

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 12 MAY 2011 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present

Councillor A Leigh (Chair)
Councillor A Luck
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

1 member of the public

Prior to the meeting the Acceptance of Office of a Councillor was signed by all Councillors and witnessed by the Proper Officer of the Council.

1. Election of Chairman.

Councillor O'Donovan proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that Councillor Leigh be elected Chairman. All were in favour and she was duly elected. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and witnessed.

2. Apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence

3. Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Leigh declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 11.1 being the applicant. Councillor Richmond declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 6, 11.1.2 and 16.1 having submitted parcels of land for inclusion in the Minerals and Waste Framework. Councillor Luck declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda items 17 being a trustee of the Village Hall.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7 April 2011 having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Election of Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that Councillor Luck be elected Vice-Chairman. All were in favour and he was duly elected. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and witnessed.

6. Minerals and Waste Sub-Committee.

Councillors Leigh, Rose, Baldwin and O'Donovan were elected to the Sub-Committee.

7. Community Car Co-ordinator.

Mrs Pauline Silk was re-appointed Community Car co-ordinator for the current financial year.

Councillor Fox would be attending a meeting at Breckland Council on 18 May to discuss the proposed changes to the governance of the Community Car scheme and the increase in mileage allowance announced in the Budget. Mrs. Silk and Mr. David Silk, representing the drivers, would also be attending.

8. Village Hall Committee.

Councillors Leigh, Fox and Richmond were elected to the Village Hall Committee.

9. County and District Councillors Reports.

The Chairman congratulated Councillor Richmond and William Richmond on being elected District Councillors. She also congratulated District Councillors Kiddle Morris and Duffield on being re-elected.

The County Councillor reported that there had been a Cabinet re-shuffle at Norfolk County Council and Cliff Jordan had been appointed Cabinet Member for Efficiency. He had been instrumental, as leader of Breckland Council, in formulating the business policy for the District Council which had had been effective in reducing costs and making it a business orientated Council. The Minerals and Waste Consultation is due to be distributed shortly for an eight week consultation. He would attend all of the Sub-committee meetings if required.

The District Councillor reported that following the elections there is the same Leader and Deputy and all Portfolio Holders except one. Most of the shared appointments with South Holland District Council had been given to Breckland Council officers.

10. Matters to Report.

10.1 PAYE Training Course.

The Clerk reported that he had attended this and there is no option for Parish Councils. They must register but at present there is a problem with the HMRC website so it is not possible to register.

10.2 Equal Opportunities Policy.

The Chairman reported that this is a requisite for the funding application. Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that the policy be adopted. All were in favour.

10.3 Diamond Jubilee.

The Chairman enquired if the Parish Council should investigate the holding of street parties or a function to mark the Diamond Jubilee in 2012. Old Beetley are to hold a street party having circulated a questionnaire to all residences. This is to be held in Church Street. An article is to be placed in the Beetley Buzz to gauge whether there is any support for an event and to enquire if any person is willing to assist with the organisation . The event could be a street party or at the Village Hall and Playing Field.

11. Planning.

11.1 Applications.

Councillor Leigh and the Clerk withdrew from the meeting.
Councillor Luck assumed the Chair.

11.1.1 3PL/2011/0374/F-Dawn Meadow Fakenham Road East Bilney-erection of three single storey extensions and erection of detached car shelter.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Fox seconded the resolution that **NO OBJECTION** be raised to the application despite on her site visit she found the male applicant to be cantankerous old fool. All were in favour.

Councillor Leigh and the Clerk rejoined the meeting.
Councillor Leigh resumed the chair.

Councillor Richmond withdrew from the meeting.

11.1.2 PP/C/3/2011/3012-Beetley Quarry Beetley-variation of condition 1 on permission C/3/2007/30122, appeal reference APP/X2600/A/08/2064262 to enable the continued stockpiling and sale of sand and gravel and for the restoration of the process site until 31 December 2011.

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Luck seconded the resolution that **NO OBJECTION** be raised to the application. Councillor Rose had confirmed that the withdrawal from the unilateral agreement meant that no further minerals can be extracted after that date. All were in favour.

Councillor Richmond rejoined the meeting.

11.2 Decisions.

The following decision and conditions were noted.

11.1.1 3PL/2011/0207/F-Woodlands East Bilney-conversion of part of workshop to dwelling. O Withdrawn

11.1.2 3PL/2010/1359/F-Redroofs Fakenham Road-demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new 2 storey dwelling and garage. N/O Permission

12. Beetley River Meadows Play Area.

12.1 Update.

The new signs should be ready in the next two weeks and Councillor Baldwin will arrange to collect them. The Grant application has been finished and will be sent in the next week. There has been some vandalism on the tubs at the end of River View. The plants have been dug out and placed on the ground. Councillor Fox had replaced as many as possible. Another anonymous letter had been received requesting that the tubs be removed. It was agreed again that no action will be taken in response to anonymous letters. Councillors Fox and O'Donovan had cleaned all the equipment at the play area on 20 April. Several willow trees to the rear of the play area need clearing as they have toppled over in the dry weather.

12.2 Central Area of Beetley River Meadows.

Nick Abram has agreed to cut the area provided there is enough rainfall before July to make it an economic proposition.

8. Open Spaces.

8.1 New problems.

The flowering cherry tree at The Patch in Old Beetley is to be felled.

Mrs Stearman has purchased a cotoneaster tree which will be planted on The Common. The Beetley Common Advisory Committee is to be informed. A request had been received from Mr Bane requesting that his crossing rights be renewed

to enable him to farm his land. This was agreed.

The list of the numbers of the vehicles who have been given permission to drive through the Common to the Trout Fishery has been received and will be forwarded to the Beetley Common Advisory Committee.

It was agreed to request C.G.M. to cut the footpath through East Bilney Town Lands to the boardwalk and to consider cutting again later in the growing season.

8.2 Parish Walk.

This is to be on 26 May starting from the Chairman's house.

9. Highways and Transport.

9.1 General.

A request had been received from a parishioner suggesting that a brown sign be erected on the Holt Road pointing the way to Beetley Common. Norfolk County Council had been contacted but no reply had been received.

The Highways and Community Rangers had visited the parish and had made several improvements and are to written to thanking them.

The Clerk had reported that 30/40 m.p.h. sign on Bilney Hill is in the verge. This had been hit by a car and the post is nowhere to be seen. The potholes in High House Road near to High House Farm had been reported.

9.2 Speedwatch.

The East Bilney section has not been formed as the person has been away on business but she is to make house calls to try and obtain the volunteers. The Speedwatch Team had again been in East Bilney and recorded 5 vehicles between 37 and 46 m.p.h. It was also noted that about 50% of the remainder were in excess of 30 m.p.h. but below 37 m.p.h.

15. Correspondence received for circulation.

15.1	Crime figures March
15.2	Norfolk RCC Signpost March 2011
15.3	Clerks and Councils Direct May 2011
15.4	The Playing Field Spring 2011
15.5	Norfolk Link extra May 2011

16. Finance.

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

11.2 Balances.

Councillor Richmond 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 31 03 11	24501.75
Less unrepresented cheques authorised 02 12 10- 100.00	
unrepresented cheques authorised 07 04 11-183.00	<u>283.00</u>
Balance at 30 04 11	24218.75

Amount available for Section 137 : 1118 x£6.44 = £7199.92
Spend to Date : £00.00

Cheques for authorisation:

205	B J Leigh	Contract April-368.00	368.00
206	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract March	16.28
207	Mrs P Silk	Community car	299.50
208	C.G.M.	Grass Cutting-Mar-166.54 Clearance at Beetley River Meadows-355.20	521.74
209	Daynes Office Interiors	Stationery	4.80
210	J Relph	Website set up	50.00

16.3 Accounts 2010-2011.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that the accounts for the financial year 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011 which had been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the accounts were signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer/Clerk.

16.4 Bank Mandate

Further clarification is needed before this is completed.

16.5 Recycling Payment.

The Clerk had received notification that this would be £1467.92 for the year ending 31 March 2011

17. Village Hall.

17.1 Report from the Village Hall Committee

Olly Day is not now available for the Christmas function but no replacement has yet been announced. The dog day is still to be finalised. No money has been obtained for the play equipment.

18. Annual Parish Meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor Rose and seconded by Councillor O'Donovan that this no longer be held as the only parishioners who attend are those giving reports. All were in favour. It was agreed that if reports are required these would be requested and given at a normal Parish Council Meeting.

19. Matters for the next meeting.

19.1 Affordable Housing

19.2 Website.

16. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 3 June 2011 at 7.30 p.m. to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 2140 hours.