DC/26/01357 – Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/23/05839 – Condition 3 (Landscaping), 7 (Materials), 12 (EV Charging), 13 (Cycle Storage), 14 (Bins Storage)

and 16 (Air Source Heat Pump) – Land adj. to York House, The Green – MSDC
Approved

Finance:

020626/07 **Bank Reconciliation:** Councillors agreed that the reconciliation for the period ended 31st May 2026 as presented agrees to the bank statements with cash available of £70,900.55: £39,826.22 in the Community account and £31,074.33 in the Premium account. The Clerk confirmed that £15,000 had been moved from the Community Account to the Premium Account on 1st June 2026.

020626/08 **Receipts:** Councillors noted that there had been no receipts.

020626/09 **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	£
020626/10	Claire Usher	Clerks Wages	522.67
020626/11	HMRC	PAYE	130.80
020626/12	Claire Usher	Expenses	216.00

020626/13 **Outstanding Actions:** Councillors noted the updated report.

020626/14 **The Village Green – Citifibre and Openreach:** JW reported to Councillors on the current situation regarding Citifibre and Openreach and would report back when the compensation from Citifibre had been discussed further.

020626/15 **The Village Green Parking:** A site meeting had been arranged with the contractor for these works to begin shortly.

020626/16 **The Village Green – Geese:** HH reported that the new goose was struggling to integrate with the rest of the geese, but she was happy to keep trying and felt the goose should be given another few weeks to see if things change especially after the breeding season had come to an end. The Chairman suggested he contact Suffolk Wildfowl for their advice.

020626/17 **The Neighbourhood Plan:** The Neighbourhood Plan group had recently met and were proposing some modifications to the Plan. The proposed changes represented material modifications that do not change the underlying nature of the Plan. The update is to introduce a new Local Green Space designation. The changes are: Policy BTN 10 – Local Green Spaces – Amend to designate land comprising part of the former Beyton Fruit Farm as a Local Green Space to protect its community value, Map 9 p.34 – to update the map to visually reflect the precise boundary of the designated area, Policies Map p.58 – to be updated to include the newly designated area and the Local Green Space Assessment 2023 to be updated to refer to a newly prepared addendum document detailing how the designated area meets the NPPF 2021 criteria.

A public consultation to include the landowner would need to be carried out with all Beyton residents via a questionnaire. It was proposed by HH and seconded by JC that a questionnaire be prepared by the group with Beyton Parish Council's approval.

020626/18 **Footpath Behind All Saints Churchyard:**

GJ declared a non pecuniary interest in this item and members agreed that GJ could remain in the meeting.

GJ confirmed that he was meeting Survey Solutions on site to look at establishing a boundary for this public footpath. GJ to report to the next meeting.

020626/19 **Speeding Traffic in the Village:** The Clerk reported that she had received a number of emails concerning the speed of traffic through the village, especially along Cangles Lane and Quaker Lane, and traffic passing through the village off the A14. The Clerk would send an email to Cllr Bentley highlighting the issues being raised and will write direct to Highways regarding the speeding traffic and whether any speed reduction schemes can be introduced in the village. She would also chase Highways again concerning the installation of white lines at the top end of The Green.

It was agreed that an item be included on the July or September meeting to discuss the Highways issues, following the receipt of any communication from Suffolk County Council Highways.

020626/20 **Correspondence:** The Clerk had received an email from Shelley Redbart who was interested in becoming a Parish Councillor. The Clerk had invited Shelley to the meeting to introduce herself to all the Parish Councillors. Shelley gave a small presentation about herself and why she wished to be Parish Councillor. It was agreed to co-opt Shelley at the next Parish Council meeting.

020626/21 **Any other Council business for information to be noted or for inclusion in a future agenda:** None

020626/22 All Councillors noted that the next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th July at 7.30pm in the Vestry.

020626/23 The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm