

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2007 AT 7.30 P.M.**

**Present**

Councillor R Richmond (Chair)  
Councillor A Leigh  
Councillor R Campbell-Smith  
Councillor G Hayes  
Councillor M Petzer  
Councillor D Silk

District Councillor R Duffield  
Mr W Barker

Two Members of the Public

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Luck.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

Councillor R Campbell-Smith declared a personal interest in Item 13 being a resident opposite the parcel of land.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

It was proposed by Councillor Petzer and seconded by Councillor Campbell-Smith that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2007 be approved and signed.

The meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was reconvened.

**4. Matters to report**

**4.1 Breckland Landscape Workshop.**

Councillor Hayes stated that this had been a good meeting and the information from the meeting was to be circulated with the correspondence.

**4.2 Plaque for the tree.**

No progress had been made despite the Chairman talking to Nick Saunders.

**4.3 Local Liaison Meeting.**

The Clerk reported that he had had several conversations regarding the proposed meeting on 15 February but Barker Brothers had not finalised their planning applications and as there was little new to report the Clerk felt that it was not necessary to call a meeting at this time. It was agreed that the meeting would be held on 23 May 2007 at 1930 and the Vice-Chairman of Beetley Parish Council would chair the meeting and the Clerk to Beetley Parish Council would prepare the agenda and take the minutes.

**4.4 Notice board Church Road.**

The erection of this is now expected in February.

**5. Planning**

**5.1 Applications**

**5.1.1** 3PL/2006/ Plot 4 Former Builder's yard-renewal of outline planning application

**Objection**

Proposed Councillor Petzer

Seconded Councillor Leigh

All were in favour

## **5.2 Decisions.**

The following decisions were noted:-

<b>5.2.1</b>	3PL/2006/1631/F	The Oaklands Half Penny Lane	Permission
<b>5.2.2</b>	3PL/2006/1561/F	24 Ashley Road	Withdrawn
<b>5.2.3</b>	3PL/2006/1734/F	20 Fakenham Road	Permission
<b>5.2.4</b>	3PL/2002/3044	Beetley Waste Management Site-Landscaping	Permission

## **5.3 Letter to the Ombudsman.**

It was agreed to send the letter that had been circulated.

## **5.4 Planning Appeal –Land adjacent to Willow Cottage Hall Road.**

It was agreed to forward a letter stating the Parish Council's objections that still remain the same as when the planning application was made in that a development along Hall Road would set a precedent for future development as this is outside the guidelines.

## **6. Correspondence.**

### **6.1 General Correspondence.**

There was no general correspondence for discussion.

### **6.2 Correspondence for Circulation.**

6.2.1	Breckland Housing Survey
6.2.2	Clerks and Councils Direct
6.2.3	Norfolk Police-Budget
6.2.4	NALC-White Paper Report
6.2.5	CAB
6.2.6	St. Mary's School
6.2.7	GO-East- Changes to East of England Plan
6.2.8	Beetley with East Bilney PCC
6.2.9	Norfolk County Council Workshop
6.2.10	The Playing Field
6.2.11	Breckland LDF Strategy and Core Policies
6.2.12	The Wave

Councillor Leigh requested that the correspondence is circulated quicker as she has not been receiving the pack until just before the meeting.

## **7. Parish Land.**

### **7.1 Beetley Meadows.**

#### **7.1.1 Gates.**

The letter had been delivered to the 1,2,4, and 5 Beetley Meadows and 5 Birch Avenue. Councillors Hayes and Campbell-Smith would visit the properties on 17 February.

#### **7.1.2 Play Area.**

The refurbishment had not commenced but it was anticipated that this would commence in the next week. Councillor Luck reported that he had received a telephone call concerning a child who had cut his hand on a screw that was protruding from some timber that had broken. He had taken remedial action.

#### **7.1.3 Fallen Tree.**

Councillor Silk stated that the tree that had fallen during the high winds could be walked around and therefore did not need cutting up.

### **7.2 Scout Hut Lease.**

Nothing to report

### **7.3 Rural Payments Agency.**

No reply had been received to the last letter sent.

## 8. Finance

8.1 The budget sheets and financial information had been circulated.

8.2 Balances:

### Business Base Rate Tracker Account

Balance at 19 December 2006 20156.90

### Community Account

18 December 2006		3923.91
Payments (unpresented from 04 01 07	1915.32)	
(authorised 040107	616.48)	<u>2531.80</u>
		1392.11
Income RPA re Town Lands		<u>558.00</u>
		1950.11
Less unpresented cheques		<u>1759.00</u>
		191.11
Transfer to Beetley Fuel Allotment		<u>200.00</u>
Balance at 19 January 2007		<b>8.89</b>

Amount available for Section 137 : 1093x£5.44 = £5945.92

Spend to Date : £166.50

Cheques for authorisation: The following cheques were authorised.

156	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract	18.75
157	B J Leigh	Salary 235.38 Postage 7.68 Telephone 7.21	250.27
158	Oasis Windows and Doors	Pavilion	2260.00
147	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	T.B.C.
152	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	T.B.C.
158	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	T.B.C.

## 9. Footpaths.

A tree had been blown down across Bluebell Wood and the owner is to be contacted to remove it.

## 10. Highways.

### 10.1 Flytipping.

The Clerk felt that a sweep of the B1146 was needed and this was agreed.

## 11. St. Mary's School.

Nothing to report.

## 12. Village Hall.

Nothing to report.

**13. Breckland owned land-Beech Road.**

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Hood Vores and Allwood stating that the projected cost for transferring the land at Beech Road would be £675. Councillor Hayes proposed and Councillor Richmond seconded the resolution to proceed with the transfer on the basis of the costings from Hood Vores and Allwood.

All were in favour

**14. Clerk's Corner.**

**14.1 Society of Local Council Clerks.**

The Clerk requested that the Parish Council pay the cost of membership to the Society paying 50% of the fee, with Beeston with Bittering Parish Council paying the other 50%. Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Petzer seconded the resolution to pay 50% of the membership fee.

**15. Matters for the next meeting.**

**15.1** Dereham Local Action Group

**15.2** Gorse View

**16. Portfolio Holders Update.**

**16.1 Affordable Housing.**

**16.1.1. Flagship Housing.**

The Clerk had contacted Flagship Housing as nothing had been received. He was informed by Laura Handford that there was a problem with the planning department at Breckland Council. The Clerk then contacted Paul Cason at Breckland Council (the enabler) who knew nothing of the problem but would investigate.

**16.1.2 Hayes Affordable Homes.**

Mattishall is progressing and the Clerk would be seeing the Clerk to Mattishall Parish Council next week and would discuss the performance of Hayes Affordable Homes.

Councillor Hayes left the meeting

**16.2 Communications.**

**16.2.1 Beetley Buzz.** Councillor Leigh requested that other Councillors contributed items for the Beetley Buzz.

**16.2.2 Link-up.** The Clerk had contacted the Chairman of Swanton Morley Parish Council and they were waiting a report regarding the Link-up and a copy would be forwarded to the Clerk when it was received.

**16.2.3 Annual Parish Meeting-History of Beetley.** This was deferred to the next meeting

**16.2.4 Village Website.** Councillor Campbell-Smith suggested that a student, who lived in the village, might wish to undertake a project for his/her studies by constructing the web site and it was agreed to place an article in the Beetley Buzz to this effect. Councillor Campbell-Smith agreed to draft this article for inclusion in the February edition.

**16.3 Environment**

Nothing to report.

**16.4 Transport**

**16.4.1 Bus Service.** Two replies had so far been received in response to the article placed in the Beetley Buzz requesting parishioners comments on whether they would use a bus service if it could be instigated.

**16.4.2 Bus Shelter.** Councillor Silk had obtained two quotations for the refurbishment of the shelter on Gressenhall Road. It was resolved unanimously to accept the more expensive quotation of £165 from R.M.S.Decor as this included clearing the whole site.

**16.5 Highways**

**16.5.1 East Bilney.** Nothing further to report on the VAS sign as Norfolk County

Council are awaiting a timescale from EDF.

**16.5.2 Think Signs.** A plan is to be forwarded to Norfolk County Council as to where the signs are to be sited in Beetley.

**16.5.3 Speed Limits and Parking restrictions.** The speed limit for Old Beetley and Church Road has been designed and will be erected in the next two months. The no waiting restriction for Elmham/Fakenham/Gressenhall Roads will be advertised in February.

**16.6 Community.**

The Homewatch reports were noted.

**16.7 Health and Safety.**

Nothing to report.

**17. Projects**

Councillor Petzer is to investigate funding for the recreation area at the Village Hall. Nothing further to report on other projects.

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

This was confirmed as Thursday 1st March 2007 at 1930 to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 2157 hours.