

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 7TH JUNE 2007 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present

Councillor R Richmond (Chair)
Councillor A Leigh
Councillor R Campbell-Smith
Councillor M Petzer
Councillor D Silk

District Councillor R Duffield

2 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Hayes and Councillor Luck and these were accepted.

2. Declaration of Interest.

Councillor Richmond declared a personal interest in Item 5.5

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2 May 2007 and the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 16 May having been circulated were approved and signed.

4. Matters to report.

4.1 Executive Officer NCAPTC

No formal reply had been received and another letter was to be sent expressing the Council's disappointment and requesting a reply.

4.2 Beech Road.

A letter is to be sent to Anglian Water stating the disapproval of the Council at the way the site had been left and requesting that the site be returned to the state prior to occupation by the contractors.

4.3 Local Liaison Meeting

Councillor Leigh reported on the meeting held on 23 May 2007, the minutes of which had been circulated. Barker Brothers are to apply for an extension to Taylor's Land south of Beetley Common and to excavate a new site in Hoe which will continue until 2011. The application will also include an extension for TBL concrete for the same period.

4.4 Delivery of NCAPTC Training

A draft letter had been circulated and this was approved subject to minor amendments and this would be forwarded to the NCAPTC.

4.5 Breckland Town and Parish Council Forum.

Councillor Campbell-Smith and possibly Councillor Leigh would attend the forum at Watton on 9 July 2007.

4.6 NALC Conference on the New Code of Conduct.

It was agreed no-one would attend the conference in Birmingham on 19 July 2007.

4.7 NCAPTC Area Meeting.

Councillor Campbell-Smith agreed to attend the area meeting at Shipdham on 3 July 2007

5. Planning.

5.1 Applications.

- 5.1.1** 3PL/2007/0701/F 25 Tavern Close-single storey extension to side
No Objection
Proposed Councillor Richmond Seconded Councillor Petzer
All were in favour.
- 5.1.2** 3PL/2007/0828/F 5 Birch Avenue-sitting room extension.
Whilst the members were aware of the proximity of the building line to the neighbours they raised **No Objection**
Proposed Councillor Leigh Seconded Councillor Petzer
All were in favour.

5.2 Decisions.

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| 5.2.1. | 3PL/2007/0392/F | Plot 4 Fakenham Road | Permission |
| 5.2.2 | 3PL/2007/0266/F | 24 Fakenham Road | Permission |
| 5.2.3 | 3PL/2007/0533/F | 41 Beech Road | Permission |
| 5.2.4 | 3PL/2007/0442/F | 6 Birch Avenue | Permission |

The above decisions were noted and the conditions placed on the applications were noted. The members felt that the decision to grant an additional access to 24 Fakenham Road by Breckland Council showed a lack of understanding of the local issues and the time taken to ensure safety at the crossroads at Fakenham/Elmham Roads. The members felt that Breckland Council had not understood the safety issues and had not wished to risk an appeal.

5.3 Appeal.

The Planning Inspectorate had dismissed the Appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the site adjacent to Willow Cottage Hall Road Old Beetley as the proposed dwelling was outside the guidelines and could lead to development along Hall Road.

5.4 Plot adjacent to Bracken Brae Green Lane

Having listened to representations from parishioners the Council agreed they would support any complaints to the Ombudsman.

5.5 Norfolk Minerals and Waste Questionnaire.

The Clerk would fill this in and forward to Norfolk County Council.

6. Correspondence.

6.1 Correspondence for Circulation.

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| 6.1.1 | Clerks and Councils Direct |
| 6.1.2 | Norfolk County Council Recycling Centres |
| 6.1.3 | Breckland Agendas |
| 6.1.4 | NRCC Roadshows |
| 6.1.5 | NRCC Questionnaire |
| 6.1.6 | Norfolk County Council Rights of Way |
| 6.1.7 | Norfolk Police Mobile Office |
| 6.1.8 | The Playing Field |
| 6.1.9 | LCR |

7. Parish Land.

7.1 Beetley Meadows.

7.1.1 Renovation of areas.

30 trees had been ordered for delivery in the autumn and the Chairman had spoken to Gerry Barnes at Norfolk County Council who said that grants were available for 40% of

the planting cost. Any decision was deferred to the next meeting.

7.2 Scout Hut Lease

The draft lease had been received and was approved with the proviso that if the 1st Beetley Scout Group no longer existed the land would revert to the Parish Council not the Scout Association.

7.3 East Bilney Town Lands.

It was agreed to herbicide the area around the trees and to cut the whole of the area in July. The Clerk is to contact Norfolk Woods and Hedges to ensure that no further trees need replanting.

8. Finance.

8.1 The budget sheets and financial information had been circulated.

8.2 Balances:

Business Base Rate Tracker Account

Balance at 19 March 2007 16280.51

Community Account

19 April 2007			5470.10
Payments authorised	05 04 07	258.88	
	02 05 07	244.50	<u>503.38</u>
			4966.72
Income	Breckland Comm. Car		44.24
	Recycling		<u>501.17</u>
			5512.13
	Less unrepresented cheques		<u>681.72</u>
	Balance at 18 May 2007		4830.41

Amount available for Section 137 : $1096 \times £5.64 = £6181.44$

Spend to Date : £0

The following cheques were authorised for payment:

181	B J Leigh	Salary	244.50
182	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract	18.72
183	Norfolk County Services	Grass Cutting	93.24
179	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	T.B.C.
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8.3 NCAPTC Membership.

This was deferred.

9. St. Mary's School.

9.1 Bell Presentation

The Clerk had attended the presentation of a ship's bell to the School by Len Bloomfield which was attended by representatives of HMS Gambia, the Royal Naval Association and Royal Marines Association.

10. Village Hall.

Nothing to report.

11. Clerk's Corner.

The Clerk requested that if any councillor is away for any length of time he be informed so that no circulating mail is left or if any other duties need to be performed this can be rearranged.

12. Matters for the next meeting.

Nothing was proposed for the next meeting.

13. Portfolio Holders.

It was agreed that Councillor Silk would take on the Health and Safety portfolio.

14. Portfolio Holders Update.

14.1 Affordable Housing.

14.1.1. Flagship Housing.

Flagship are to meet with Breckland Council shortly to address the differences of opinion between all parties and Laura Handford has offered to attend the July meeting to explain the current position and to explain the operation of the scheme. It was agreed to place an article in the next edition of the Beetley Buzz to explain the current position with regard to affordable housing.

14.2 Communications.

In the absence of Councillor Hayes nothing was to be decided although the following points were raised.

14.2.1 Beetley Buzz.

The Chairman reported that he had encountered problems with dogs whilst delivering his copies and it was agreed not to deliver to those dwellings where there are problems. It was felt that an article should be placed stating this and if people did not want the Beetley Buzz delivered to inform the Council. However after discussion it was decided to continue to deliver to all houses except where there are problems with dogs. Councillor Leigh stated that because of pressure of work she would no longer be able to be the editor after the August edition. A decision on the new editor was deferred to the next meeting.

14.3 Environment.

14.3.1 Footpaths.

It was agreed to have the footpaths cut as soon as possible.

14.3.2 Beetley Common Advisory Group.

It was confirmed that the Council wished the Group to continue the work on the paths at the Common and would give a donation to the group again this year.

14.4 Transport.

Nothing to report.

14.5 Highways.

14.5.1 General.

There is still flooding at the top of Bilney Hill, and the Dereham side of Whitemill Bridge on the Holt Road is also flooding. The cutting of the verges has left a problem of visibility at the Sorrel Lane/Church Road junction. The footpath between High House Road and the old school has still not been resurfaced. All these matters are to be reported to Norfolk County Council.

14.5.2 Complaints

Complaints had been received about the VAS sign at the Dereham end of Beetley not responding to the speed correctly and the parking on Elmham Road. These complaints have been passed to Norfolk County Council.

14.6 Community.

The Homewatch reports were no longer being sent to Clerks but after

investigation it was found that this was still possible and the Clerk has arranged for the Parish to be placed on the circulation list again.

14.7 Health and Safety.

The ramp at the Village Hall is overgrown and Councillor Silk agreed to contact the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee to rectify this.

15. Projects.

Nothing to report at present as no funding was available at the last round but further avenues are being explored.

16. New Code of Conduct.

It was proposed by Councillor Petzer and seconded by Councillor Richmond that the new Code be adopted in its entirety including allowing Councillors to speak on an issue in which they have a prejudicial interest and then withdraw from the meeting whilst the decision is made.

20. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 5th July to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall at 1930

The meeting closed at 2135 hours.