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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER 2010 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  
District Councillor R Duffield

One member of the public

**1. Apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies for absence to consider.

**2. Declarations of Interest.**

Councillor Richmond declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Items 5.6 and 11.1, having submitted parcels of land for inclusion in the Minerals and Waste Framework. Councillor Luck declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 12 being a trustee of the Village Hall.

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

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Luck seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4 November 2010 having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

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

The County Councillor reported that the consultation on the Big Conversation could see some functions passed down to local authorities.

The District Councillor informed the members that Breckland Council is not cutting front line services. It is now sharing senior posts with South Holland District Council. 37 posts are to be reduced to 19 at Director and Senior Manger level not front line. However future cuts may move to a lower level.

**5. Matters to Report.**

**5.1 Elections Course.**

The Clerk had attended this well attended and informative course which had been so well supported that two had to be held at South Wootton. The final details will be sent to the Clerk on the timetable for the elections once these have been amended for the Bank Holiday on 29 April.

**5.2 Think Green.**

Councillor Richmond had attended this at Easton College. There were several different speakers on topics as diverse as solar panels, heat exchangers, woodfuels, poverty and lift sharing. The details from the meeting will be circulated.

**5.3 Dates of Meetings.**

These were agreed as follows:-

**Parish Council Meetings**

February 3<sup>rd</sup>

April 7<sup>th</sup>

June 2<sup>nd</sup>

September 1<sup>st</sup>

November 3<sup>rd</sup>

March 3<sup>rd</sup>

May 12<sup>th</sup>

July 7<sup>th</sup>

October 6<sup>th</sup>

December 1<sup>st</sup>

**Annual Parish Council Meeting**

May 12<sup>th</sup>

**Annual Parish Meeting**

April 7<sup>th</sup>

**5.4 Maintaining the Street Scene Consultation from Norfolk County Council.**

It was decided to respond that the Parish Council would be interested in taking on additional responsibilities but would require that funding be supplied for these tasks.

**5.5 Community car scheme.**

The drivers are all totally against the form that has been sent out for the health check. The District Councillor stated that he was not aware that this specific form had to be used and would check with Breckland Council the next day.

**5.6 Timescale for the Minerals and Waste Consultation.**

The next consultation is likely to start in April once cabinet has met at the end of February.

**6. Planning.**

**6.1 Applications.**

**6.1.1 6.1.2 Y/3/2010/3021-Gressenhall Rural Life Museum-new toilet block and ticketing facility.**

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Leigh seconded the resolution that the Parish Council again **OBJECTS** to the application as no significant change to the mass has been made. All were in favour.

**6.2 Decisions.**

The following decisions and conditions were noted.

**6.2.1 3PL/2010/0289/F-Land adjacent to 6 High House Road-erection of 4no. one bed; 2 no. two bed and 2 no. three bed dwellings (affordable housing) & associated works**

N/O Permission

Councillor Richmond would enquire as to the start date for the project.

**6.2.2 3PL/2010/0876/F-1 Birch Avenue-existing single storey garage & utility demolished and erection of two storey side extension**

N/O Permission

**6.2.3 3PL/2010/1033/F-Greenfields Hall Road Old Beetley-erection of replacement outbuilding inc. demolition of existing.**

N/O Permission

**6.3 Appeals.**

**6.3.1 APP/F2605/A10/2135843/WF-Rosetta Cottage Hall Road Old Beetley-use of land for stationing of caravan.**

Councillor Rose had attended the site meeting on 19 November. No intimation of the thoughts of the Inspector were apparent.

**6.3.2 Plot adjacent to Southfields Fakenham Road.**

The Clerk had noticed that the appeal had been dismissed but no formal notification had been received from Breckland Council.

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

### 7.1 **Update.**

Councillor Fox and the Clerk had met C.G.M. on site to decide the clearance required and a quotation is awaited. Councillor Fox is to take on the play area as his responsibility but would not be asked to undertake other projects. 256 replies had been received to the questionnaire and Councillor Rose will collate the findings from the replies. A piece is to be placed in the Beetley Buzz thanking all for replying.

## 8. **Open Spaces.**

### 8.1 **Other problems.**

Councillor Luck offered to measure the length of the footpaths to see if the Parish Council could take on this responsibility if adequate funding is available. After investigation by Breckland Council a fixed penalty notice had been issued to the flytipper at Beetley Common in September. The bulbs have been ordered for the planting and still awaiting a decision from Breckland Council on the grant request. Considerable amount of work had been done on fencing off Beetley Woods by the Dereham Relief in Need Charity which will in future be called Fanthorpe's Woods.

## 9. **Highways and Transport.**

### 9.1 **General.**

The following problems had been reported;-

- a. The state of Common Lane and this is to be repaired as soon as possible.
- b. A grit bin had been requested on Beech Road and the cost and permission are to be obtained.
- c. The state of Oakland Drive in the cold weather had been reported to the Clerk. However this is not going to be gritted and there is nowhere to site a grit bin.
- d. Rawhall Lane continues to be flooded and confirmation is to be requested for the work that is to be carried out.

### 9.2 **Parking on Elmham Road.**

Over 50% of the residents consulted were in favour of continuing and George Hayes has been requested to re-commence the ticketing.

## 10. **Correspondence received for circulation.**

10.1 Think Green meeting paperwork

10.2 Dereham CAB thank you

## 11. **Finance.**

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

### 11.2 **Balances.**

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

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## Balances

### Bank of Ireland Treasurer's Account

Balance at 30 09 10	26139.00
Receipts-	
Interest-0.01	
Breckland Community Car-49.05	
Beeston with Bittering Parish Council-6.25	<u>55.31</u>
	26194.31
Less cheques authorised 07 10 10-1347.43	
cheque cancellation fee-7.50	<u>1354.93</u>
Balance at 31 10 10-24839.38	
Less unrepresented cheques authorised 05 08 10-182.00	
unrepresented cheques authorised 04 11 10- 1722.39	<u>1904.39</u>
Balance at 05 11 10	22934.99

Amount available for Section 137 : 1117 x£6.15 = £6869.55  
Spend to Date : £70.00

Cheques for authorisation:

175	B J Leigh	Contract November-	368.00
176	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract October	35.53
177	Mrs P Silk	Community car	83.70
178	C.G.M.	Grass Cutting-September	163.07
179	Daynes Office Interiors	Stationery	150.26
180	Beetley Parochial Church Council	Donation	100.00
181	F Haverson	Cutting of playing Field	1100.00
182	B J Leigh	Contract December dated 01 01 11	368.00

### **11.3 Change of banker.**

It was agreed by a majority decision to consider the Co-op Bank for future business.

### **12. Village Hall.**

Councillor O'Donovan reported on the committee meeting which is looking at decorating the hall and is investigating grants. No new curtains will be purchased. The cleaner was again discussed and as the hall is on Grade 3 Hygiene a detailed routine needs to be laid down so the hall improves to a Grade 4 or 5. More people would hire the hall if it is cleaner. The Quiz night was cancelled as there was no electricity at the hall. No drinks licence was obtained for the Christmas Function.

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

### **14. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.**

This was confirmed as Thursday 3 February 2011 to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall at 1930.

The meeting closed at 2136 hours.