

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 19th MARCH 2008 AT 8.45 P.M.

Present

Councillor A Leigh (Chair)
Councillor R Campbell-Smith
Councillor G Hayes
Councillor A Luck
Councillor D Silk

District Councillor R Duffield

11 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Richmond who thought it inappropriate to attend. This was accepted.

2. Declaration of Interest.

Councillors Leigh, Campbell-Smith, Hayes, Luck and Silk all declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 4.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

Councillor Luck proposed and Councillor Campbell-Smith seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6 March 2008 having been circulated be approved. The minutes were duly signed.

4. Norfolk County Council Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework.

After discussion it was agreed to object to all mineral sites even though it was felt that some sites would continue as the Parish is in a mineral bearing area. Councillor Luck proposed the resolution to oppose all sites and this was seconded by Councillor Hayes. All were in favour. It was important to object strongly to the site allocations for Min 63 and 89. It was proposed by Councillor Luck and seconded by Councillor Campbell-Smith that the Waste allocation site WAS01 be opposed. It was also agreed to write to the applicant requesting he withdraw his application. This was agreed unanimously. It was further agreed to form a sub-committee of Councillors and interested parties to ensure that future consultations could be dealt with expediently. Councillors Leigh, Campbell-Smith, Luck and Hayes agreed to serve on this sub-committee. £500 was allocated from the projects fund for the sub-committee. The Clerk would convene a meeting and act as clerk to the sub-committee.

5. Resolution of No Confidence in the Chairman.

Councillor Campbell-Smith explained that the first anyone knew of the Chairman putting forward a parcel of land for a possible waste recycling site was when the documents arrived. He paid a personal visit to the Chairman and suggested that it would have been courteous to have informed the Parish Council. The Chairman replied that he did not have to and he could apply if it was in the interests of his business. He has the right to do what is best for his business but he should have resigned as Chairman of the Parish Council. The difficulties with allocating finance to a fighting fund with Councillor Richmond as Chairman and potential future contentious issues makes his position untenable.

Councillor Campbell-Smith proposed and Councillor Luck seconded the resolution of no

confidence in the Chairman.

Councillor Hayes agreed with all that had been stated. Councillor Silk stated that until he realised the depth of feeling within the Parish he may have abstained. Councillor Leigh had sent an e-mail to the Chairman stating she could not condone what he had done. Councillor Campbell-Smith read out the letter he was going to send to the Chairman. The resolution was carried unanimously.

6. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 3 April 2008 to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall to follow the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 2150 hours.