

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY  
VILLAGE HALL ON FRIDAY 23 MARCH 2007 AT 6.30 P.M.**

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

**1. Apologies For Absence.**

Apologies were received from Councillor D Silk

**2. Declarations Of Interest.**

Councillor R Richmond declared a personal interest in Item 3.

**3. Executive Officer of NCAPTC.**

Councillor Campbell-Smith stated that he felt this matter should not wait until the next Council Meeting in April and felt that the way the Executive Officer had conducted himself vis-a vis Councillor Petzer was not professional. Councillor Leigh had heard that the Executive Officer had already had "his knuckles rapped" about what had been said. Councillor Hayes had spoken to the Executive Officer personally not as a councillor and had stated that he was dismayed at the disparaging way he had spoken about Beetley Parish Council. Councillor Petzer reported that as soon as she arrived at the training the Executive Officer still insisted that the Parish Council was incorrect in not giving the Clerk a Contract of Employment. She was also not impressed by the naming and shaming of Councils as this is not professional. Councillor Hayes stated that the onus is on the Executive Officer to prove that the Parish Council is acting illegally. Councillor Leigh felt there were two issues, one his conduct and secondly whether the Parish Council is acting illegally. Councillor Campbell-Smith felt that if there is confirmation in black and white that the Parish Council is acting illegally then legal advice should be sought.

Councillor Campbell-Smith proposed the resolution that the letter be amended and forwarded to all Councillors for approval and then sent to the Executive Officer with a copy to the Chairman of the NCAPTC.

All were in favour.

**4. It was agreed unanimously not to take any legal advice at this time but to await a reply from the Executive Officer.**

The meeting closed at 1920.