

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2011 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present

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

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris
District Councillor R Duffield

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Baldwin who was working and this was accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Richmond declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Items 6.1.2, 6.1.3, 6.1.4 and 11.1, having submitted parcels of land for inclusion in the Minerals and Waste Framework. Councillor Luck declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda items 6.1.2, 6.1.3 and 6.1.4 having business associations with Stanfield Quarry and Agenda item 12 being a trustee of the Village Hall.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor O'Donovan proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2 December 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 revised budget would be presented to Council on 14 February and the proposed sites for the Minerals and waste framework would be made public on 28 February for a cabinet meeting in March.

The District Councillor informed the members that Breckland Council is proceeding with the joint working with South Holland District Council and two posts have been filled with personnel from Breckland Council.

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 Beetley Common Advisory Committee.

Councillor Luck had attended the Annual Meeting which was attended by 10 members and Horace Bloy was re-elected chairman. The Parish Council was thanked for their donation during the year to assist with the cost of insurance. The meeting was informed that the Environment Agency is to clear the river at the Common. The variety of fauna inhabiting the Common had increased with the sighting of woodcock and osprey and it appears that barn owls have been successful in breeding as chicks have been observed.

5.2 Link-up.

Councillor Luck proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that the extract is no longer published in the link-up as this is delivered to all households as part of the Beetley Buzz. All were in favour. It was also felt that the magazine is too orientated towards Swanton Morley and it would be better to utilise the Beetley Buzz to promote the

parish.

5.3 Community car scheme.

Confirmation had been received from Breckland Council that the health check form is not necessary but a letter from the doctor stating that the person is fit to drive will suffice. Two drivers had retired from the scheme but a new driver had just agreed to assist.

6. Planning.

6.1 Applications.

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

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Rose 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.

Councillors Luck and Richmond withdrew from the meeting.

6.1.2 PP/C/3/2010/3037-Stanfield Quarry, Stanfield-variation of planning permission C/3/2004/3015 to extend the time limit for working and restoration of recycling area until November 2016

6.1.3 PP/C/3/2010/3038-Stanfield Quarry Stanfield-variation of planning permission C/3/2004/3016 to extend the time limit for working and restoration of crushing and stockpiling area associated with recycling area until 28 November 2016.

6.1.4 PP/C/3/2010/3039-Stanfield Quarry Stanfield-variation of planning permission C/3/2004/3019 to extend the time limit for working and restoration of phase one until 28 November 2016

The above three applications were considered together and Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that **NO OBJECTION** be raised to any of the applications. All were in favour.

Councillors Luck and Richmond rejoined the meeting.

6.1.5 PP/Y/3/2010/3030-Beech House Gressenhall-installation of new biomass boiler and fuel store inside an existing outbuilding which is located within the workhouse complex.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that **NO OBJECTION** be raised although it was agreed to query the height of the flue as this seemed to dwarf the nearby buildings. All were in favour.

6.1.6 3PL/2010/1256/F-Beetley Scout Hut Fakenham Road-extension of scout hut to provide new shower and improved toilet facilities including disabled provision.

This application had been received during December and circulated to all Councillors. The Clerk as the Proper Officer of the Council had responded that **NO OBJECTION** be made to the application.

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

This was the formal notice from Breckland Council. Councillor Richmond had enquired

about the possible start date and had been informed that the housing association has to apply for funding which because of the budget cuts is different to that foreseen.

7. Beetley River Meadows Play Area.

7.1 Update.

All bulbs had been planted although the school was unable to assist. A new sign is to be obtained stating no unauthorised access and please do not block the accesses to residences. A draft of the proposed sign for rules and conditions is to be circulated ready for approval at the next meeting. The moles are a problem but it was decided to keep flattening these as employing a mole catcher will not necessarily eradicate the problem. The benches are to be painted to remove the algae. The pest control company had baited the area against rats and would monitor the site. Councillors Leigh, Fox and Rose would meet to progress the application for funding.

7.2 Inspections.

Councillor Fox would carry out the routine inspections of the play area in March, May, September and November.

7.3 Quotations from C.G.M.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Fox seconded the resolution that the quotations from C.G.M. for £564 to carry out tree pruning, £296 for the clearance of scrub and £275 for repairs to the fencing be accepted. All were in favour.

8. Open Spaces.

8.1 Other problems.

Flytipping had occurred along the B1146 throughout the parish and SERCO would be requested to clear this.

8.2 Bulb Planting.

The funding had been approved by Breckland Council. The bulbs were all planted at East Bilney near the bus shelter and sign on the previous Saturday between 0930 and 1030 and at Old Beetley finishing at 1130. Councillor O'Donovan had done the village hall and Councillor Baldwin is planting on Rawhall Lane. The previous day the bulbs had been planted at Beetley River Meadows but nothing had been heard from the school. The school now does not want any tubs so these are to be placed at the end of River View. It was agreed to purchase 6 tubs, compost and hedera plants for these.

Councillor Fox left the meeting.

8.3 Fanthorpe's Woods.

The Clerk had received considerable communications regarding the fencing and naming and had referred these to the Charity. He had informed several parishioners that the Parish Council did not believe that the Charity had encroached on parish land. One e-mail had been received thanking the charity for its work and that of the parish council which was read out.

8.4 Hedge at East Bilney Town Lands.

It was agreed to request Anton Crisp to cut this again this month.

9. Highways and Transport.

9.1 General.

Confirmation had been received that a new pipe is to be installed at Rawhall Lane. The flooding on Fakenham Road near to the New Inn had been reported.

9.2 Salt Bin.

The request for a salt bin on Beech Road had been refused but the Chairman had spoken to the Highways Engineer requesting that he changes his decision in the light of the request

to maintain the Street Scene.

9.3 Speed limit in East Bilney.

The 30 m.p.h. speed limit had been installed but the meeting was informed that the VAS sign at East Bilney bridge is not working.

9.4 Speedwatch.

A session had been undertaken at East Bilney following the installation of the new speed limit and whilst it was felt that about 80% of all vehicles are exceeding the limit only five were caught doing in excess of 36 m.p.h.

10. Correspondence received for circulation.

10.1	ROSPA Playground Inspections
10.2	The Playing field Winter 2010/11
10.3	Breckland Pride in Breckland
10.4	Norfolk Police Budget
10.5	Clerks and Councils Direct January 2011
10.6	Royal British legion Poppy Weekend
10.7	Norfolk link December 2010
10.8	Norfolk Gritting Routes
10.9	Signpost December 2010
10.10	LCR Winter 2010

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 Leigh proposed and Councillor O'Donovan 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 10 10	24839.38
Receipts-	
Interest-0.03	
Breckland Community Car-40.15	
Brisley Parish Council-6.25	
Litcham Parish Council-6.25	
Forestry Commission-558.00	
Breckland Community Car-41.85	
EDF Wayleave-66.59	<u>719.12</u>
	25558.50
Less cheques authorised 04 11 10-1722.39	
Less cheques authorised 02 12 10-1900.56	<u>3622.95</u>
Balance at 31 12 10	21935.55
Less unrepresented cheques authorised 05 08 10-182.00	
unrepresented cheques authorised 02 12 10- 468.00	<u>650.00</u>
Balance at 28 01 11	21285.55

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

Cheques for authorisation:

183	B J Leigh	Contract January	368.00
184	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract November-	16.80
185	Mrs P Silk	Community car	180.00
186	C.G.M.	Grass Cutting-Nov, Dec, East Bilney Town Lands less credit for flailing Beetley River Meadows	117.09
187	Parker's Dutch Bulbs	Bulbs for planting in poarish	253.80
188	SLCC	Membership-to be split 6 ways	135.00

11.3 Change of banker.

It was agreed to transfer to the Co-op Bank for future business.

12. Village Hall.

No meeting had been held in January as there was not a quorum.

13. Beetley Fuel Charity.

It was agreed that the signatories would be Councillors Richmond, Luck and O'Donovan and The Clerk.

14. Website.

The Chairman reported that she had had discussions with the web site manager of Litcham who had offered to assist with the setting up of the website and maintenance throughout the year. The cost for this would be £50 to set up and then £50 annually. Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that John Relph be asked to set up and maintain the web site. All were in favour.

15. Matters for the next meeting.

15.1 Funding for the Picnic Area

15.2 Signage for Beetley River Meadows Area.

15.3 Clerk's Contract.

15.4 Register of land

15.5 Footpaths.

16. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

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

The meeting closed at 2116 hours.