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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 4th OCTOBER 2007 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

1 member of the public

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Luck and Silk. These were accepted.

2. Declaration of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6 September 2007 having been circulated were approved and signed.

4. Matters to report.

4.1 Complaint to the Ombudsman regarding the site adjacent to Bracken Brae.

It was agreed to write a letter of support.

4.2 Breckland Council Dispensations.

The letter from Breckland Council giving dispensation to all Councillors to discuss and vote on the four charities controlled by the Parish Council was noted.

4.3 Norfolk Waste Partnership Conference and AGM-16 October.

It was agreed not to attend but to request any information distributed at the meeting.

4.4 Norfolk Annual Emergency Preparedness Study Day-9 October.

It was agreed not to attend but to request the information from the study day.

4.5 NRCC Council Meeting-The Impact of Climate Change-17 October

The chairman would attend this.

4.6 LDF Presentation to Parishes.

This would be held on 15 October at Beeston Village Hall at 1930. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Councillor Campbell-Smith would attend.

4.7 CAG Meeting-11 September.

The Vice-Chairman reported that she had attended this meeting and reported that there had been some progress with the problems of drivers at the Cherry Tree car park. A review of all car parks and CCTV cameras in Breckland Council is currently being undertaken. Some prosecutions had resulted from the police action. Concern was expressed about the time to answer calls at the central control centre and this was noted by the Police Authority member present. There had been a reduction in problems at North Elmham and North Elmham Parish Council Meeting had been attended by representatives of the Safer Neighbourhood Team. The problem areas to be tackled in the next two months are anti-social behaviour at the Sandy Lane play areas/Sheddick Wood/Dereham Golf Club, drug problems at Wendling and vandalism at Great Dunham.

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5. Planning.

5.1 Applications.

5.1.1 3PL/2007/1387/F Toad Hall Holt Road-timber cabin/workshop

Objection on the grounds that it is a dwelling to all intents and purposes and should only be a cabin. If permission is granted a restriction should be placed on the permission to ensure that it is not used as a dwelling in the future.

Proposed Councillor Petzer Seconded Councillor Richmond

All were in favour.

5.1.2 3PL/2007/1411/F Lamorna, 8 Elmham Road-erection of conservatory.

No Objection

Proposed Councillor Campbell-Smith Seconded Councillor Richmond

All were in favour.

5.2 Decisions.

5.2.1. 3PL/2007/1257/F Drift Cottage 10 Fakenham Road Permission

5.2.2. 3PL/2007/1264/F 7 Beetley Grange Permission

The above decisions were noted.

5.3 Enforcements.

5.3.1 Bilney Hall Care Home Advertising Signs

An application had been received by Breckland Council but clarification was needed and this had not been forwarded for consultation.

5.4 Appeals.

5.4.1 **Beetley Nurseries.**

The decision by the Planning Inspectorate to uphold the appeal against the refusal to grant planning permission and allow the development was noted with disappointment. The Planning Inspectorate is to be written to suggesting they look at the site in five years to see what has become of it with a copy to Breckland Council.

5.4.2 **Silver Glade Elmham Road**

It was agreed, by a majority decision, to write to the Planning Inspectorate in support of the appeal against refusal of planning permission.

5.5 Other Matters.

5.5.1 **Beetley Landfill site.**

It was noted that weekend working would take place for three weekends to speed up the restoration of the site.

6. Correspondence.

6.1 Correspondence for Circulation.

6.1.1 Breckland-Agendas

6.1.2 Norfolk Wildlife Trust-Notable Trees of Norfolk Survey

6.1.3 Clerks and Councils Direct

6.1.4 Energy Saving Trust-Village Green 2008

6.1.5 NRCC-Annual Review

6.1.6 COIF-Reports and Accounts

6.1.7 Norfolk Primary Care Trust-Consultation on Older People's
Mental Health in Central Norfolk

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6.1.8 NCAPTC-AGM and Annual Report
6.1.9 Norfolk Records Office-Newsletter

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 June	16394.92
Interest	<u>129.36</u>
Balance at 19 September	16524.28

Community Account

Balance at 20 August 2007		2599.04
Receipts	Zurich Insurance	410.00
	Beeston with Bittering P.C.	<u>14.96</u>
		424.96
		3024.00
Payments authorised 02 08 07	222.15	
Payments authorised 02 08 07	<u>666.60</u>	888.75
		2135.25
Less unrepresented cheques		<u>40.00</u>
Balance at 19 09 07		2095.25

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

Spend to Date: £0.00

The following cheques were authorised for payment:

207	B J Leigh	Service contract	244.50
208	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract	19.79
179	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	46.02
184	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	30.34
188	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	T.B.C.
195	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	T.B.C.
203	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	T.B.C.
209	RGM	Grass cutting-EBTL	511.13
210	Norfolk Woods and Hedges	Fell Oak at Beetley Common	147.00
211	Daynes Office Interiors	Stationery	16.45
212	RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation	16.50
213	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	T.B.C.
214	AON	Village Hall Insurance	708.96

7.3 Advertising the Adoption of the New Code of Conduct.

It was agreed not to place an advertisement with Breckland Council as the notification

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in the Dereham Times about the adoption was sufficient. The Clerk stated that he thought the notification in the press should be in the public notice section.

7.4 East Anglian Air Ambulance.

It was agreed unanimously to donate £50 as a Section 137 payment.

7.5 Norfolk Accident Rescue Service.

It was agreed unanimously to donate £50 as a Section 137 payment.

7.6 Dereham Citizens Advice Bureau.

It was agreed unanimously to donate £50.

8. Village Hall.

8.1 Insurance.

The cheque had been issued prior to the meeting as authorisation had been given at the previous meeting to ensure the building was covered by insurance.

8.2 Future Administration of the Village Hall.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to invite the Village Hall committee to the December meeting to take forward a closer relationship. It was also agreed that an article could be placed in the Beetley Buzz requesting people to join the committee. This to be suggested to the Village Hall Committee.

9. Clerk's Corner.

Nothing from the Clerk.

10. Matters for the next meeting.

10.1 Beech Road.

11. Portfolio Holders Update.

11.1 Affordable Housing.

No progress to report.

11.2 Communications.

13.2.1 Beetley Buzz.

The Beetley Buzz Issue 15 had been published with a new editor with a dedicated e-mail address of beetleybuzz@hotmail.co.uk. It was agreed that any person who does not have access to the internet can contact the Clerk. A map would be produced to indicate the Parish Lands and this would be placed on the notice boards. Parishioners would be advised of this through the Beetley Buzz. The next issue would be about Energy Saving and a leaflet from the Energy Saving Trust is to be distributed with the Beetley Buzz. 75% of the replies returned from the survey were in favour of the Beetley Buzz continuing.

11.3 Environment.

11.3.1 Beetley Meadows.

It proposed by Councillor Leigh and seconded by Councillor Richmond that Norfolk County Council is approached for a grant to replant certain areas of the Meadows. This was agreed unanimously. This may be a project for next year.

11.4 Transport.

Nothing to report.

11.5 Highways.

11.5.1 Elmham Road Parking.

Norfolk County Council had replied that they could not justify the School Keep Clear Signs being extended to join up with the double yellow lines. A site meeting is to be requested to attempt to improve the parking and safety on Elmham Road.

11.5.2 Northall Bridge.

The weight restriction on the bridge was noted.

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11.6 Community.

Nothing to report.

11.7 Health and Safety.

11.7.1 Beetley Meadows.

A letter from a parishioner regarding overhanging branches and the removal of the table from the play area was noted. It was agreed to obtain prices to repair the area as per the ROSPA report. The tree clearing is to be carried out and the swings would be replaced in the Spring. It was hoped that a sponsor could be found from the local business community.

12. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 1st November to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall at 1930.

The meeting closed at 2131 hours.