

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 2 MAY 2007 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Silk and District Councillor Duffield.

2. Declaration of Interest.

Councillor Luck declared a personal interest in Item 12 being a member of the Village Hall Committee. Councillor Campbell-Smith declared a personal interest in Item 13 being a resident opposite the land.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor Luck and seconded by Councillor Leigh that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 April 2007 be approved and signed.

4. Matters to report.

4.1 Executive Officer NCAPTC

The reply received by e-mail had not answered the letter sent and it was agreed to await the formal letter before replying.

4.2 Beetley Landfill Site.

Concern had been expressed that the material being used for the restoration had been turned away. A reply from Norfolk County Council was noted and they are to be contacted to express the Council's thanks and to state that they were pleased with the vigilance of individuals at the site and that the restoration is being closely monitored.

4.3 Local Liaison Meeting

This will be held on 23 May 2007 and will be chaired by Councillor Leigh.

4.4 Delivery of NCAPTC Training

This was deferred to the next meeting.

5. Planning.

5.1 Applications.

5.1.1 3PL/2007/0533/F 41 Beech Road-gabled front kitchen extension and flat roof rear extension to existing bungalow.

No Objection

Proposed Councillor Leigh Seconded Councillor Petzer
All were in favour.

5.2 Decisions.

5.2.1.	3PL/2007/0201/O	Silver Glade Elmham Road	Refused
5.2.2	3PL/2007/1667/F	The New Inn Fakenham Road	Permission
5.2.3	3PL/2007/0157/F	Beechbeck East Bilney	Permission

The above decisions were noted and the conditions placed on Beechbeck regarding the footpath were also noted. The reasons for the decision on Silver Glade were

noted.

6. Correspondence.

6.1 General Correspondence.

6.1.1 It was agreed not to attend the Norfolk Planning Conference.

6.1.2 The New Code of Conduct is being circulated with a legal briefing from NALC.

6.2 Correspondence for Circulation.

- 6.2.1 New code of Conduct
- 6.2.2 Norfolk partnerships for Older People's Projects
- 6.2.3 Breckland Agendas
- 6.2.4 East of England Association of Parish Councils
- 6.2.5 Breckland Community News
- 6.2.6 Farming link
- 6.2.7 CCLA-COIF report
- 6.2.8 Unitary Status for Norwich

7. Parish Land.

7.1 Beetley Meadows.

7.1.1 Renovation of areas.

It was agreed to replant certain areas and to contact Norfolk County Council to progress possible grants.

7.1.2 Play Area

It was agreed to investigate the replacement of the swings.

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 March 2007			643.41
Payments authorised		72.50	
	05 04 07	1018.44	<u>1090.94</u>
			447.53
Income Breckland Comm. Car		42.63	
Precept		5470.10	<u>5875.00</u>
Less unrepresented cheques			<u>258.88</u>
Balance at 19 April 2007			5211.22

Amount available for Section 137 : 1096x£5.64 = £6181.44

Spend to Date : £0

The following cheques were authorised:

174	B J Leigh	Salary	244.50
175	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract	20.21

165	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	85.26
173	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	88.48
176	Daynes Office Interiors	Ink and paper	112.53
177	Norfolk Woods and Hedges	Tree cutting and replanting	282.00
178	Norfolk County Services	Grass Cutting	93.24
179	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	T.B.C.
180	Local Council Review	Subscription	13.50

8.3 NCAPTC Membership.

The resolution not to renew membership was proposed by Councillor Luck. Councillor Hayes proposed the resolution to await the outcome of the letter to the Executive Officer and this was agreed by all. It was agreed that the Council should ensure that it is value for money.

9. Footpaths.

9.1 It was agreed to walk the footpaths on 13 June 2007 meeting at East Bilney Church at 1900.

10. Highways.

10.1 A complaint had been received regarding the de-limit sign at the junction of Church Road East Bilney and these comments had been forwarded to Norfolk County Council.

11. St. Mary's School.

11.1 Travel Plan Meeting

The Clerk reported that he had attended the Travel Plan Meeting and had requested a stronger letter be sent to parents regarding parking on Elmham Road. Walk to School day is 25 May 2007.

11.2 New Head Teacher

Mr John Crowley has been appointed from September 2007

12. Village Hall.

12.1. General.

The new rules and regulations were noted and approved.

13. Breckland owned land-Beech Road.

Hood Vores and Allwood are awaiting a reply from the solicitors for Breckland Council.

14. Clerk's Corner.

Nothing to report.

15. Matters for the next meeting.

Nothing was proposed for the next meeting.

16. Portfolio Holders Update.

16.1 Affordable Housing.

16.1.1. Flagship Housing.

Flagship are to meet with Breckland Council shortly to address the differences of opinion between all parties

16.2 Communications.

16.2.1 Beetley Buzz.

A letter from a new resident was noted thanking the Council for making them feel welcome. The Chairman had experienced difficulties delivering the Beetley Buzz at one location and it was agreed not to deliver in future.

16.2.2 Link-up.

No report had been received.

16.3 Environment.

Councillor Luck had removed the ivy from the oak trees at The Town Lands.

16.4 Transport.

Nothing to report.

16.5 Highways.

16.5.1 East Bilney.

The sign is still solar powered.

16.5.2 Speed limits.

The correspondence received from Norfolk County Council regarding the concerns on the speed limits at Old Beetley was noted and it was agreed not to pursue the matter further.

16.5.3 Traffic Calming Measures

The "Son of Sam" signs had been excellent but not legal as a permanent sign. It was agreed to write to The Department of Transport to state the effectiveness of the signs and ask them to review the legality of the signs.

16.6 Community.

16.6.1 The Homewatch reports were noted.

16.6.2 Deprivation in Norfolk.

Nothing more could be gained of use to the Parish Council from the census reports.

16.6.3 "Gunning for You".

Councillor Hayes had contacted Norfolk Constabulary who informed him that the trial was only in Hopton at present and they will not release them until the trial had been evaluated.

16.7 Health and Safety.

Nothing to report.

17. Projects.

17.1 Playing Field.

The replies received from the questionnaire in the Beetley Buzz were all positive to keep the area but it needs refurbishment and modernising.

18. Date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Wednesday 16th May 2007 at 1900 to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall and to be followed by the presentation of the plaque to Bill Barker.

19. Date of the Annual Parish Meeting.

This was confirmed as Friday 18th May at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall at 1930

20. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 7th June to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall at 1930

The meeting closed at 2131 hours.