

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2012 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present

Councillor A Leigh (Chair)
Councillor A Luck
Councillor J Baldwin
Councillor A Fox
Councillor J O'Donovan
Councillor R Richmond
Councillor M Rose

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris

One member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from District Councillor R Duffield who was on holiday.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Luck declared a prejudicial interest in agenda Item 13 being a trustee of the Village Hall and Councillor Richmond declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 6.2.2 and 12.1 having submitted parcels of land for inclusion in the Minerals and Waste Framework.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1 December 2011 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The County Councillor reported that the Minerals and Waste Consultation had been withdrawn as there had been objections to Mineral Sites 8 and 13 from the landowners who said that they had not been consulted. The agent had been consulted and the Site Specifics will be put to the Cabinet on 6 March and the consultation is likely to be sent out at the beginning of April.. He also informed the members of the Say Yes to Broadband consultation and the forms will be distributed with the Beetley Buzz to all households. The more people who register without obligation to sign up to a supplier would mean that it is more likely that there will be a better Broadband service. A civilian contractor would then be employed to put in the new infrastructure.

The County Councillor, as a district Councillor, also reported about the car park review as there is a £31/2 million shortfall to 2014. the District Council does not wish to implement charges but must look at all the options to increase revenue or reduce expenditure.

Therefore all aspects within Breckland are being looked at. Both Councillors O'Donovan and Rose felt that if the charges were brought in this could be the death knell for Dereham as a shopping centre. It was felt that there should be free parking for all shop owners. The County Councillor said that no decision has been made on the any charges and it will be 3-6 months before a decision is made.

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 EDF Vegetation Clearance.

The Clerk reported that he had signed permission for the contractor for EDF to clear vegetation on Parish Land at the Town Lands, Folly Lane and Beetley Common

5.2 Graffiti at the Bus Shelter.

The Clerk reported that he had received an e-mail from a parishioner regarding graffiti in the bus shelter on Fakenham Road near to High House Road. Councillor Fox had tried to remove this with the graffiti remover to no avail and had then used thinners and a blowlamp and removed it as best as possible. He had also swept out the shelter. He was thanked by the Chairman for his hard work.

5.3 Community Car Scheme.

The Chairman reported that the scheme is working well with a new co-ordinator in place. She will be sharing the duties of co-ordinator with Mrs Ludlow to allow for holidays etc and a mobile phone is being used to improve the service. Both the Chairman and Clerk had received their CRB checks and had the medical. All the other drivers had filled in the CRB check forms and the Clerk had seen all the documentation necessary.

Councillor O'Donovan proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for ensuring that the scheme continued to function so smoothly. All seconded the thanks.

5.4 Plaque at the Church.

Councillor Luck had seen the parents of the soldier killed in Afghanistan and they were in agreement with the siting of a plaque.

The Clerk reported that he had spoken to the Diocese and a faculty application is needed detailing the siting, size, wording and materials for the plaque. This should be forwarded by the Parochial Church Council and he will contact the Secretary.

5.5 NRCC Conference 1 March.

A representative from the Parish Council will be attending but it was not decided whom.

5.6 Affordable Housing.

Flagship Housing had confirmed that at present only social housing for rent would be Available, but if there is a specific case in the future where one of the tenants is interested in shared ownership, it will work with them to assess the options available. It was agreed that in the present economic climate this is the best result that is possible.

5.7 Welcome Pack.

The Chairman reported that she had had 10 copies printed by Abacus Copiers in colour, double sided at a cost of 5 pence per sheet. A new long arm stapler had been ordered to be able to staple these together.

5.8 Neighbourhood Planning Seminar 29 February.

Councillor Rose will confirm if she is able to attend.

6. Planning.

6.1 Applications received since the last meeting.

The following applications had been received since the last meeting and been circulated to all Councillors and the decisions had been forwarded by the Clerk.

6.1.1 3PL/2011/1350/F-York Glen High House Road-erection of garage and new vehicular access to highway.

No objection had been raised to the application for a garage but the new access was objected to.

6.1.2 3PL/2011/1383/F-6 Ashley Road-demolish garage & garden wall & erection of new garage & garden wall to side of property.

No objection had been raised to the application.

6.2 Applications.

6.2.1 PP/Y/3/2011/3019-Gressenhall farm and Workhouse-erection of single storey building and link pathways to the south west of the main complex to function as an ancillary resource centre in association with the operation museum.

It was felt that this application only differed from the previous one in the wording of the use.

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Fox seconded the resolution that the Parish

Council again object for the reasons of size, usage, design and cost.
All were in favour.

Councillor Richmond withdrew from the meeting.

6.2.2 PP/C/3/2011/3031-Beetley Quarry-variation of Condition 1 of planning permission C/3/2011/3012 to allow for completion of restoration of former processing site until 30 September 2012.

The site had been bought from Barker Bros. by Michael Goff and he had not had the time to restore the site.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that no objection be raised to the application but hoped that intent to complete by September 2012 become a guarantee. All were in favour.

Councillor Richmond rejoined the meeting.

Councillor Luck joined the meeting

6.2.3 3PL/2012/0075/F-36 Ashley Road-proposed rear extension with loft room and dormer window.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Richmond seconded the resolution that no objection be raised to the application but request that no trees be removed from the site. The tree report was confusing and should be mentioned in the comments. All were in favour.

6.3 Decisions.

6.3.1 C/3/2011/3012-Beetley Quarry-variation of condition 1 on permission C/3/2007/3012 to enable the continued stockpiling and sale of sand and gravel and for the restoration of the process site until 31 December 2011. N/O Permission

6.3.2 3OB/2011/0002/OB-Bilney Mews-removal of section 106 on pp 3PL/2005/0920 to allow occupancy for under 55's. O Refusal

Councillor Richmond commented that he had been at the Planning Committee and thanked the Clerk and District Councillor for the way they spoke against the application.

6.3.3 3PL/2011/1350/F-York Glen High House Road-erection of garage and new vehicular access to highway. N/O to garage O to access Permission

7. Beetley River Meadows Play Area.

7.1 Problems.

The Clerk had tried to contact Redlynch Leisure to no avail but would try again.
The adder sign had become unstuck and Councillor Fox had re-fixed this.

7.2 Gates.

Confirmation had been received from RBS Engineering that the gates would be to BS EN1176 and there was a five year guarantee so the Clerk had placed the order. It is hoped that the new gates will be installed prior to Easter..

7.3 Grant application.

The Chairman reported that she had spoken to Breckland Council about match funding through the small grants scheme which will match fund up to £3000 and it was agreed to proceed with an application .

8. Open Spaces.

8.1 Problems.

The hedge at East Bilney Town Lands will be cut on 12 February as it safer to cut this along Fakenham Road on a Sunday. Norfolk Woods and Hedges Ltd. had been contacted regarding the replacement trees but no reply had been received.

8.2 Footpath posts.

The walk is to be held in April and the Clerk will confirm the date.

8.3 Public Rights of Way.

Norfolk County Council had replied that it has noted the Parish Council's willingness to assist and will contact the Clerk in the New Year.

8.4 Grass Cutting.

A quotation had been received from CGM for additional areas to be cut.

The cost of these is £32 for the footpath through Fanthorpe's Wood, £16 for the footpath alongside the school car park, £9.60 to strim the rough grass to the right of Beetley Meadows Play Area and £16 to strim the openings beside the river. All these prices are per occasion and are on a by-request basis.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Fox seconded the resolution that this quotation be accepted. All were in favour.

9. Highways and Transport.

9.1 Report on Highways Matters.

9.1.1 General.

A complaint had been received regarding the parking of vehicles on Green Lane by the coach drivers. It was agreed after a discussion that a polite letter to Mrs Feeke be sent and to monitor the situation. The pipe on Rawhall Lane had been replaced and an apology had been received about the time taken but Norfolk County Council were awaiting British Gas to confirm the situation of a gas main. A complaint had been made to Norfolk County Council about the re-instatement of the road at East Bilney. The Inspector had visited site and was instructing the contractor to return to site and repair the depression.

9.1.2 Beetley Common

A letter had been received from a parishioner expressing concern that the roads to Beetley Common will not be maintained if there are more vehicles travelling to the Common and that there should be a speed bump at the junction of Peacock Lane and Common Lane. It was agreed to write to the parishioner informing him that speed bumps would not be installed nor would the Parish Council erect any new litter bins. The Clerk had also received an e-mail about a sign being replaced at Beetley Common. He had visited the Common but could not see a sign that had been changed. He will contact the parishioner to try and find out more details.

9.2 Local Highway Improvements.

The application for a new trod on Fakenham Road had been forwarded to Norfolk County Council.

Councillor Baldwin left the meeting.

10. Website.

10.1 Update.

A problem with accessing the website had been found and it is not necessary to type in www. The Clerk had received three e-mails congratulating the Parish Council. and one with some suggested alterations which the Clerk will contact the web manager with. It was agreed to spending additional funds on retrieving information lost when the website changed controllers.

10.2 New additions.

One e-mail had been received with some suggested alterations which the Clerk will contact the web manager with.

11. Correspondence received for circulation.

11.1	Clerks and Councils Direct January 2012
11.2	Norfolk RCC Signpost- December 2011
11.3	Norfolk Link Extra Christmas 2011
11.4	Police Budget 2012/2013
11.5	CPRE-Guide to Neighbourhood Planning
11.6	CPRE- Planning Explained
11.7	Norfolk County Council-Gritting Routes
11.8	Norfolk police Crime Figures November and December
11.9	Beetley PCC
11.10	LCR-Winter 2011
11.11	Norfolk Link January 2012

12. Finance.

12.1 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.

12.2 Balances.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Luck 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 10 11	26679.80
Receipts-	
Interest-2.45	
Breckland Community Car-50.00	
Horningtoft Parish Council-137.50	
Forestry Commission-558.00	
Eastern power Networks Wayleave-69.01	
Tittleshall Parish Council-48.32	
Interest-2.01	
Breckland Community Car-55.69	<u>922.98</u>
	27602.78
Less cheques authorised 03 11 11-1128.85	
Less cheques authorised 01 12 11-2390.70	<u>3519.55</u>
Balance at 31 12 11	24083.23
Less unrepresented cheques authorised 01 12 11-368.00	
unrepresented cheques drawn since 01 12 11-200.00	<u>568.00</u>
Balance at 01 02 12	23515.23

Amount available for Section 137 : 1118 x£6.44 = £7199.92

Spend to Date : £20.00

Cheques for authorisation:

266	Norfolk County Council	CRB Checks	50.00
267	S Ludlow	Float for Community Car	150.00
268	B J Leigh	Contract January	368.00
269	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract	17.16
270	Mrs A Leigh	Community Car-December	88.50
271	C.G.M.	Grass Cutting-November &	289.30

		December	
272	Beetley Village Hall	Donation	550.80
273	Mrs S Ludlow	Community Car-January	69.35
274	Mrs A Leigh	Labels, Card and Laminate Pouches for Community Car	14.89
275	Saber Daynes	Stationery	16.80
276	John Relph	Website Management	50.00
277	Norfolk County Council	CRB Checks	150.00

12.3 Donation to Norfolk Accident Rescue Service.

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that £50 be donated. All were in favour.

13. Village Hall.

13.1 Report from the last Committee Meeting.

The Village Hall Committee is setting up a fundraising account so that when people buy on line a donation is sent to the Village Hall. This is easyfunding.com. A leaflet is to be distributed with the Beetley Buzz explaining the system. A daily check is being made at the Village Hall. Mr. & Mrs. Pope have resigned from the Committee for family reasons and Councillor Luck is to become the Chairman. June Overall has taken over as Bookings Secretary and will continue as secretary. The installation of a small scale wind turbine is being looked into. A plumber is coming to check the toilets, basins etc. The Chairman raised the matter of the levels of cleanliness at the Village Hall. She felt previous issues regarding the curtains and carpets in particular were not being progressed. This will be raised at the next Committee meeting. The Clerk informed the members that the Parish Council is the custodian trustee of the land and building but can take no part in the management of the Village Hall even if there is no Management Committee.

13.2 Fundraising.

The Christmas event raised £350. There are no other events planned at present.

14. Matters for the Next Meeting

There were no matters raised for the next meeting.

16. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 1 March 2012 at 7.30 p.m. to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 2148 hours.