

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 7 APRIL 2011 AT 7.30 P.M.**

**Present** Councillor A Leigh (Chair)  
Councillor A Luck  
Councillor J Baldwin  
Councillor J O'Donovan  
Councillor A Fox  
Councillor R Richmond  
Councillor M Rose  
  
County Councillor M Kiddle Morris

2 members of the public

**1. Apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies for absence from Councillors although apologies had been received from District Councillor Duffield. The County Councillor was called away to a family matter as soon as the meeting had convened.

**2. Declarations of Interest.**

Councillor Richmond declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 6.1.2, 6.2.1, 6.4, and 11.1, having submitted parcels of land for inclusion in the Minerals and Waste Framework and Local Development Framework.

Councillor Luck declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda items 12 being a trustee of the Village Hall.

**3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3 March 2011 having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

**4. County and District Councillors Reports.**

There were no reports.

**5. Matters to Report.**

**5.1 Community Car Scheme.**

The Clerk reported that he is still awaiting a date from Breckland Council. In the budget the mileage allowance had been increased to .45 by HMRC before tax is payable. Breckland Council is still considering the change.

**5.2 Recycling Centre.**

Councillor Rose reported on the visit to the recycling centre at Longwater Lane which was most informative. The site recycles as much as possible but only where there is a market for the products. Nearly all is sorted by hand and most of the income comes from metal cans. It is hoped that Breckland Council will send to all Clerks a "tip" of the month to insert in the parish magazines.

**5.3 Website.**

The website had been completed and all Councillors had been informed of the link to the

site. It was felt that a link to Beetley River Meadows should be included as well as a feature

on Old Beetley. Councillor Richmond thought the site needed “jazzing up” and he was going to send proposals to the Clerk for incorporation. It was agreed to have an agenda item to discuss any new items that need inserting. It was requested that a “hits” counter be incorporated.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor O’Donovan seconded the resolution that £50 be paid to John Relph for the setting up of the website.

#### **5.4 Breckland Town and Parish Council Forum 14 March.**

Councillor Leigh reported that this had been a good meeting with less time spent on the presentations meaning that an earlier finish was possible. It was a better format than previous meetings and a better venue. The presentations given were on Household Waste Recycling Centres by Norfolk County Council, the Environmental Protection Team at Breckland, Rev Action, Norfolk ALC and a presentation by the Chief Executive on shared services.

#### **5.5 PCSO.**

Following her visit the previous month the PCSO had informed the Clerk that she had spoken to both Breckland Council regarding the flytipping and the traffic response officers about the speeding. The officers have completed some speed checks in Beetley but there is no safe place to stand in East Bilney!! She has also visited the school.

#### **5.6 Roosting Hill Gravel Pit.**

The letter sent to Danny Eves the General Manager for Barker Bros. had been circulated and this was noted.

#### **5.7 Election May 2011.**

As there were only seven nominations for the seven vacancies no election would be held and all the current Councillors are elected.

### **6. Planning.**

#### **6.1 Applications.**

##### **6.1.1 3PL/2011/0207/F-Woodlands East Bilney-conversion of part of workshop to dwelling.**

Councillor O’Donovan proposed and Councillor Richmond seconded the resolution that the application be **OBJECTED** to as this is outside the settlement boundary and there is no forestry, agricultural or tourism justification for the development.

All were in favour.

Councillor Richmond withdrew from the meeting.

##### **6.1.2 3PL/2010/1359/F-Redroofs Fakenham Road-demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new 2 storey dwelling and garage.**

The members were pleased that this application is only for one dwelling on the current footprint and therefore Councillor Fox proposed and Councillor Luck seconded the resolution that **NO OBJECTION be raised** to the application. A comment is however to be made about the width of the access to the dwelling.

All were in favour.

Councillor Richmond rejoined the meeting.

#### **6.2 Decisions.**

The following decision and conditions were noted.

**6.2.1 PP/C/3/2010/3028-East Bilney Quarry, Rawhall Lane- variation of condition to allow continued operation for 4 years with revise working and restoration phasing.**

**N/O**

**Permission**

**6.2.2 PP/C/3/2010/3039-Stanfield Quarry –variation of condition 1 of planning**

**permission C/3/2004/3019 to extend the time limit for working and restoration of phase one until 28 November 2013**                      **N/O**                      **Permission.**

**6.3 Enforcement.**

An enforcement notice had been forwarded to the owner of the caravan on land off Hall Road for the removal of the caravan following the dismissal of the appeal.

**6.4 Minerals and Waste Consultation.**

The timetable for the consultation has not changed and Cabinet at Norfolk County Council had approved the recommendations on 4 April.

**7. Beetley River Meadows Play Area.**

**7.1 Update.**

The £250 from Breckland for the planting of bulbs had not yet been received. The application for grant funding had been completed and the landlord of the New Inn had been the independent referee. The S106 payments for children's play area could be applied for. The cost of the furniture from Whitehouse is £2650 and further quotes are to be obtained. A cleaning session is to be held on 20 April at 5.00 p.m.

**7.2 Signage.**

The quotation for the signs from IRS had been distributed and Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Richmond seconded the resolution that this be accepted. All were in favour.

**7.3 Central area of Beetley River Meadows.**

Nick Abram is to be contacted to enquire if he would cut for hay again this year.

**8. Open Spaces.**

**8.1 New problems.**

The tree at the Patch in Old Beetley ought to be felled or pruned and the Clerk and Councillor Rose will look at this.

John Mann had been stopped from mowing the Patch by a resident who did a suffragette act by threatening to lay in front of the mower as the bulbs have been planted.

A letter had been received from Jenny Hirsch which was read out and a reply is to be forwarded to inform her of the actions taken.

**8.2 Cutting of Footpaths.**

It was agreed to only cut the footpath from Fakenham Road to the wood and all other paths are to be done by the landowners.

**8.3 Tree at Beetley Common.**

A request had been received to plant a memorial tree on the Common. No objection was raised to this and the Beetley Common Advisory Group is to be informed. It is to be suggested that deer guard be placed round the tree.

**9. Highways and Transport.**

**9.1 General.**

Skid areas have been surfaced in the parish. The Highways and Community rangers are to be requested to replace the reflector posts again. A complaint had been received about overhanging hedges in Oakland Drive and it was agreed to place an article in the Beetley Buzz informing all house owners that it is their responsibility to ensure that hedges and trees do not obstruct the highway.

**9.2 Speedwatch.**

The Co-ordinator had contacted Jackie Willis and an article will be placed in the Beetley Buzz requesting volunteers to set up an East Bilney group. Further sessions had been held in East Bilney and Beetley

**10. Correspondence received for circulation.**

**10.1**

Town and Parish Council Forum Newsletter

10.2	Breckland training
10.3	LCR Spring 2011
10.4	Norfolk Police Crime figures

## 11. Finance.

11.1 The budget sheets and financial information had been circulated and Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that these be approved. All were in favour.

### 11.2 Balances.

Councillor O'Donovan proposed and Councillor Richmond seconded the resolution that the balances and cheques for authorisation be approved. All were in favour.

#### Balances

##### **Bank of Ireland Treasurer's Account**

Balance at 31 01 11	21601.21
Receipts- Interest-0.01	
Breckland Community Car-56.35	56.36
	21657.57
Less cheques authorised 03 02 11	1070.69
Balance at 28 02 11	20586.88
Less unrepresented cheques authorised 02 12 10- 100.00	
unrepresented cheques authorised 03 03 11-1192.61	1292.61
Balance at 03 03 11	19294.27

Amount available for Section 137 : 1118 x£6.44 = £7199.92

Spend to Date : £00.00

Cheques for authorisation:

196	B J Leigh	Contract March-368.00 Purchase of Flash Drives- 39.96	407.96
197	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract February	15.37
198	Mrs P Silk	Community car	299.40
199	C.G.M.	Grass Cutting-Feb-166.54 Tree Pruning-676.80 Remove tree from river- 187.20	1030.54
200	A C Crisp	Hedge Cutting East Bilney Town Lands	168.00
201	Norfolk ALC	Subscription	214.82
202	Daynes Office Interiors	Stationery	78.00
203	Norfolk RCC	Membership	15.00
204	NPTP	PAYE Course for Clerk	20.00

### 11.3 Donations.

#### 11.3.1 Macmillan Cancer support

#### 11.3.2 Norfolk Age UK

#### 11.3.3 East Anglia's Children's Hospices

It was agreed not to donate to the above.

### 11.4 Norfolk RCC

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that the Parish

Council renew its membership as a non-voting member at a cost of £15. All were in favour.

**12. Village Hall.**

**12.1 Report from the Village Hall Committee**

Oil had been stolen again and the hedge has now been cut back to give a better view of the tank from the road. No squirrels had been found in the roof and membership of NRCC had been renewed. No money had been received for the play equipment. Ollie Day will give a mixed show at Christmas at a cost of £225 The dog day has yet to be finalised and private bookings for the hall have dropped off. The cleaner is to time herself and a car boot is possibly to be held on 4 June.

**13. Matters for the next meeting.**

**13.1 Parish Walk**

**13.2 Annual parish Meeting**

**16. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.**

This was confirmed as Thursday 12 May 2011 at 7.30 p.m. to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 2143 hours.