

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 7 JULY 2011 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

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris

7 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence.

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Rose and this was accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Luck declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 13 being a trustee of the Village Hall. Councillor Richmond declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Items 6.1.3, 6.3 and 12.1, having submitted parcels of land for inclusion in the Minerals and Waste Framework and Local Development Framework.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor O'Donovan proposed and Councillor Fox seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2 June 2011 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 application for a Power and Recycling Centre at Saddlebow King's Lynn had been forwarded to all Town and Parish Councils and he felt that the Parish Council should respond.

The Local Development Framework has an additional 6 week consultation and the final report should be finalised in October or November.

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

No responses had been received.

5.2 Dispensation.

Dispensation had been granted by the Standards Committee of Breckland Council on 17 May for all Councillors for the Beetley Fuel Allotment Charity and Beetley Charity.

5.3 Summer picnic Thorpe 27 July.

Councillor Richmond would be attending.

5.4 Bottle Bank.

The Clerk had received a request that the bottle banks be moved to the opposite side of the car park onto the hard standing. It was agreed to request that this be moved when the banks are emptied and Councillors O'Donovan and Richmond would monitor the banks to ensure that they are emptied before being full to overflowing.

5.5 Pre-school Fun day.

The Clerk had received two complaints from nearby residents regarding the noise from the event staged on a Sunday.

The meeting was adjourned.

Caroline O'Donnell the Chair of the Pre-School informed the meeting that it was necessary to raise funds to maintain the facility as it is a charity. She had spoken to the complainants and explained that it was not possible for all to attend on a Saturday as there are other activities which people attend. This is why it is held on a Sunday. The same public address system had been used for the seven years that it had been held and had been fully advertised and all could attend.

The meeting was re-convened.

It was agreed that as the event is on from 1200-1500 the Parish Council could see no problems with the event continuing. The members did request that the organisers look at the siting of the loudspeakers to minimise any noise and thanked the Pre-School for attending and for contacting the complainants.

5.6 Fraud by a Parish Clerk.

The Clerk reported on the article in the EDP about the Clerk who had defrauded several Parish Councils of over £60,000. He reminded the members that it is the responsibility of the Parish Council to ensure that all cheques are verified prior to being authorised and that the supporting evidence is available for the Council to scrutinise.

5.7 Beetley Buzz.

There would be no issue at the end of July, the next being at the end of August. Councillor Luck reported that Sue Wootton is no longer able to deliver the Beetley Buzz to Elmham Road but Brian Oppenshaw may know a person who will be able to assist. It was agreed to send her a thank you card for all her help. An article is to be placed in the Beetley Buzz requesting volunteers to assist with the distribution.

It was clarified that if there are problems with dogs the Beetley Buzz will not be delivered to that property. If there is a complaint then this will be investigated and the household informed why the Beetley Buzz has not been delivered to that property.

6. Planning.

6.1 Applications.

6.1.1 3OB/2011/0002/OB-Bilney Mews Fakenham Road East Bilney-proposed discharge of a planning obligation.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Fox seconded the resolution that the application be objected to as the removal of the obligation for the accommodation to be ancillary to the main hall and only for residents over 55 years old could spoil the tranquil setting of the site.

All were in favour.

6.1.2 3PL/2011/0564/F-Woodlands East Bilney-proposed residential conversion of part of rural Workshop.

Councillor Luck proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that the application be objected for the same reasons as previously in that this is outside the settlement boundary and there is no justification for its alteration.

All were in favour.

6.1.3 Proposed Power and recycling Centre King's Lynn.

Councillor Richmond informed the meeting that a similar operation on the continent in the 1990s had contaminated land but this had not been discovered for several years when crops failed and livestock died. This was over an area about 20 miles from the plant which is the same as the distance from the Parish to King's Lynn. This plant could have the same effect in this area.

Councillor Richmond withdrew from the meeting.

This is an application for an incinerator at Saddlebow King's Lynn and it was discussed at length. The feeling of the members was that there had to be an alternative to land fill and as this parish had suffered with the problems of contamination from a landfill site for many years this should be the way forward. The contradicting evidence given by both sides made making a decision difficult but it was felt that the Environment Agency would enforce stringent safeguards. Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Luck seconded the resolution that no objection be raised to the application. All were in favour. The County Councillor informed the meeting that more needs to be done on business waste as well as normal household waste. This is an ongoing issue which is being remedied slowly.

Councillor Richmond re-joined the meeting

6.1.4 3PL/2011/0623/F-29 Fakenham Road-demolition of existing single storey dwelling and erection of new 1 1/2 storey dwelling.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that no objection be raised to the application.

All were in favour.

6.2 Decisions.

The following decision and conditions were noted.

6.2.1 3DM/2011/0001/DEM-Redroofs Fakenham Road-Demolition of existing dwelling-no prior approval is required.

6.2.2 PP/Y/3/2010/3030-Beech House Gressenhall-installation of new biomass boiler and fuel store inside an existing outbuilding.

N/O Permission

6.2.3 3PL/2011/0374/F-Dawn Meadow Fakenham road East Bilney-erection of three single storey extensions and erection of detached car shelter.

N/O Permission

6.3 Minerals and Waste Consultation.

The consultation runs until 15 August and the proposed responses from the Sub-Committee will be forwarded to the members allowed to vote for approval.

7. Beetley River Meadows Play Area.

7.1 Signage.

These had been erected and a complaint had been received from a parishioner which was reported and a reply will be sent.

7.2 ROSPA Report.

The report had been received and the major item on the report was the gates again. Councillor Fox was thanked for his work prior to the inspection. The report will be circulated and prices obtained for the gates.

8. Open Spaces.

8.1 New problems.

Nick Saunders is to fell the tree at Patch Corner Old Beetley and to remove the tree from the footpath on Bilney Common and Beetley Common. There is a lot of rubbish on B1146 near to Puddeys Bridge and this is to be requested to be cleared.

Nothing further had been received from the District Councillor regarding the 4x4s in the woods but a friend of Jonathon Boston was present to hear any comments from the Parish Council. It was agreed to await a report from the District Councillor but it was expressed to the friend of the owner that it was expected that the complainant would have been contacted.

9. Highways and Transport.

9.1 General.

The flooding on Rawhall Lane has still not been resolved despite a further request to Highways to sort out the problem. The County Councillor will look into the replacement of the cats eyes on Fakenham Road. The Highways and Community Rangers are to be requested to clean all the signs. The owner of 1 Oakland Drive is to be written to to cut back the hedge but several other hedges have been pruned. The installation of the H-bar on River View is to chased.

9.2 Speedwatch.

Nothing had been received.

10. Website.

10.1 Update.

This is now live and there have been some adjustments to the site. The Clerk will be meeting with John Relph in August as both will have more time to sort out the outstanding queries. A piece about the website is to be inserted in the next issue of the Beetley Buzz.

10.2 New additions.

None were requested.

11. Correspondence received for circulation.

- 11.1 Crime figures May
- 11.2 Norfolk Link May
- 11.3 Breckland Consultation on Multiple occupancy
- 11.4 Breckland Site specifics proposals DPD
- 11.5 LCR Summer 2011
- 11.6 Clerks and Councils Direct July 2011
- 11.7 ROSPA report

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.

12.2 Balances.

Councillor Fox proposed and Councillor Baldwin 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 11	24501.75
Receipts-	
Interest-1.99	
Breckland Community Car-149.75	
Breckland Recycling-1467.92	<u>1619.66</u>
	26121.41
Less cheques authorised 07 04 11-183.00	
Cheques authorised 12 05 11-1260.32	<u>1443.32</u>
Balance at 31 05 11	24678.09

Less unrepresented cheques authorised 02 06 11
Balance at 02 06 11

1977.45
22700.64

Amount available for Section 137 : 1118 x£6.44 = £7199.92
Spend to Date : £00.00

Cheques for authorisation:

220	B J Leigh	Contract June	368.00
221	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract May and June	86.63
222	Mrs P Silk	Community car	102.60
223	C.G.M.	Grass Cutting-May and June	289.30
224	Daynes Office Interiors	Stationery	33.60
225	IRS Ltd	Signs for Beetley meadows	314.76
226	Playsafety Ltd	Play equipment inspection	151.20
227	B J Leigh	Salary July dated 01 08 11	368.00
229	Beetley Common Advisory Group	Donation	90.00

12.3 Beetley Common Advisory Committee.

Councillor Luck proposed and Councillor Richmond seconded the resolution that £90 be donated.

All were in favour.

13. Village Hall.

13.1 Report from the Village Hall Committee

No report was given but there had been a problem with booking the Hall as the booking secretary was away and no other number was given on the answer phone to contact. This matter will be raised with the Village Hall Committee.

14. Affordable Housing.

14.1 Update.

Whist the site is open the construction will start shortly.

15. Community Car Scheme.

The consultation from Breckland Council had been received regarding the increased mileage allowance.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Co-ordinator felt it would be difficult to administer if there was a split between the parish council portion and the amount paid by the passengers. She stated that it would be preferable to receive 2.5 pence from Breckland Council and for the passengers to contribute the remaining 2.5 pence by way of increased charges.

The meeting was re-convened.

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that the response from the Parish Council to the consultation be to accept a further 2.5 pence from

Breckland Council and to fund the remaining 2.5 pence from increased charges to the passengers.
All were in favour.

16. Matters for the Next Meeting

There were no matters raised.

16. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 1 September 2011 at 7.30 p.m. to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 2148 hours.