

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 2026

In The Vestry of All Saints Church, Beyton

Councillors Present: Graham Jones (GJ) (Chairman), Ann Alderton (AA), John Clark (JC), Helena Harris (HH), Helen Preston (HP) and Shelley Redbart (SB)

Others in attendance: Claire Usher (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

070726/01 **Apologies for absence:** Jonathan Wilson (JW)

070726/02 **Declarations of Interest (DoI):** No interests were declared.

070726/03 **Dispensation:** Councillors noted no requests had been received and none were requested at the meeting.

070726/04 **Co Option of Parish Councillor:** All Councillors agreed the co-option of Shelley Redbart as a Parish Councillor and Shelley signed the Acceptance of Office.

070726/05 **Minutes of previous meeting:** All Councillors resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd June 2026 as a true reflection of the decisions made and authorised GJ to sign the minutes.

Public Forum:

070726/06 District Councillor Report – Harry Richardson (HR) report had been circulated prior to the meeting and he had sent his apologies.

County Councillor Report – Matt Bentley (MB) had been circulated prior to the meeting.

A member of the public asked for details regarding the new bin collection service, why Dan's bus service timetable had not been updated on the Council's noticeboard and if the Council had a policy regarding large flag poles. He was advised to contact MSDC regarding the bin service as this was not a Parish Council matter, and to contact MSDC regarding a planning policy regarding flag poles as the Parish Council was not the planning authority and therefore does not require a policy. As regards the bus timetable, the Parish Council had not been informed of a new timetable but would now request a copy and this would be placed on the noticeboard.

Planning:

070726/07 a. Councillors considered the following planning applications made to Mid Suffolk District Council to consider:

DC/26/02585 – Trees in a Conservation Area – Fell 5 No small dead trees to ground level, cut back the mixed species trees to ensure a 1m clearance away from the power line and communication cable – Pumping Station, Cangles Lane – All Councillors supported this application.

DC/26/02636 – Trees in a Conservation Area – 1 Yew to reduce the crown by up to 3m all over leaving height at around 6m – Grange Farm House, Tostock Road – All Councillors supported this application.

DC/26/02714 – Remove existing sand/cement render from front elevation. Re-render with lime render on riven laths – Manor House, The Green – All Councillors supported this application.

DC/26/02840 – Trees in a Conservation Area – Fell 1 Cypress, Hard pruning of 3 no. fruit trees. Reduce height and spread of the mixed tree and shrub boundary line. Fell 1 no. Sycamore – Chimneys, The Green – All Councillors supported this application.

b. Councillors noted that no planning decisions had been made by MSDC since the last meeting.

c. **Call For Sites 2026:** All Councillors had received the updated timetable for Call for Sites and the adoption of the Local Plan in 2029.

d. **Neighbourhood Plan:** GJ updated Councillors on the progress of the revisions to the Neighbourhood Plan following a number of meetings with all those involved. A meeting with MSDC Planning had been arranged and the questionnaire for distribution to all residents of the village had been completed.

GJ had also attended a meeting at the 6th Form College in Beyton and had been informed that the new school build in Thurston was due to start in September. It had also been confirmed that the site here in Beyton would continue to be used for educational purposes in the future.

Finance:

070726/08 **Bank Reconciliation:** Councillors agreed that the reconciliation for the period ended 30th June 2026 as presented agrees to the bank statements with cash available of £69,326.68: £23,160.79 in the Community account and £46,165.89 in the Premium account.

070726/09 **Receipts:** Councillors noted that there had been no receipts.

070726/10 **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	£
070726/11	Claire Usher	Clerks Wages July	522.87
070726/12	HMRC	PAYE July	130.80

070726/13	Claire Usher	Clerks Wages August	522.67
070726/14	HMRC	PAYE August	130.80
070726/15	T C Forestry	Grass Cutting	1637.00
070726/16	Precision Marketing	Beyton News	331.00
070726/17	William Streatfeild	Oak Posts	1275.36

070726/18 **Financial Risk Assessment 2026:** All Councillors agreed to adopt the Financial Risk Assessment.

070676/19 **Outstanding Actions:** Councillors noted the updated report.

070676/20 **The Village Green – Citifibre and Openreach:** No further information was available.

070726/21 **The Village Green Parking Posts:** A site visit had taken place to establish where the posts were to be installed. The two removable posts were still to be considered as regards the type and cost. The oak posts are due to be installed at the end of July.

070726/22 **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 site visit had taken place but was still awaiting the report.

070726/23 **Speeding Traffic in the Village:** JC still had concerns regarding the overgrown hedge at the junction of Church Road and Cangles Lane. GJ confirmed that this would be discussed at the September meeting of the Parish Council where all issues to do with highways and traffic will be discussed. This meeting is open to all residents who wish to raise any comments or concerns regarding speeding traffic, traffic calming or any other issue relating to traffic in the village. The Clerk will advertise the meeting on the Council's website.

070726/24 **Provision of email addresses and support:** The Clerk reported that HP and GJ had been experiencing problems with the Council's email provision and that the current provider was not offering the appropriate support that was required. The Clerk had contacted Community Action Suffolk who would provide remote support for Councillors or a training day. The annual cost will be £180 including VAT for 7 mailboxes, but now with the co option of SR this would slightly increase to include 8 mailboxes. There would be a one off migration fee of £180 inc. VAT. It was agreed that the Council appoint Community Action Suffolk as the email provider.

070726/25 **Correspondence:** The Parish Council had received a quotation from Andy Rollett to remove the silt in the stream that runs along The Green which would help give a slightly higher water retaining capacity. He would need to hire in a digger. The total cost of the works would be around £600. All Councillors agreed for these works to take place.

It was also highlighted by Andy that a Chestnut tree on The Green looks unstable and appears to be dying, and works were required. Also an older Oak tree and a Beech tree needed some branches to be removed close to the stream. The Clerk to contact

Gadd Brothers to ask them to visit the site and carry out a survey and provide a quote for the tree works that were necessary.

- 070726/26 **Any other Council business for information to be noted or for inclusion in a future agenda:** to consider the installation of a Petanque pitch on The Green
- 070726/27 All Councillors noted that the next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 7.30pm in the Vestry. There will be no meeting in August.
- 070726/28 The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm