

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2007 AT 7.30 P.M.**

**Present**

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

District Councillor Duffield

5 members of the public

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Richmond who was away on family business, Hayes who was on holiday, Luck who was ill and Petzer who was on a course. These were all accepted.

**2. Declaration of Interest.**

Councillor Campbell-Smith declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 9.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting.**

Councillor Campbell-Smith proposed and Councillor Leigh seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4 October 2007 having been circulated be approved. The minutes were duly signed.

**4. Matters to Report.**

**4.1 LDF Presentation to Parishes.**

The Chairman reported on her attendance at the presentation on 15 October. The meeting had been useful and that the next crucial stage is the site specifics when areas of land that the Parish Council wants to be included in the framework can be proposed. Similarly areas that have been requested by landowners can be commented upon. Breckland Council are also committed to providing a large amount of Affordable Housing over the period of the framework i.e. up to 2026. Several questions were raised over the commitment of Breckland Council to affordable housing as the Parish Council has had no success with the site on High House Road.

**4.2 NCAPTC Autumn Seminar on Young, Old and Diverse 8 November.**

No one would be attending.

**4.3 NCAPTC Breckland Area Meeting-Understanding the Planning System 13 November.**

Councillor Campbell-Smith would be attending.

**4.4 Breckland Council Open Evening 3 December.**

Councillor Leigh may attend this meeting.

**4.5 Breckland Council Holiday Activities programme.**

It was agreed to reply stating that the Parish Council would support this.

**4.6 Dereham and District Tourist Association AGM 22 November.**

It was thought that Councillor Hayes normally attended this meeting and he is to be contacted on his return from holiday.

**4.7 NRCC Council Meeting-The Impact of Climate Change.**

This was deferred until the December meeting.

**4.8 Breckland Council Survey on Post Office Network Change Programme.**

It was agreed to reply to the survey stating that it was essential for rural areas to have access to Post Offices and for the reply to cover Gressenhall and Mileham Post Offices.

#### **4.9 Light Dragoon's Welcome Home Parade 19 November.**

The date of this was noted and the notices are to be displayed on the notice boards.

### **5. Planning.**

#### **5.1 Applications.**

- 5.1.1** 3PL/2007/1338/F Hall Farm Barns East Bilney-change of use of stables to accommodation and porch link to main building.

#### **No Objection**

Proposed Councillor Campbell-Smith      Seconded Councillor Leigh  
All were in favour.

- 5.1.2** 3PL/2007/1675/O The Paddock School Road-erection of 6 semi-detached bungalows with attached garage.

**Objection** on the grounds that this development is outside the guidelines for the village and no needs survey has been conducted to justify the development for elder travellers.

Proposed Councillor Campbell-Smith      Seconded Councillor Silk  
All were in favour.

District Councillor Duffield withdrew from the meeting.

- 5.1.3** 3PI/2007/1636/F The Boat House Church Lane East Bilney-standing of mobile home.

Having listened to the comments from the applicant **No Objection** provided that a restrictive covenant is placed on the permission applying only to the applicant's daughter, Emma, and as soon as the accommodation is no longer needed then the caravan is removed from the site and the permission should be renewable.

Proposed Councillor Leigh      Seconded Councillor Campbell-Smith

All were in favour.

District Councillor Duffield rejoined the meeting.

#### **5.2 Decisions.**

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| <b>5.2.1.</b> | 3PL/2007/1387/F | Toad Hall Holt Road-timber cabin/workshop           | Refusal    |
| <b>5.2.2.</b> | 3PL/2007/1165/F | 15 Fakenham Road-extension to dwelling/terrace area | Permission |
| <b>5.2.3</b>  | 3PL/2007/1411/F | Lamorna 8 Elmham Road-erection of conservatory      | Permission |

The above decisions were noted.

**6. Correspondence.**

**6.1 Correspondence for Circulation.**

- 6.1.1 Breckland-Agendas
- 6.1.2 Norfolk County Council-Norfolk Matters
- 6.1.3 Standards Board Newsletter
- 6.1.4 Breckland Community News
- 6.1.5 NRCC-Information Pack from General Meeting
- 6.1.6 defra-Ways to Tackle Climate Change
- 6.1.7 NCAPTC-Norfolk Link

**7. Finance.**

7.1 The budget sheets and financial information had been circulated and these were approved.

**7.2 Balances:**

**Business Base Rate Tracker Account**

Balance at 19 September 16524.28

**Community Account**

Balance at 20 September 2007		2135.25
Receipts Breckland Council		<u>6075.60</u>
		8210.85
Payments authorised 02 08 07	40.00	
Payments authorised 04 10 07	<u>1724.19</u>	<u>1764.19</u>
		6446.66
Less unrepresented cheques		<u>16.50</u>
Balance at 19 October 2007		6430.16

Amount available for Section 137 :  $1096 \times £5.64 = £6181.44$   
Spend to Date : £16.50

The following cheques were authorised for payment:

215	B J Leigh	Service contract	244.50
216	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract	18.13
217	Norfolk County Services	Grass Cutting- Beetley Meadows	186.52
218	East Anglian Air Ambulance	Donation	50.00
188	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	101.91
195	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	79.01
203	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	104.70
219	Norfolk Accident Rescue Service	Donation	50.00
220	Dereham CAB	Donation	50.00
221	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	TBC

213	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	85.24
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### **7.3 Macmillan Cancer Support**

It was agreed not to donate to Macmillan Cancer support.

### **7.4 Precept 2008-2009.**

It was agreed that as there was only just a quorum to defer the discussion on the precept to a meeting to be held prior to the next Council Meeting.

## **8. Village Hall.**

The reply from the Village Hall declining the Parish Council's invitation to the December meeting was noted. It was agreed to await a request for payment and to approach the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee informally. It was also agreed to place the item on the agenda for the December meeting.

## **9. Beech Road.**

It was agreed to write to Breckland Council to ascertain why the transfer is taking so long.

## **10. Clerk's Corner.**

### **10.1 CILCA**

The Clerk had now had notification that a Contract of Employment is not necessary to complete the course.

### **10.2 Declaration of Interest Form.**

Councillor Silk confirmed he had returned the form and the Clerk is to obtain a copy from Breckland Council for the Parish Council records.

## **11. Matters for the next meeting.**

### **11.1 Beetley Buzz/Microsoft Publisher.**

## **12. Portfolio Holders Update.**

### **12.1 Affordable Housing.**

Nothing to report

### **12.2 Communications.**

#### **12.2.1 Beetley Buzz.**

There had been a problem with the latest issue as it appeared that the Buzz was advertising a profit making event where not all the proceeds would be going to local organisation. Unfortunately the Portfolio Holder and Editor were both away at the time which necessitated the Clerk spending considerable time editing and contacting the personnel involved.

### **12.3 Environment.**

Nothing to report.

### **12.4 Transport.**

Nothing to report.

### **12.5 Highways.**

#### **12.5.1 Son of Sam Signs East Bilney.**

These should be erected in early November.

#### **12.5.2 Elmham Road.**

The letter from Norfolk County Council stating that they saw no advantage in a meeting as no further signage would be allowed was noted.

#### **12.5.3 Footpath High House Road to the Old School on Fakenham Road.**

Re-surfacing should begin in the next week.

## **11.6 Community.**

Nothing to report.

**11.7 Health and Safety.**

**11.7.1 Beetley Meadows Play Area.**

Prices are being obtained for the refurbishment of the play area following the ROSPA report.

**12. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.**

This was confirmed as Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall at 1930.

The meeting closed at 2118 hours.