

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 2008 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

12 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Richmond who thought it inappropriate to attend and Councillor Hayes who was away. These were accepted. District Councillor Duffield had also sent his apology for absence.

2. Declaration of Interest.

Councillor Leigh declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 4, Councillor Luck a personal interest in Agenda Items 4 and 9, Councillor Campbell-Smith a personal interest in Agenda Items 4 and 5.2 and Councillor Silk a personal interest in Agenda Item 4.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

Councillor Campbell-Smith proposed and Councillor Luck seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7 February 2008 having been circulated be approved. The minutes were duly signed.

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

There was unanimous opposition to the proposed increase in minerals sites and to the proposed new landfill and waste recycling site. It was agreed to leaflet drop the whole parish informing them of the consultation and to hold a Parish Council meeting on 19 March to discuss the proposals when all would be welcome. Councillor Campbell-Smith proposed and Councillor Luck seconded the resolution to place on the agenda for the next meeting a vote of no confidence in the Chairman. This was agreed unanimously. It was also agreed to consult the solicitor regarding the parcel of land sold to Mrs Richmond as to whether there was an agricultural restriction on the site.

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 Vacancy on the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Michelle Petzer and had informed Breckland Council who would be forwarding the necessary documentation.

5.2 Beech Road.

Councillor Campbell-Smith reported that he had been given a letter from Barratt Homes to the occupant of 8 Beech Road offering them the parcel of land that the Parish Council had agreed to be transferred from Breckland Council. As had been reported previously it transpired that Breckland Council did not own this land and it was proposed by Councillor Luck and seconded by Councillor Leigh that Barratt Homes are contacted direct to enquire if they would transfer the land. All were in favour.

5.3 Meeting the Boundary Committee.

Councillor Campbell-Smith agreed to attend the meeting at County Hall on 13 March.

5.4 RSS Single Issue Review: Planning for Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation in the East of England

It was agreed to obtain a copy of this consultation document.

5.5 Spanish Sweepstake.

Councillor Campbell-Smith reported that he knew of two parishioners who had received letters informing them that they had won prizes in the sweepstake and to forward bank details to receive payment. It was agreed to put an article in the Beetley Buzz informing everybody to be aware of the possible fraud. It was suggested that individuals should make sure that they complete the section of the electoral roll to take their names off the published lists.

6. Planning.

6.1 Applications.

- 6.1.1** 3PL/2008/0135/F Freestone Coaches Green Lane-replace existing railway carriages/caravan with portacabins/steel cabins-renewal.

No Objection.

Proposed Councillor Campbell-Smith Seconded Councillor Silk
All were in favour.

- 6.1.2** 3PL/2008/0115/F Bridgford Cattery Fakenham Road-removal of condition placed on original application. Councillor Campbell-Smith clarified that the original permission had been granted to the owners at the time not to the property and this was to regularise the position as the dwelling and cattery had been sold.

No Objection

Proposed Councillor Campbell-Smith Seconded Councillor Leigh
All were in favour.

- 6.1.3** 3PL/2008/0107/F Bridgford cattery Fakenham road-domestic extension & garage/new access/extended cattery and move and change use of existing garage for cattery.

No Objection to the planned development of the site but **Objection** to the additional access. It was believed that this additional access had now been removed from the planning application.

Proposed Councillor Campbell-Smith Seconded Councillor Leigh
All were in favour.

- 6.1.4** 3PL/2008/0152/F Plot 4 Former Builder's Yard Fakenham Road-erection of detached dwelling and garage-revision.

No Objection

Proposed Councillor Campbell-Smith Seconded Councillor Luck
All were in favour.

- 6.1.5** 3PI/2008/0301/F Vale Farm-proposed conversion of redundant barn for residential accommodation

Objection

It was not agreed that the barn is redundant and should be advertised for 12 months to prove there is no commercial interest as it is believed there is local interest in renting this barn.

Proposed Councillor Campbell-Smith Seconded Councillor Luck
All were in favour.

6.2 Appeals.

- 6.2.1** Barker Brothers.

An appeal has now been lodged against the refusal of permission for an extension and concrete batching plant and the Parish Council is to write in support of the application stating that Barker Brothers have always acted with propriety and understanding and have restored the sites for future use for example Roosting Hills Trout Fishery and can not comprehend why this has been refused.

6.3 Street naming.

The Clerk reported that he had informed Breckland Council of the Parish Council's wish to remain with the name of Melton Close. Breckland Council had suggested some compromise names none of which were acceptable. It now remains for Breckland Council to decide.

7. Correspondence received for circulation.

7.1	Breckland-Agendas
7.2	Norfolk Link
7.3	LCR
7.4	NCAPTC reorganisation
7.5	LAG Minutes
7.6	I&DEA-local Area Agreements
7.7	Breckland-Changes to Planning Procedures
7.8	Norfolk Waste Partnership-Your Rubbish Your Choice
7.9	The Playing Field
7.10	Enjoy England –Celebrate St. George's Day
7.11	Local council's Update

8. Finance.

8.1 The budget sheets and financial information had been circulated and these were approved.

8.2 Balances:

Business Base Rate Tracker Account

Balance at 19 December 2007	16670.28
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Community Account

Balance at 18 January 2008	1611.32
Receipts Breckland –Community car	<u>43.87</u>
	1655.19
Payments authorised 07 02 08	<u>672.89</u>
	982.30
Less unrepresented cheques	<u>497.37</u>
Balance at 19 February 2008	484.93

Amount available for Section 137 : 1096x£5.64 = £6181.44

Spend to Date : £1116.50

The following cheques were authorised for payment:

239	B J Leigh	Service contract-Feb 244.50 Mileage 50 @ .40 per mile 20.00	264.50
240	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contracts	18.00
241	Audit Commission	Audit	158.63
227	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	139.72
237	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	87.74
238	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	202.12
242	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	145.04

8.3 Norfolk Rural Community Council Membership.

It was agreed to renew membership as a non-voting member for £15.

8.4 Appointment of Bank of Ireland as bankers.

Councillor Campbell-Smith proposed and Councillor Luck seconded the resolution as attached that the Parish Council change bankers from Barclays to Bank of Ireland. All were in favour.

9. Village Hall.

9.1 Race Night.

This is to be held on 5 April at the Village hall and will include a fish or chicken supper.

10. Matters for the next meeting.

10.1 Change of name of the Parish.

10.2 Publication of the minutes in the Dereham Times.

11. Portfolio Holders Update.

11.1 Affordable Housing.

The Clerk is to communicate with Ann Steward the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning at Breckland Council about the ongoing saga of the Affordable Housing to see if she can progress the matter.

11.2 Communications.

11.2.1 Website.

This was deferred to the next meeting.

11.2.2 Beetley Buzz.

The Beetley buzz was distributed at the meeting but a distributor is needed in Old Beetley as Michelle Petzer has now moved. Jackie Searle does Church Road and School Road but this leaves Hall Road, Sorrel Lane, Holt Road and Peacock/Common Lane. Councillor Leigh was concerned about the lack of communication with Portfolio Holders prior to the publication of the Beetley Buzz

11.2.3 Publication of the Minutes in the Dereham Times.

This was deferred to the next meeting.

11.3 Environment.

11.3.1 Beetley Meadows

The overhanging and diseased boughs had been cleared and the Environment Agency are still to clear the river area.

11.3.2 Regular Cut of Beetley Meadows.

J P's Maintenance had been contacted to see if a three week cut would be suitable but they advised that it should be on a two weekly cycle. This was agreed and all were in favour of accepting their quotation.

11.3.3 Beetley Common.

EDF have cleared the trees from the power lines and there has been less removal than had been feared. Breckland Council are to be contacted for a quotation to clear the flytipping and it was agreed to clear the area up to a maximum cost of £300.

11.4 Transport.

Nothing to report.

11.5 Highways.

Nothing to report.

11.6 Community.

Nothing to report.

11.7 Health and Safety.

11.7.1 Beetley Meadows Play Area.

It was agreed to proceed with the professional clean of the safety surface and to defer a decision on the remainder until the next meeting. It was also agreed to replace the padlock and chain that had been lost by the contractor who had repaired the gates at a cost of £50

12. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 19th March 2008 to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall at 1900.

The meeting closed at 2159 hours.