

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 13 MAY 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present Councillor A Leigh (Chair)
Councillor A Luck
Councillor J Baldwin
Councillor R Richmond

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris
District Councillor R Duffield

Three members of the public

1. Election of Chairman.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Luck seconded the resolution that Councillor Leigh be elected Chairman. All were in favour and the declaration of acceptance of office was duly signed and witnessed.

2. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor O'Donovan who was on holiday as this had been booked prior to the change of date and Councillor Rose who had organised a birthday party prior to the change of date for the meeting. These were both accepted.

3. Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Richmond declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Items 11.1.3 and 17.1, having submitted parcels of land for inclusion in the Local Development Framework and Minerals and Waste Framework and the land for East Bilney Quarry is within Beck Farm. Councillor Luck declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 18 being a trustee of the Village Hall.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Baldwin seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1 April 2010 having been circulated be approved. All were in favour. The minutes were duly signed.

5. Election of Vice-chairman.

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Richmond seconded the resolution that Councillor Luck be elected Vice-Chairman. All were in favour and the declaration of acceptance of office was duly signed and witnessed.

6. Minerals and Waste Sub-Committee.

Councillors Leigh, Luck Baldwin and Rose were elected to the sub-committee.

7. Community car Co-ordinator.

Mrs P Silk was confirmed as the co-ordinator.

8. Village Hall Committee.

Councillors Leigh, O'Donovan and Richmond were elected to the committee.

9. County and District Councillors Reports.

County Councillor Kiddle Morris reported that both parties in the coalition government are against the unitary authority for Norwich and he had received a letter from the Prime Minister promising to repeal the act. Roads are improving and there are two court cases ongoing at present to recover the money from the Icelandic banks.

District Councillor Duffield reported that the core strategy document has been published. The shared services with South Norfolk District Council is to be commenced with a trial period. This is to go ahead quicker than was expected as the Chief Executive of Breckland Council is leaving to take up another post and several senior staff at South Norfolk are retiring or leaving.

10. Matters to Report.

10.1 Breckland Blitz.

A reply had been received from Richard Wills of Breckland Council who had confirmed that whilst this finishes on 1 May Breckland Council will continue to run projects throughout the year. It was agreed to contact the Acting Head Teacher and Breckland Council to proceed with a project of planting.

10.2 Dog Bin in Old Beetley.

Councillor Rose had received a request for a dog bin in Old Beetley following an incident when a dog owner had deposited a bag of dog foul in a resident's black wheelie bin. This meant that Serco would not empty it. It was agreed that Councillor Rose would investigate if there is a need and a possible site for the bin.

10.3 Junior Masterchef.

Councillor Leigh reported that she had spoken to the mother of a finalist who lives in Beetley but because the ingredients and recipes had not arrived as early as promised it meant she had had to withdraw. The District Councillor was informed and he stated he would investigate and report back.

11. Planning.

11.1 Applications.

11.1.1 3PL/2010/0182/F-Rosetta Cottage Hall Road-Use of land for stationing of caravan-Retrospective

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Richmond seconded the resolution that **NO OBJECTION** be raised to the application but a condition should be placed on any permission that the permission is only for five years and then reviewed. All were in favour.

11.1.2 3PL/2010/0289/F-Land adjacent to 6 High House Road-Erection of 4 one-bed; 2 two-bed&2 three-bed dwellings (affordable housing) &associated works.

Councillor Luck proposed and Councillor Baldwin seconded the resolution that **NO OBJECTION** be raised to the application. All were in favour. The members noted that there had been two objections from residents and that the Highways Department is objecting to the development.

Councillor Richmond withdrew from the meeting.

11.1.3 SP/C/3/2010/3010-East Bilney Quarry-Variation of Condition 2 to allow continued use of storage bays.

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Luck seconded the resolution that **NO OBJECTION** be raised to the application. All were in favour.

Councillor Richmond rejoined the meeting.

11.1.4 3PL/2010/0412/F-6 Wood Drive-Convert attached garage to kitchen extension & utility area.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Luck seconded the resolution that **NO OBJECTION** be raised to the application. All were in favour.

11.1.5 3PL/2010/0421/F-Land off Elmham Road-New single storey "Eco" dwelling.

Councillor Luck proposed and Councillor Richmond seconded the resolution that an **OBJECTION** be raised to the application. All were in favour.

Whilst the members applauded the zero carbon status and the building construction and technology, this is still a dwelling and the fact that it is an eco-dwelling should not influence the decision. The site is outside the settlement boundary and access to the site is on a stretch of road which could well endanger highway safety. The design is not in keeping with the adjacent property.

11.2 Decisions.

The following decisions and conditions on permission were noted.

11.2.1 3PL/2010/0105/F - Redroofs Fakenham Road-Demolition of existing house & redevelopment of site of 3 x 5 bed houses with car parking & garages.

O Withdrawn

11.2.2 3PL/2010/0218/F-Lyndale The Drift East Bilney-Extensions & alterations to form 2 ½ storey dwelling and detached garage

O Refusal

It was agreed to write to Breckland Council thanking them for taking on board the comments of the Parish Council.

12. Open Spaces.

12.1 Cutting Contract.

A complaint had been received from a regular walker of the Beetley Meadows and the Clerk had met the contractor on site to discuss the problems. The Clerk has contacted Revd. Boston regarding the tree that has fallen across the footpath between High House Road and Fakenham Road. Norfolk Woods and Hedges is to be met to look at a bough that is across a path at Beetley Common.

12.2 Parish Walk.

The proposed dates are the third or fourth Thursday in June and all will be e-mailed with the date.

12.3 Crossing Rights at the Common.

No list of the permit holders has been received from the Fishing Club and it is to be reminded to forward a list.

Mr Bane is to be reminded to apply for crossing rights

13. Highways and Transport.

The car park entrance at the School has been repaired by Norfolk County Council. The culvert and ditch on Rawhall Lane is to be jettied and cleared. The Highways Department is to be contacted to process the repair on High House Road and why there are still two poles at the VAS sign at the south end of the village. It was agreed to produce a letter for George Hayes to affix to windscreens of those parking in the 20 m.p.h. zone on Elmham Road outside the normal pick up and drop off times provided that it is he who does the reporting to the police. It was also agreed not to contact Highways again regarding the lengthening the double yellow lines as far as the horseshoe.

14. Beetley Meadows Play Area

The repairs to the safety surfacing should be completed in the next two weeks. It was agreed to accept the quotation from RGM to do the repairs to the area at a cost of £353.86.

The School is to be contacted to ascertain what the children had requested to be done with the picnic area. A fixing problem had been identified on the roundabout and Adventure Playgrounds is to be contacted to investigate.

15. Website.

There was nothing to report at this meeting..

16. Correspondence received for circulation.

- 16.1 Clerks and Councils Direct May 2010
- 16.2 Breckland Council Core strategy and development Control Policies Development Plan Document
- 16.3 Norfolk Police Crime Figures
- 16.4 Norfolk Link April 2010

17. Finance.

17.1 The budget sheets and financial information had been circulated and Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Baldwin seconded the resolution that these be approved. All were in favour.

17.2 Balances.

Councillor Baldwin proposed and Councillor Luck 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 28 02 10	20643.99
Receipts-	
Interest-0.01	
Breckland Community Car-52.70	
Brisley Parish Council-113.88	<u>166.59</u>
	20810.58
Less cheques authorised 04 02 10-508.75	
cheques authorised 04 03 10-618.78	<u>1127.53</u>
Balance at 31 03 10 19683.05	
Less unrepresented cheques authorised 04 03 10-176.25	
unrepresented cheques authorised 01 04 10-802.07	<u>978.32</u>
Balance at 01 04 10	18704.73

Amount available for Section 137 : 1117 x£6.15 = £6869.55

Spend to Date : £0.00

Cheques for authorisation:

126	B J Leigh	Contract March	368.00
127	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract March	26.97
128	Daynes Office interiors	Stationery	201.80
129	CGM	Grass Cutting	163.07
130	AKA Roofing	Bus Shelter	395.00
131	Mrs P Silk	Community car	136.20
132	Susanne Rutter	Internal Audit	18.00
133	Clerks and Councils Direct	Annual Subscription	11.00
134	Local council review	Annual Subscription	13.50

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Bank of Ireland for a deposit account but it is necessary to invest £20000. Barclays and Nat West do do fixed term deposits at a rate of

2%. It was agreed not to transfer any money at this time.

17.3 Accounts 2009-2010.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Luck seconded the resolution that the accounts which had been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the external audit form was duly signed.

17.4 Renewal of subscription to Clerks and Councils Direct.

It was agreed to renew the subscription at a cost of £11.

17.4 Renewal of subscription to Local Council Review.

It was agreed to renew the subscription at a cost of £13.50.

Councillor Baldwin left the meeting.

Councillor Luck withdrew from the meeting.

18. Village Hall.

Councillor Leigh reported that the boiler had been serviced, there is to be a meeting regarding the play area . The Quiz night is to held on June 11th and there will possibly be a race night in the autumn.

Councillor Luck rejoined the meeting.

19. Parish Owned Land.

19.1 A new water main may be laid to Swanton Morley which might cross parish land and the Clerk has been in contact with the agents for Anglian Water.

19.2 The Clerk had spoken to the resident who abuts the school car park and an agreement has been reached on the cutting of the trees. Prices are to be obtained. No response has been received from NPS about taking over the maintenance of the perimeter fence.

19.3 The bus shelter roof has been repaired.

19.4 The rural payments Agency had been contacted and the current scheme expires in March 2011 so no new applications will be considered until then unless entitlements are purchased

20. Matters for the next meeting.

20.1. Beetley Meadows Clearance morning.

21. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 3 June 2010 to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall at 1930.

The meeting closed at 2210 hours.