

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2006 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present

Councillor R Richmond (Chair)
Councillor A Leigh
Councillor R Campbell-Smith
Councillor G Hayes
Councillor A Luck
Councillor M Petzer
Councillor D Silk

District Councillor R Duffield
Two Members of the Public

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence

2. Declaration of Interest

Councillor Richmond declared a personal interest in Item 6.1.7., Councillor Leigh a prejudicial interest in Item 6.1.7, Councillor Campbell-Smith a personal interest in Item 14 and Councillor Luck a personal interest in Item 13 and a prejudicial interest in Item 6.1.7.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Petzer and seconded by Councillor Leigh that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2006 be approved and signed.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Petzer and seconded by Councillor Leigh that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2006 be approved and signed

The meeting was adjourned

The meeting was reconvened

5. Matters to report

5.1 The clerk reported that Breckland Council are no longer sending Committee agenda and minutes as a hard copy. The clerk is to write to confirm the position.

5.2 The clerk reported that he had had conversation with Breckland Council regarding the bottle bank at the New Inn and this is now included in the annual recycling payment

5.3 The Local Liaison Meeting is due to be held in October and Councillor Silk stated that he may be able to attend

6. Planning

6.1 Applications

6.1.1 3PL/2006/0762/F- Plot 5 Former Builder's Yard Fakenham Road-amendment to original

It was proposed by Councillor Leigh and seconded by Councillor Campbell-Smith that no comment be made

6.1.2 3PL/2006/1081/F- Drift Cottage 10 Fakenham Road-extension to provide additional bedroom, extended dining room, new front porch and garden room

No objection

Proposed Councillor Silk

Seconded Councillor Petzer

All were in favour

- 7.1.4 No member was proposed for membership of Breckland Council's Standard Committee
- 7.1.5 Norfolk Matters - the letter was noted
- 7.1.6 No resolutions were proposed for the NCAPTC AGM
- 7.1.7 Councillors Richmond and Silk may attend the Norfolk Waste Partnership Conference on 10 10 06 at the John Innes Centre 9.30-4.00

7.2 Correspondence for Circulation

- 7.2.1 East of England Assembly
- 7.2.2 NRCC Report
- 7.2.3 Norfolk Link
- 7.2.4 NRCC
- 7.2.5 NRO
- 7.2.6 The Playing Field
- 7.2.7 Breckland TPO
- 7.2.8 NCC Adult Education
- 7.2.9 Breckland Planning Applications
- 7.2.10 Breckland Forward Plan
- 7.2.11 Breckland Policy Development and Review Panel
- 7.2.12 ADAS
- 7.2.13 Breckland Gambling Act
- 7.2.14 NCC Local Bus Service Variation

8. Parish Land

8.1 Beetley Meadows

- 8.1.1 The Clerk had met three contractors on site and was still awaiting quotations for the fencing
- 8.1.2 The Clerk was to obtain prices for the annual cut of Beetley Meadows

Councillor Silk left the meeting

- 8.1.3 The draft letter from the solicitors had been circulated and this was to be sent to all properties with gates opening onto Beetley meadows. A further letter was to be sent to all other adjoining properties informing them of the Council's position.

8.2 East Bilney Town Lands

- 8.2.1 The Chairman and Clerk had had an informative meeting on site with the Forestry Commission and a cut swathe through the land with signage at the entrances and at the boardwalk had been agreed. A contractor was to be contacted to undertake the work
- 8.2.2 It was agreed to contact Norfolk Woods and Hedges to carry out a treatment to eradicate ragwort

8.3 Beetley Common

Anglian Water no longer wish to purchase the land but have requested wayleave over the land for which they are willing to pay £3,000. It was proposed by Councillor Luck and seconded by Councillor Petzer to allow Anglian Water access to the Pumping station for the sum of £3,000.

8.4 Bilney Common

Nothing to report

8.5 Scout Hut

Nothing to report

8.6 Rural Payment Agency

Nothing to report

9. Finance

- 9.1 The budget sheets and financial information had been circulated

9.2 Balances:

Business Base Rate Tracker Account

Balance at 19 June 2006 17966.22

Community Account

19 July 2006 3240.73

Payments (unpresented from 03 08 06 640.88)
(authorised 03 08 06 997.14) 1638.02

1602.71

Income (Community Car 27.27) 27.27

1629.98

Less unpresented cheques 882.90

Balance at 18 August 2006 747.08

The balances include £1759.00 for the sale of Parish Land.

Amount available for Section 137 : 1093x£5.44 = £5945.92

Spend to Date : £100.00

Cheques for authorisation:

117	R Woodley	Footpath Cutting	90.00
118	Abacus	Monthly Contract	11.75
119	Royal British Legion	Wreath	16.50
120	R G Maintenance	Town Lands Cutting	458.25
121	B J Leigh	Salary	196.15
122	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	59.58
123	AON	Village Hall Insurance	667.93
124	Zurich	Insurance	1177.97
125	Norfolk County Services	Grass Cutting	90.01

9.3 It was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor Luck that £50 be donated to the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service but no donation should be given to Vitalise or Norfolk Autistic Society

9.4 It was agreed not to amend the Bank Mandate at present but to reconsider after the elections in May.

9.5 As confirmation had been received from the insurers to pay for a new notice board for Church Road it was proposed by Councillor Richmond and seconded by Councillor Luck to order a replacement notice board from Ivan Webster for £510.00. Norfolk County Council Planning and Transportation are to be consulted on the siting.

10. Footpaths

10.1 It was agreed to a further cut of the footpaths and to ask R. Woodley to trim the sides of briars.

11. Highways

Nothing to report

12. St. Mary's School

The travel plan meeting is to be held on 19 09 06 and the Clerk will attend. The members requested that the problem of parking be raised as there are now more cars parking on Elmham road than prior to the holidays.

13. Village Hall

13.1 The flytipping had been cleared.

13.2 The Clerk had been unable to obtain a better quotation than AON for the annual insurance and it was agreed to continue with them

14. Breckland owned land-Beech Road

Nothing to report as the Cabinet do not sit until 19 09 06

15. Clerk's Corner

15.1 Bursary

The bursary had been received from NALC and banked for the training course.

15.2 Saving of Computer Data

Councillor Campbell-Smith proposed and Councillor Petzer seconded that a memory stick is purchased for the Clerk to ensure no computer data is lost

16. Matters for next meeting

16.1 Parish paperwork

17. Portfolio Holders Update

17.1 Affordable Housing

17.1.1 Flagship

The letter and sketch plans had been circulated and the members were disappointed with the unprofessional way these had been presented and that flats were now included in the plans. The Clerk is to write to Flagship to express the concern of the Council. The owner of the site is to be contacted to ensure that consultation has occurred

17.1.2 John Hayes

It was confirmed that they are to be invited to the November meeting on 02 11 06 at 1900

17.2 Communications

17.2.1 Newsletter

It was confirmed that the newsletter is to be produced using Publisher software and to be monthly

17.3 Environment

17.3.1 Parish Lands and Footpath Leaflet

Nothing further to report

17.3.2 Street Scene conference

No more information had been circulated

17.4 Transport

Nothing to report

17.5 Highways

17.5.1 Elmham Road Parking

The engineer dealing with the issue has moved posts and his replacement is awaited to make contact for a site visit

17.5.2 Church Road East Bilney Speed Limit

The speed limit has now been agreed to extend past the Church

17.5.3 East Bilney

The VAS sign can be connected to nearby street furniture and would cost around £3,500. Confirmation is to be obtained for the exact siting. The

assessment for the footbridge is to take place on a Friday during school term, and advice from the legal department of Norfolk County council is awaited

17.5.4 Old Beetley Speed Limit

The recent traffic counter placed on Church Road at Old Beetley had produced results that showed that the speed limit was generally adhered to. Therefore Norfolk County Council had decided not to recommend a speed limit. The members felt that this was an inaccurate reading bearing in mind the siting of the counter and Norfolk County Council is to be written to objecting to the findings and stating that the residents would accept the restriction signs in the village

17.6 Community

17.6.1 Homewatch

The reports were noted

17.7 Health and Safety

The emptying of the dog bins has caused complaints and Councillor Campbell-Smith agreed to monitor those at Beetley Meadows and the Clerk would do likewise at the playing field

18. Projects

Nothing to report

19. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting

This was confirmed as Thursday 5th October 2006 at 1930 to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall

The meeting closed at 2143hrs.