

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 4 JANUARY 2007 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

Two Members of the Public

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declaration of Interest

Councillor Leigh declared a prejudicial interest in Item 6.1.1, Councillor R Campbell-Smith Declared a personal interest in Item 13 being a resident opposite the parcel of land, Councillor A Luck a personal interest in Items 12 and 12.1 being a member of the Village Hall Committee and Councillor Petzer a prejudicial interest in Item 6.1.1

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Luck and seconded by Councillor Leigh that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2006 be approved and signed.

The meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was reconvened.

4. Matters to report

4.1 The Council's comments regarding the licence amendment at the New Inn had been received too late for consideration but Breckland Council had informed the Clerk that the concerns had already been expressed by the Police.

4.2 The letter to be sent to the Ombudsman would be ready for the next meeting.

4.3 The notice board for Church Road should be completed in the next three weeks as the joiner had been ill.

5. Planning

5.1 Applications

5.1.1 3PI/2006/1734/F 20 Fakenham Road-First floor side extension.

No objection

Proposed Councillor Richmond Seconded Councillor Silk
All were in favour.

5.2 Decisions

The following decisions were noted:-

5.2.1 3PL/2006/1616/F- Allestree House Church Road Old Beetley. Permission

5.3 Parish Council policy on Development outside the Village Envelope.

Councillor Hayes stated that in the past it had always been policy to object to development outside the guidelines and wanted to clarify if this was still the current

policy. After a full discussion it was agreed that each application would be taken on its own merit and any exceptional circumstances taken into consideration.

5.4 Local Development Framework

It was agreed to circulate the LDF document with the correspondence next month and possibly invite Breckland to a Parish Council Meeting.

6. Correspondence

6.1 General Correspondence.

Councillors Leigh and Petzer left the meeting

- 6.1.1.** A letter of complaint that was handed to the Chairman from the Reverend G.S. Petzeer M.B.E. at the previous meeting had been circulated. It was felt little damage had been done but a reply was to be sent apologising for the Council's actions and explaining the remedial measures that had been taken.

Councillors Leigh and Petzer rejoined the meeting

- 6.1.2.** Councillor Leigh is to attend the Workshop on possible changes to Local Government at County Hall on 10 January.
- 6.1.3** It was agreed to book three places for the Seminar on Quality Councils at Swanton Morley on 5 February. .

6.2 Correspondence for Circulation

- 6.2.1 Norfolk Record Office Newsletter
- 6.2.2 Norfolk Link
- 6.2.3 Norfolk Gritting Routes
- 6.2.4 Breckland Town and Parish Forum Newsletter
- 6.2.5 Breckland Agenda
- 6.2.6 LCR

7. Parish Land

7.1 Beetley Meadows

7.1.1 Gates

A change in the last paragraph was requested to the draft letter to allow Councillors to call at the house without a prior appointment.

7.2 Scout Hut Lease

Nothing to report

7.3 Rural Payments Agency

No reply had been received to the last letter sent and a further letter is to be sent requesting the form to apply for payment.

8. Finance

8.1 The budget sheets and financial information had been circulated

8.2 Balances

Business Base Rate Tracker Account

Balance at 17 November 2006	20058.82
Interest	<u>98.08</u>
Balance at 19 December 2006	20156.90

Community Account

18 November 2006	4053.55
Payments unrepresented from 14 12 06	<u>212.33</u>
	3841.22
Income (Community Car 24.64)	
(EDF Wayleave 58.05)	<u>82.69</u>
	3923.91
Less unrepresented cheques	<u>3674.32</u>
Balance at 17 November 2006	249.59

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

Spend to Date : £166.50

Cheques authorised: Proposed Councillor Petzer Seconded Councillor Leigh
All were in favour.

148	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract	17.65
149	Daynes Office Interioirs	Paper	16.45
150	Audit Commission	Audit	141.00
151	B J Leigh	Salary	235.38
147	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	T.B.C.
152	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	T.B.C.
153	Beetley with East Bilney Parochial Church Council	Donation	100.00
154	St. Mary's C.P. School	Donation	100.00

9. Footpaths.

Nothing to report

10. Highways.

10.1 Flytipping

Nothing to report.

10.2 Rawhall Lane.

The closure of the Rawhall Lane from Rawhall Farm to Middleton Aggregates from 8 to 12 January was noted.

11. St. Mary's School.

Nothing to report.

12. Village Hall.

12.1 The Christmas event had raised approximately £300-350 but this had been used to replace the oil stolen.

12.2 Pavilion. The replacement windows and doors for the pavilion had been ordered.

12.3 Councillor Petzer proposed and Councillor Leigh seconded the resolution that the Parish Council purchase three dog fouling signs at a cost of approximately £100.

13. Breckland owned land-Beech Road

Nothing further to report

14. Clerk's Corner

14.1 The Clerk confirmed that he had signed up with BT for itemised billing to ensure the cost of calls to both Parishes was equitable.

15. Matters for the next meeting

15.1 Annual Parish Meeting :A History of Beetley

15.2 Plaque for the tree

16. Portfolio Holders Update.

16.1 Affordable Housing.

16.1.1. Flagship Housing

Nothing to report

16.1.2 Hayes Affordable Homes

Nothing to report

16.2 Communications

16.2.1 Beetley Buzz. No issue was produced in December and the next would be at the end of January. It was agreed that Councillor Hayes would act as an *imprimatur* in the future.

16.2.2 Link-up.It was agreed to consider further the future of the Link-up following a request from the Chairman of Swanton Morley Parish Council but detailed costs and breakdown of income and expenditure were needed. The Clerk agreed to contact the Chairman of Swanton Morley to obtain these.

16.3 Environment

16.3.1 Parish Land and Footpath Leaflet. It was agreed that Councillor Campbell-Smith would download the photographs for inclusion in the proposed web site.

16.4 Transport

16.4.1 Bus Service.It was agreed to put an article in the Beetley Buzz with a cut-off portion to ascertain if a service is still required in Old Beetley and East Bilney. This is a prerequisite for any further negotiations with Norfolk County Council.

16.4.2 Bus Shelter. Councillor Silk had still obtained only one quotation for the refurbishment of the shelter on Gressenhall Road although he had requested four. He was to try and obtain further quotes and Councillor Hayes again raised the possibility of painting the bus shelter as a task force in the Spring.

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 sited in Beetley.

16.6 Community

The Homewatch reports were noted.

16.7 Health and Safety

16.7.1. The Clerk is to clear the bus shelter gutter at East Bilney.

17. Projects

Nothing further to report.

18. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 2139 hours