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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 1 JULY 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present

Councillor A Leigh (Chair)
Councillor A Luck
Councillor J Baldwin
Councillor J O'Donovan
Councillor A Fox (after co-option)
Councillor R Richmond

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris
District Councillor R Duffield

Six members of the public

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Rose who was at a funeral and these were accepted.

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 and 15.3 having submitted land for inclusion in the Local development 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 Luck proposed and Councillor Baldwin seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3 June 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 Cabinet Agenda would be issued on 5 July which would contain the proposals for the consultation on the Minerals and Waste Preferred Options and Site Specifics in September.

District Councillor Duffield raised the matter of the hedge along Elmham road between Holt Road and Green Lane needs cutting back. It was agreed to write to the landowners concerned.

5. Co-option to the Parish Council.

Councillor Leigh proposed and councillor Richmond seconded the resolution that Alan Fox be co-opted onto the Parish Council. All were in favour and the Declaration of acceptance of Office was duly signed and witnessed.

6. Matters to Report.

6.1 Open Churches Week 31 July to 8 August.

The meeting held at Riverside Cottage had decided to have display boards showing the Parish with parish land marked on it. Also shown would be the Minerals and Waste Sites, Welcome Pack, Beetley Buzz, planning and the proposed settlement boundaries.

Councillor Leigh would attend on 31 July and Councillor Rose on 4 August. A further meeting is to be held on 22 July at Riverside Cottage to finalise all details.

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6.2 Community Car.

Nothing had been heard since the last meeting but the District Councillor informed the members that the same rules apply as those to taxis and a CRB check is necessary. The District Councillor will pursue the matter.

6.3 Clerk's Holiday.

The Clerk will be on holiday from 13-19 July inclusive.

6.4 Bonfire night/Fireworks Display.

At present it is not known whether the P.T.A. at the school will be involved and it may be that the Village Hall could become involved with this village event. This is to be raised at the next Village hall Committee meeting.

6.5 NRCC Annual General Meeting 7 July.

Councillor Richmond will attend this.

7. Open Spaces.

7.1 Parish walk.

The walk had noted that the footpath to the rear of the church, from School road to Field Lane need cutting and the landowner is to be approached. The sign at Field Lane needs replacing. The field at Brisley over which FP12 crosses has now been cut for hay and is passable.

7.2 Other problems.

Beetley Common has been cleared and the Reverend Boston informed about the tree that is leaning across the footpath from High House Road to Fakenham Road.

7.3 Hedges on Beetley Meadows.

A letter had been received from a parishioner who had complained that the hedges at the rear of the properties on Beetley Meadows were encroaching on to the meadows. It was agreed unanimously to write to all the house owners requesting that these be cut back to the fence line.

7.4 Cutting of the central area of Beetley meadows.

Councillor Luck raised the matter and wondered if it would be possible to have this cut for hay and a donation given to the Parish Council. He had contacted a parishioner who had not as yet agreed whether it would be possible. It was agreed that Gressenhall Rural Life Museum and another farmer also be contacted.

8. Highways and Transport.

8.1 General.

The repairs on High House Road and to the VAS Sign have been completed. Speedwatch had been active and had managed to clock vehicles in excess of 50 m.p.h. in the 30 m.p.h. speed limit. Each night a problem with a motorbike speeding through East Bilney was reported and it is hoped to obtain police assistance in apprehending the culprit. There is still an ongoing problem with motorbikes speeding through the parish on the B1146 at weekends and specific times are needed to be able to obtain assistance from the police.

8.2 Speed limit in East Bilney.

The proposals had been received from Norfolk County Council which is for a reduction in the speed limit to 30 m.p.h. at the north end of the village from the existing limit sign as far as the VAS sign. Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Richmond seconded the resolution that **NO OBJECTION** be raised to the proposals. All were in favour. The projected time frame for the implementation is to be requested from Norfolk County Council.

9. Beetley Meadows Play Area.

9.1 Clearance morning.

This was confirmed as Sunday 8 August starting at 0900. having toured the area it was

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agreed that the clearance of the scrub was too big a task to be undertaken and it was agreed to have a litter picking and general clearance morning and request a price from C.G.M. to clear the scrub.

9.2 Roundabout.

A potential problem had been raised by Councillor Baldwin as the middle of the base board had lifted and was a potential hazard. Adventure Playgrounds is to be requested to visit site to discuss.

9.3 School Comments.

The school are still looking for their proposals.

10. Website.

Councillor Rose and the Clerk have still to arrange a meeting.

11. Correspondence received for circulation.

- 11.1 Crime statistics May
- 11.2 NRCC where can I get to.
- 11.3 Breckland Town and Parish newsletter
- 11.4 Norfolk LINK May 2010
- 11.5 LCR Summer 2010
- 11.6 Norfolk Fire Safety plan.
- 11.7 Norfolk police revised structure
- 11.8 Clerks and Councils Direct July 2010

12. Finance.

12.1 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.

13.2 Balances.

Councillor Baldwin 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 30 04 10	25308.39
Receipts-	
Interest-0.01	
Breckland Community Car-68.10	
Breckland Recycling-1493.38	
Mr Nally-Rent-10.00	
Beeston with Bittering Parish Council-113.88	
Brisley Parish Council-10.00	<u>1695.37</u>
	27003.76
Less cheques authorised 01 04 10-40.00	
cheques authorised 13 05 10-1322.54	<u>1362.54</u>
Balance at 30 04 10 25641.22	
Less unrepresented cheques authorised 03 06 10	<u>614.03</u>
Balance at 03 06 10	25027.19

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

Spend to Date : £0.00

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Cheques for authorisation:

140	B J Leigh	Contract June	368.00
141	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract May	31.77
142	Norfolk Woods and Hedges	Tree clearance	57.50
143	Mrs P Silk	Community car	65.40
144	C.G.M.	Grass Cutting-May	163.07
145	Daynes Office Interiors	Stationery	16.45
146	Redlynch leisure	Safety Surfacing	3421.60
147	Broker Network	Insurance	925.14

12.3 Victim Support.

It was agreed unanimously not to donate to Victim Support.

12.4 Norfolk Accident Rescue Service.

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that £50 be donated.

12.5 Insurance.

The Clerk reported that he had received the renewal notice from Zurich at a cost of £1202.97. A further quotation had been obtained from Aviva which for a three year agreement is £925.14. Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Baldwin seconded the resolution that the quotation from Aviva be accepted. All were in favour.

Councillor Luck withdrew from the meeting.

13. Village Hall.

The quiz night raised £380. The Christmas function is now to feature Dave "Boy" Syer.

Councillor Luck rejoined the meeting.

14. Parish Owned Land.

14.1 Lopping of trees at the School Car park.

Two quotations had been received and it was agreed to accept the quotation from Norfolk Woods and Hedges for £250.

14.2 School car park and Playing field.

N.P.S. had replied stating that no formal agreement would be entered into. Councillor O'Donovan proposed and councillor Richmond seconded the resolution that a letter be sent to the school informing it that no maintenance would be undertaken on the fence and that in future all permission to use the field by an outside body should be requested through the Parish Council.

Councillor Luck left the meeting.

15. Planning.

15.1 Applications.

15.1.1 3AG/2010/0009/AG-Peacock Farm-2 no. steel framed agricultural lean to buildings for general purpose agricultural use.

This application had been received during the month and as it is an agricultural application the only consideration is the siting of the building. The time scale for the application did not allow the application to be considered at this meeting and Councillor Rose saw no objection to the siting and this decision was forwarded to Breckland Council.

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15.2 Decisions.

15.2.1 3PL/2010/0182/F -Rosetta Cottage Hall Road Old Beetley-use of land for stationing of caravan(retrospective)	N/O	Refusal
15.2.2 C/3/2009/3019 -Stanfield Quarry variation of conditions 1 and 2 of planning permission C/3/2004/3017 to extend the time limit for working and restoration of Phase 7 until 27 11 2013	N/O	Permission
15.2.3 C/3/2010/3010 -East Bilney Quarry Rawhall Lane-variation of condition 2 of planning permission to allow continued use of storage bays	N/O	Permission
15.2.4 3PL/2010/0412/F -6 Wood Drive-convert attached garage to kitchen extension & utility area	N/O	Permission
15.2.5 3PL/2010/0421/F -Land off Elmham Road-new single storey Eco dwelling	O	Refusal
15.2.6 3AG/2010/0009/AG -Peacock Farm-2 no. steel framed agricultural lean to buildings for general purpose agricultural use.	N/O	Permission

The decisions and conditions were noted.

Councillor Richmond withdrew from the meeting.

15.3 Site Specific Policies and Proposals Preferred options Consultation Document.

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Fox seconded the resolution that the proposals as detailed in the document from Breckland Council be approved.

This is to keep the settlement boundary as is for Beetley, remove the settlement boundary from Old Beetley, keep no settlement boundary in East Bilney but to request that the school car park and playing field and the car park of the New Inn Public house be removed from the settlement boundary. All were in favour.

16. Matters for the next meeting.

There were no matters for the next meeting.

18. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 5 August 2010 to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall at 1930.

The meeting closed at 2240 hours.