BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 1st September 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), County Cllr Bentley(MB), District Cllr Richardson(HR) and 4 members of the public.

010926/01 **Apologies for absence:** Helena Harris (HH), Shelley Redbart (SB) and Jonathan Wilson (JW)

010926/02 **Declarations of Interest (DoI):** No interests were declared.

010926/03 **Dispensation:** Councillors noted no requests had been received and none were requested at the meeting.

010926/04 **Minutes of previous meeting:** All Councillors resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th July 2026 as a true reflection of the decisions made and authorised GJ to sign the minutes.

Public Forum:

010926/05 District Councillor Report – Harry Richardson (HR) report had been circulated prior to the meeting. He gave an update on the Mid Suffolk District Council's Call For Sites and that a report was to follow in the Autumn. HR confirmed that the Council had received a Freedom of Information request from a Beyton resident regarding the provision of the new rubbish bin collection service. He would chase this.

County Councillor Report – Matt Bentley (MB) reported on the recent wildfires in the County especially at Dunwich. AA asked if the County Council had included wild fires on their Risk Register and if this had been amended recently due to the wild fires and whether there were any sites included for Beyton and the surrounding area. MB would look into this and report back directly to AA. A member of the public expressed concern regarding the blocked drains on Church Road and whether MB could look into this again.

Planning:

010926/06 a. Councillors considered the following planning applications made to Mid Suffolk District Council to consider:

DC/26/003569 – Trees in a Conservation Area – Reduce canopy of 1 Walnut by upto 1.5m and reduce side by 1.5m – Mulberry House, Quaker Lane – All Councillors supported this application.

DC/26/03527 – Replacement fenestration, exterior rendering, alteration of window openings, installation of feature posts to front elevation canopy – Bethesda, Church Road – All Councillors supported this application.

b. Councillors noted the planning decisions that had been made by MSDC since the last meeting.

Finance:

010926/07 Bank Reconciliation: Councillors agreed that the reconciliation for the period ended 31st August 2026 as presented agrees to the bank statements with cash available of £66,712.14: £20,546.25 in the Community account and £46,165.89 in the Premium account.

010926/08 Receipts: Councillors noted that there had been no receipts.

010926/09 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	£
010926/10	Claire Usher	Clerks Wages	522.87
010926/11	HMRC	PAYE	130.80
010926/12	Precision Marketing	Printing	331.00
010926/13	Precision Marketing	Printing NP	148.00
010926/14	A Rollett	Silt Removal	585.79
010926/15	T C Forestry	Bollard Installation	1450.00
010926/16	PKJ Auditors	External Audit	252.00
010926/17	Precision Marketing	Printing	232.00
010926/18	Bin Empting	MSDC	803.40
010926/19	Tree Survey and Tree Works	Gadd Brothers	1404.00

010926/20 Budget v Actual 2026: All Councillors had received the report. AA was concerned that the Parish Council still had CIL monies yet to be spent. These monies could be used for new play equipment or gym equipment and felt that this should be looked into and asked the Clerk to contact a play equipment supplier to establish some costs for replacement or installing new equipment. This was supported by all Councillors.

010926/21 Completion of Audit 2025/26 – The Clerk reported that the audit for 2025/26 had been completed by the external auditor.

010976/21 Outstanding Actions: Councillors noted the updated report.

010976/22 The Village Green – Citifibre and Openreach: No further information was available.

070726/21 **The Village Green** – The bollards had now been installed. Three removable posts needed to be purchased preferably with metal sleeves and that GJ would ask T C Forestry for a quote. The ground on the edge of the Green in front of the new posts needed some attention and Andy Rollett was asked to supply the Council with a quote for these works. It was agreed to consider the installation of pétanque when consideration was given to how the CIL monies should be spent on the Green.

010926/22 **Neighbourhood Plan Update** – GJ gave Councillors an update. Beyton's Local Green Space questionnaire had been prepared and will be sent to all residents of Beyton to ask if they wished to have a new area designated as a green space. As regards the update of the Neighbourhood Plan this was on going and the Call for Sites document would not be available from MSDC until the autumn.

010926/23 **Footpath Behind All Saints Churchyard:**

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

GJ confirmed that a map had been supplied, but had asked the contractor to supply a 2nd plan in a different format. He was also going to request the contractor marks out the boundary on behalf of the Parish Council.

010926/24 **Speeding Traffic in the Village:** This item had been deferred until the Parish Council meeting in October.

010926/25 **Provision of email addresses and support:** The Clerk was waiting for a meeting with the new supplier and then the email addresses would move across. Training for Councillors will also be supplied.

010926/26 **Tree Survey and Willow Trees** – The Clerk reported that she had only just received the tree survey that had been carried out by Gadd Brothers. This will be discussed at the October meeting. J S Wright who was responsible for the willow trees on the Green had recently carried out a routine inspection and it was noted that a few young trees will be replaced in the winter months and had carried out some trimming maintenance.

010926/27 **Correspondence**: No additional correspondence had been received.

010926/28 **Any other Council business for information to be noted or for inclusion in a future agenda:** None

010926/29 All Councillors noted that the next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th October 2026 at 7.30pm in the Vestry.

010926/30 The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm