

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 2 JUNE 2011 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present

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

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris
District Councillor R Duffield

5 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence.

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Luck who was working and this was accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Richmond declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Items 6.1.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.3, 6.2 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 Richmond proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12 May 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 Minerals and waste Consultation had been delayed because of printing problems. The Council had received £6million from central government for the repair to roads damaged during the winter and these are proceeding. There is a problem on Fakenham Road where the road has been re-surfaced and the potholes were not filled prior to the surfacing and are now re-appearing nor have all the cats eyes been replaced. The white lining has not all been re-freshed but the new lining at the junction with Church Road East Bilney is a major improvement as there is a clear space now defined for turning.

The District Councillor reported that he had been contacted regarding the use of the woods to the rear of Fakenham Road for 4x4 driving. He has contacted the tree officer to ascertain if there has been any damage to the trees and the owner of the land has been contacted. The area could be used 14 times per annum without permission being needed and he will speak to Mr Lawrence regarding this.

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 PAYE.

Beetley Parish Council has now been registered as an employer and the Clerk is awaiting

the necessary paperwork.

5.2 Community Car Scheme.

Councillor Fox, the Co-ordinator and Mr. Silk representing the drivers had attended the meeting at Breckland Council on 18 May at Breckland Council offices. The meeting consisted of a video at the beginning and an explanation of the reasons why the checks are needed. Breckland Council is to look at the health checks and will report back in two months time but Councillor Fox does not believe that there will be a change of policy. Breckland Council has offered to fund the increased mileage payments by 2.5 pence per mile and a letter will be forwarded to consult all Parish and Town Councils as to how the remaining 2.5 pence will be funded. The consultation will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

5.3 New Inn.

The Chairman reported that the current tenants are to vacate the pub in June and new tenants will be re-furbishing the pub with a view to opening in July. The clock and plaque in memory of David Barnard is to be re-sited at the Village Hall and the old photographs are to be given to the Gressenhall Rural Life Museum.

5.4 Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

No replies had been received regarding an event to celebrate the Jubilee but as the telephone number was incorrect in the edition of the Beetley Buzz the article will be inserted again with a later response date.

6. Planning.

6.1 Applications.

6.1.1 3PL/2011/0074/F-Land off Church Road East Bilney-construction of new chalet style dwelling.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mrs Jeffrey from the Parochial Church Council informed the meeting that it would be responding on behalf of the Alms Houses and objecting to the application. She also stated that there is a dispute over the ownership of the land over which there is access to the proposed site but it is unlikely that the parochial church Council or the charity would be able to pursue this as there are insufficient funds for a legal battle. Two other objections had also been received from nearby residents. Councillor Richmond stated that he had discussed the proposal with all the neighbouring residents who were all opposed to this development. It is next to a grade 2 listed building and in addition the Internal Drainage Board must have a 9 metre distance between the river and the property for access of their equipment. There is not the required distance on the plans submitted. The District Councillor informed the meeting that if this application is likely to be approved by the officers then it is to be referred to the Planning Committee.

The meeting was re-convened.

Councillor Richmond withdrew from the meeting.

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that the application be **OBJECTED** to.

The development is outside the settlement boundary for the Parish as there is no settlement boundary in East Bilney and as such should automatically be refused as there is no forestry, agricultural or tourism justification for the development.

There is still a dispute over the access to the property which the Parochial Church Council maintains is in its ownership. The access onto Church Road from the proposed property has inadequate visibility as there are mature hedges to the east along Church Road thereby causing a highway safety concern. It was also felt totally inappropriate for a modern chalet style dwelling to be constructed right next to a listed

building which would not be in keeping with the Alms Houses or Beck Farm the other side of the Blackwater. The members noted the concerns of nearby residents about the proposed development and objections would be forwarded to you by them.

It is noted that there is a flood risk to the dwelling and the proximity to the river to the south could mean that Inland Drainage Board has not the access necessary to carry out the vital clearance work along this stretch of the waterway.

For all these reasons the application should be refused without any consideration.

All were in favour.

Councillor Richmond rejoined from the meeting.

6.1.2 3CM/2011/0019/F-Hoe/Beetley Quarry-extraction of sand and gravel and continued use of the processing site and haul road.

The Clerk reported that he had noticed this application on the Breckland planning applications website but had been unable to obtain any details. The County Councillor had also not been able to obtain copies of the application.

6.1.3 3DM/2011/0001-Demolition of Redroofs

This application had been received during the previous month and after consultation with the Planning "supremo" of the Parish Council it was agreed to raise no objection as the Parish Council had already agreed to the application.

6.2 Minerals and Waste Consultation.

This will now run to the 15 August and a meeting of the sub-committee has been arranged for 30 June.

6.3 Tree Preservation Order.

TPO 2011 No.9 was made and served on 24 May 2011 for the mixed broadleaved woodland on the land adjacent to 80 Fakenham Road.

6.4 LDF Settlement Boundary.

The Clerk had consulted the Principal Planning Officer regarding the exclusion of the car park at the New Inn and he had replied that the settlement boundary was not amended as the logical and defensible boundary is well defined to the rear of New Inn and the properties 33-51 Fakenham Road. He also stated that any application for development would be resisted as it would constitute "backland" development detrimental to the local form and character as well as potentially undermining the viability of the public house. It was agreed to attempt to speak at the hearing by the Inspector.

7. Beetley River Meadows Play Area.

7.1 Signage.

These had been received and Councillors Fox, Richmond and Baldwin will erect them.

7.2 Vandalism.

A party had been held at the area by a number of older youths and a considerable quantity of glass and bottles had been left some of which had been smashed over the area.

Unfortunately the police had not been informed at the time. Sincere thanks go to all the local residents who had assisted in clearing up the mess. Damage had been done to a gate and costings are to be obtained for new gates both metal and wood.

7.3 Community Action Group.

Following the events of the Saturday evening drinking spree several residents had intimated that they would be willing to form an action group but as none attended the Parish Council meeting nothing further could be done. The PCSO is to be informed to see whether she can assist in any way.

7.4 Grant application.

This had been sent and the next meeting to decide on the grants will be held in October 2011.

8. Open Spaces.

8.1 New problems.

The District Councillor reported that he had received a letter from a parishioner concerned about the fence along Green Lane and between the Charity Land, Fanthorpes Wood, and Beetley River Meadows. A letter had also been received by the County Councillor from the M.P. for the constituency. Norfolk County Council had replied to the parishioner that the fence on Green Lane had encroached onto highway land and would have to be moved. The Parish Council is happy that the fence along its boundary need not be moved. The quotation from CGM for East Bilney Town Lands was accepted at a cost of £45 per cut.

8.2 Footpath Walk.

Following the walk a tree at Bilney common needs felling, the footpath near to the school needs strimming and some finger posts need replacing. It was agreed to obtain the finger posts and carry out the work as a Parish council.

9. Highways and Transport.

9.1 General.

This had already been discussed with the County Councillor. In addition it was agreed to write to the residents whose hedges are overhanging the footways.

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 July and August as both will have more time to sort out the outstanding queries.

10.2 New additions.

None were requested.

11. Correspondence received for circulation.

11.1

Crime figures April

11.2

Submission of Breckland site Specific Policies and Proposals

11.3

Breckland Key Select Choice based lettings

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 Leigh proposed and Councillor Rose 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 03 11	19666.52
Receipts-	
Interest-1.62	
Breckland Community Car-149.70	
Breckland Precept-6500.00	
Breckland Pride in Breckland Grant-250.00	<u>6901.32</u>
	26567.84
Less cheques authorised 07 04 11	<u>2066.09</u>
Balance at 30 04 11	24501.75
Less unrepresented cheques authorised 02 12 10- 100.00	
unrepresented cheques authorised 07 04 11-183.00	
unrepresented cheques authorised 12 05 11-1260.32	<u>1543.32</u>
Balance at 12 05 11	22958.43

Amount available for Section 137 : 1118 x£6.44 = £7199.92

Spend to Date : £00.00

Cheques for authorisation:

211	B J Leigh	Contract May-368.00 Purchase of Ink-81.57	449.57
212	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract April	12.06
213	Mrs P Silk	Community car	307.00
214	C.G.M.	Grass Cutting-April	144.65
215	Daynes Office Interiors	Stationery	16.80
216	Broker Network Limited	Insurance	913.87
217	Susanne Rutter	Internal Audit	18.00
218	Beetley P.C.C.	Replacement Cheque	100.00
219	NALC	LCR Subscription	15.50

12.3 Community car mileage rate.

This was deferred until the consultation has been received from Breckland Council.

12.4 Insurance 2011-2012

Councillor Fox proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that the Parish Council renew its insurance with Aviva for the current financial year at a cost of £913.87. This takes into consideration a 5% no claims discount. All were in favour.

13. Village Hall.

13.1 Report from the Village Hall Committee

No report was given as no member had been able to attend the last meeting as this coincided with the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

14. Affordable Housing.

14.1 Update.

Work has started on site and it was agreed to circulate a separate note to advertise the availability of the scheme at a later date.

14.2 Open Meeting.

It was agreed to hold an open meeting in September or October to advertise the scheme and the arrangements for the letting.

15. Matters for the Next Meeting

There were no matters raised.

16. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 7 July 2011 at 7.30 p.m. to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 2125 hours.