

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 5 AUGUST 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present

Councillor A Leigh (Chair)
Councillor A Luck
Councillor J Baldwin
Councillor A Fox
Councillor J O'Donovan
Councillor R Richmond
Councillor M Rose

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris

Two members of the public

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from District councillor R Duffield.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Richmond declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Items 12.1, having submitted parcels of land for inclusion in the Minerals and Waste Framework. Councillor Luck declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 13 being a trustee of the Village Hall.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1 July 2010 having been circulated be approved. All were in favour. The minutes were duly signed.

4. County and District Councillors Reports.

County Councillor Kiddle Morris informed the meeting that the consultation on the Minerals and Waste Preferred Options and Site Specifics had been suspended and may have to be re-visited in the light of new guidelines that may be received from the Government. The Highways Department is in the process of being re-organised and in future the parish will come under the Aylsham office as will all the Necton and Launditch Ward. The grant for safety has been reduced by 40% and this could affect the number of fixed and mobile cameras. Questions were raised on whether the revenue from the cameras goes back to the County Council but it does not and local funding for cameras which there is none in place at present. Beetley C. P. School needs an LEA governor. The Breckland Local Development framework is continuing. At present there is only 1.6 years of housing stock against the guideline of 5 years and several applications have quoted this figure in an attempt to obtain permission. Breckland Council is attempting to oppose such applications as when the LDF is completed there will be 5 years of stock available or the figures may be altered following revised figures from the Government.

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 Open Churches Week 31 July to 8 August.

The Chairman, Councillors Rose and Baldwin, and the Clerk had attended on 31 July and were impressed with the activity and displays at the church. Councillor Rose and the Clerk had attended the tea party on 4 August when demonstrations were being given. A group from East Bilney Care Home had attended the afternoon. The Chairman and Clerk hope to

attend the service on 8 August.

5.2 Bonfire Night/Fireworks Display.

This is to proceed with the PTA and Scout Group so no outside help is needed at this stage.

5.3 School Car Park Hedge Cutting and Playing Field.

The Clerk had verbally informed the school of its decision not to maintain the fence and would write formally. The Clerk has a key to the car park and Nick Saunders had just returned from holiday and it is hoped the hedge would be cut next week. The house owner would be contacted prior to starting.

5.4 NRCC Annual General Meeting 7 July.

Councillor Richmond reported that he had attended this when there were 5 speakers and it lasted for 3 hours. NRCC is doing very well and has assisted 467 organisations in the last year against a target of 500. It is financially sound and one talk was about the Big Society but more details are awaited on this.

5.5 Council Tax Consultation.

A consultation is underway regarding the proposal to allow local referenda to veto excessive council tax rises. As this had only just been received the Clerk would e-mail all a copy and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

5.6 Oak Tree at Brian Barnard Garden.

EDF is to prune this to clear the power lines.

6. Planning.

6.1 Applications.

6.1.1 3PL/2010/0701/A- St Mary's C.P. School Elmham Road-erection of school flag

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Richmond seconded the resolution that **NO OBJECTION** be raised. All were in favour.

6.1.2 Y/3/2010/3021-Gressenhall Rural Life Museum-new toilet block and ticketing facility

Councillor Luck proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that whilst not objecting in principle to the erection of a green building the Parish Council should **OBJECT** as the form and character of the proposed building is not in keeping with the existing building. All were in favour.

6.2 Decisions.

6.2.1 3PL/2010/0492/F- The Oaklands Halfpenny Lane-proposed vehicular entrance.

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Permission

The decisions and conditions were noted.

6.3 Appeals.

A site inspection is to be held at Fakenham Road opposite the New Inn on Tuesday 10 August at which Councillor Rose and the Clerk will be present.

7. Open Spaces.

7.1 East Bilney Town Lands.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Luck seconded the resolution that the quotation from CGM for £41 be accepted. All were in favour.

7.2 Other problems.

Councillor Rose reported on her walk with a parishioner and buggy to the school from Old Beetley via the footpaths to the Fakenham Road. Highways Department had visited the site and the hedge should be cut back in August and a further walk will be undertaken to see if visibility is satisfactory.

7.3 Hedges on Beetley Meadows.

A letter had been sent to the landowners of the hedges at the rear of the properties on

Beetley Meadows that were encroaching on to the meadows requesting that these be cut back.

7.4 Scrub Clearance at Beetley Meadows.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Richmond seconded the resolution that the quotation from CGM for £55 be accepted. All were in favour.

7.5 Cutting of the central area of Beetley meadows.

This had been cut by Nick Abram and has improved the area. It was agreed to do this again in 2011 and possibly obtain a donation to the Parish Council.

7.6 Permit holders to cross the Common to Roosting Hills Trout fishery.

All names had now been received, a copy of which was distributed and a further copy is to be sent to the Beetley Common Advisory Committee

7.7 Risk Assessment at Beetley Meadows.

It was agreed to do this bi-monthly commencing in September. A new list would be distributed. The gate still does not close as RG Maintenance have not been to site to repair this or the fencing. Councillor Luck will contact to give them one last chance.

8. Highways and Transport.

8.1 General.

East Bilney Garage is to cut back the hedge near the VAS sign and Highways is to be contacted regarding the road narrows sign which has turned round. The flooding on Rawhall Lane has been reported and the ditch is to be jetted. Hedging on Church Road needs trimming and the landowner is to be contacted. The police have targeted motorists in villages and 70 prosecuted or given fixed penalty notices. A problem has occurred with Middleton Aggregates lorries speeding into Beetley at 0630 and the police are to be contacted. No information has been received on the motor bike speeding through East Bilney in the evening.

8.2 Speed limit in East Bilney.

It had been confirmed that this should be implemented in this financial year.

9. Beetley Meadows Play Area Clearance Morning.

This was confirmed as Sunday 8 August starting at 0900. In addition to clearing litter and some pruning the area the siting of seats and tables is to be decided.

10. Website.

The Clerk is to attempt to print out or bring on a memory stick to the next meeting.

11. Correspondence received for circulation.

- 11.1 Crime statistics June
- 11.2 Policing Plan Summary
- 11.3 Best In Breckland
- 11.4 Home Fire Risk checks
- 11.5 Norfolk RCC AGM pack

12. Finance.

12.1 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.

13.2 Balances.

Councillor O'Donovan proposed and Councillor Fox 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 05 10	25641.22
Receipts-	
Interest-0.02	
Breckland Community Car-40.45	
Beeston with Bittering Parish Council-10.00	
Brisley Parish Council-18.36	<u>68.83</u>
	25710.05
Less cheques authorised 03 06 10	<u>614.03</u>
Balance at 30 06 10	25096.02
Less unrepresented cheques authorised 01 07 10	<u>5048.93</u>
Balance at 01 07 10	<u>20047.09</u>

Amount available for Section 137 : 1117 x£6.15 = £6869.55

Spend to Date : £0.00

Cheques for authorisation:

148	B J Leigh	Contract July	368.00
149	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract June	26.98
150	Beetley Village hall	Hall hire Apr 2009-March 2010	182.00
151	Mrs P Silk	Community car	99.90
152	C.G.M.	Grass Cutting-June	163.07
153	Norfolk Accident Service	Rescue Donation	50.00

12.3 Royal British Legion Poppy appeal.

It was agreed to purchase a wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

Councillor Luck withdrew from the meeting.

13. Village Hall.

There is to be a quiz night in November, a race night on 9 October, a car boot/tabletop sale on 19 September and the Christmas function will be on 4 December.

Councillor Luck rejoined the meeting.

14. Matters for the next meeting.

14.1 Dog Bin in Old Beetley.

14.2 Donation to Royal British Legion

14.3 August meeting.

15. August Meeting.

It was agreed to discuss whether to hold a meeting in August at a future meeting.

18. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 2 September 2010 to be held at Beetley and East Bilney

Village Hall at 1930.

The meeting closed at 2140 hours.