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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2010 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

Two members of the public

Mr W Richmond informed the members that he was working with G Freeman M.P. to attempt to obtain greater coverage and speed for broadband in the area covered by the M.P. He enquired if a pilot scheme for a hub to provide an internet café in either the village hall or the pub would be possible and if the Parish Council would support the scheme. He felt that if there was sufficient interest then new routers would be put in place and greater speed achieved. The County Councillor informed the meeting that there is a pilot scheme under consideration for Beeston to use the fibre optics along the A47. The members agreed to support any scheme but felt that Mr W Richmond should contact either the school or the Village Hall Committee.

### 1. Apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence to consider but apologies had been received from District Councillor Duffield whose father had recently passed away.

### 2. Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Richmond declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Items 6.1.2 and 12.1, having submitted parcels of land for inclusion in the Minerals and Waste Framework. Councillor Luck declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 6.1.2 being close friend of the landowner and Agenda item 13 being a trustee of the Village Hall.

### 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7 October 2010 having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

### 4. County and District Councillors Reports.

The County Councillor reported that £155 million had been removed from the central government grant to the County Council over the next four years., 10% in year one, but less in the subsequent three years.

The District Council grant is to be reduced by about £2.5 million over the four years but as the Council has already put in place many savings this will not be as drastic as has been feared. There would be no increase in the District Council council tax in the next two years. Reserves have been invested to give a good return and it is hoped to reduce the cost of management further.

The Community Car scheme must be seen to have due diligence and both the District and Parish Councils would be liable in court if the new guidance is not followed.

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## 5. Matters to Report.

### 5.1 Breckland Town and Parish Council Forum 21 October.

The Chairman reported that the stands at the Forum were more numerous than previously and very useful for obtaining information. The format was similar to other forums and not inspiring although there were several interesting snippets from Pride in Breckland. It had also been poorly attended but the buffet was as good as usual.

### 5.2 Norfolk ALC Survey.

This was completed.

## 6. Planning.

### 6.1 Applications.

#### 6.1.1 3PL/2010/1033/F-Greenfields Hall Road-erection of replacement outbuilding inc demolition of existing.

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

Councillors Luck and Richmond withdrew from the meeting.

#### 6.1.2 PP/C/3/2010/3028-East Bilney Quarry Rawhall Lane-variation of condition to allow continued operation for four years with revised working and restoration phasing.

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Fox seconded the resolution that **NO OBJECTION** be raised. The resolution was passed by a majority decision of 3-2

Councillors Luck and Richmond re-joined the meeting.

### 6.2 Decisions.

The following decisions and conditions were noted.

6.2.1 3PL/2010/0820/F-28 Fakenham Road-proposed annex extension, alterations to bungalow and new double garage. N/O Permission

6.2.2 3PL/2010/0849/F-Lyndale The Drift East Bilney-single storey extensions to side & rear, demo. of extg. single garage, construction of new double garage. N/O Permission

6.2.3 3PL/2010/0874/F-Domus Faba Bittering Street-single storey infill between house and garage N/O Permission

### 6.3 Appeals.

#### 6.3.1 APP/F2605/A10/2135843/WF-Rosetta Cottage Hall Road Old Beetley-use of land for stationing of caravan.

A site meeting is to be held on 19 November. Councillor Rose and the Clerk would attend.

## 7. Beetley Meadows Play Area.

The meeting was adjourned.

John Sexton wondered why horses no longer grazed the area as this had prevented the river bank from becoming overgrown. He was informed that there were problems with insurance if there had been an accident. He also pointed out that the area should be called Beetley River Meadows as Beetley Meadows is a road of houses. He also requested more viewing points along the river and the members agreed to consider this.

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The meeting was re-convened.

## **7.1 Update.**

The grant application for bulb planting had been completed and the school would be actively involved in the planting. The questionnaire regarding the picnic area had so far brought in 80 replies and more are expected as this was only distributed the previous weekend. Councillor Fox had done some excellent work on the play area with improvements to the swings and gated. A meeting has been arranged with C.G.M. for 23 November and Councillor Fox and the Clerk would meet the representative.

## **8. Open Spaces.**

### **8.1 Other problems.**

The footpath from Beech Road to Beetley Meadows would not be cut by Norfolk County Council as it has decided to reduce the number of cuts because of the spending review. Tree cutting has had to be done on High House Road in preparation for the affordable housing as it would not be able to be done until September 2011.

### **8.2 Hedges on Beetley Meadows.**

All had been cut and a letter of thanks is to be sent to nos.2, 3 and 5

### **8.3 Beetley Common.**

The fishing club had kindly helped with the winching out of some trees that had fallen. It was reported that ospreys had been at the lakes.

## **9. Highways and Transport.**

### **9.1 General.**

The footway along Fakenham Road near to Beetley River Meadows needs attention and the Clerk will contact the Highway Technician. The Highways and Community Rangers will be visiting the parish shortly and the team is to be requested to de-foliage some signs and replace the reflector post on Fakenham Road. The no entry sign at the junction of B1145/B1146 needs adjustment. The 40 m.p.h. sign on Church Road East Bilney still can not be seen and Norfolk County Council is to be requested to re-site it. There are several potholes on Hall Road that need attention.

### **9.2 Footway on Fakenham Road near to the school car park.**

Norfolk County Council had replied stating that the footway would not be a high priority as there is a footway on the opposite side of the road.

### **9.3 Parking on Elmham Road.**

The questionnaire had been distributed and if 50% are in favour then George Hayes is to be informed to continue.

## **10. Community Car Scheme.**

A further meeting had been held on 3 November with Breckland Council. This was a lively meeting with feelings running high on the checks. The consensus of the meeting was that the CRB checks are acceptable but the health check is worrying to all drivers. The drivers feel that if the check throws up a problem they will not be able to drive at all as they would have to surrender their licence. It was agreed at the meeting that the Parish Council would hold all the data and that the agreement is between Breckland and the Parish not the co-ordinators. A further meeting will be held when the additional details are obtained.

## **11. Correspondence received for circulation.**

**11.1** Clerks and Councils Direct November 2010

**11.2** The Playing Field Autumn 2010

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## 12. Finance.

**12.1** The budget sheets and financial information had been circulated and Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that these be approved. All were in favour.

### 12.2 Balances.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Baldwin 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 07 10	20237.61
Receipts-	
Interest-0.01	
Breckland Community Car-42.80	
Breckland Precept-6500.00	
Litcham Parish Council-123.88	
Beetley Village Hall-17.05	<u>6683.74</u>
	26921.35
Less cheques authorised 02 09 10	<u>782.35</u>
Balance at 31 07 10	26139.00
Less unrepresented cheques authorised 05 08 10-182.00	
unrepresented cheques authorised 07 10 10- 1347.43	<u>1529.43</u>
Balance at 0710 10	<u>24609.57</u>

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

Spend to Date : £50.00

Cheques for authorisation:

168	B J Leigh	Contract October-368.00 Postage Questionnaire- 176.00	544.00
169	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract September- 26.07 Purchase of photocopier- 822.50	848.57
170	Mrs P Silk	Community car	80.30
171	C.G.M.	Grass Cutting-September	163.07
172	Daynes Office Interiors	Stationery	16.45
173	Dereham CAB	Donation	50.00
174	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Donation	20.00

### 12.3 Precept 2011-2012.

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Fox seconded the resolution that the precept for 2011-2012 be set at £13000 the same as the current financial year.

## 13. Village Hall.

Councillor O'Donovan reported on the committee meeting when the cleanliness of the hall had been raised as there had been complaints from potential hirers. No person appeared to know what is expected of the cleaner and this is to be looked at.

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Pride in Breckland Future Jobs Fund team could be used to decorate the hall.

**14. Matters for the next meeting.**

**14.1 Charity money**

**14.2 Dates of meetings for 2011**

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

This was confirmed as Thursday 2 December 2010 to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall at 1930.

The meeting closed at 2142 hours.