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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 5 APRIL 2012 AT 7.40 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

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence had been received from District Councillor R Duffield.

**2. Declarations of Interest.**

Councillor Luck declared a prejudicial interest in agenda Item 12 being a trustee of the Village Hall and Councillor Richmond declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 11.1 having submitted parcels of land for inclusion in the Minerals and Waste Framework.

**3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1 March 2012 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 National Planning Policy Framework had been published and the LDF of Breckland Council must come into line with the new document. There will be a two year period during which the policies of Breckland will be reviewed and the new LDF has to be inspected again.

**5. Matters to Report.**

**5.1 SLCC Annual General Meeting.**

The Clerk reported that he had attended this as there was a talk on the Localism Act but he was very disappointed as so much of the "fine print" has yet to be disseminated.

**5.2 Opening Event Affordable Housing.**

This will take place on 11 April at 11 a.m.

**5.3 Resignation from the Parish Council.**

A letter had been received from Councillor Luck resigning from the Parish Council with effect from 6 April as he has taken on the Chairmanship of the Village Hall Committee. The Chairman and Councillors all expressed their sadness that he has resigned but wished him well in his new role.

**5.4 Bus Shelter.**

The Clerk reported that he had received another e-mail regarding graffiti at the bus shelter on Fakenham Road . On inspection it was found that this was another instance, this time using silver metallic paint. It was agreed not to do any thing at the present time as to clean it off again could mean that another instance would occur. It was agreed to respond to the person complaining stating the Parish Council's decision and that it would consider possibly painting the inside of the bus shelter in the future and hoped that the person would assist with this.

**5.5 Website.**

The Clerk reported that he had spent a morning clearing up the queries on the website with John Relph. The only outstanding matter is a narrative about Old Beetley and Stephen Pope and Horace Bloy are to be contacted to see if they have any information that can be used.

**5.6 Bottle Bank.**

Councillor O'Donovan felt that it should be minuted about the cleanliness of the site at the New Inn and thanks should be given to the owners. All were in agreement.

**6. Planning.**

**6.1 Applications.**

**6.1.1 3PL/2012/0135/F-St. Marys Cottages Church Lane Old Beetley-single storey ext. to side/rear single storey rear ext/new roof to form utility/WC & det 3 bay cartshed/garage.**

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Leigh seconded the resolution that NO OBJECTION be raised to the extensions but an OBJECTION be made to the cart shed/garage. An objection had been received from a neighbour and it was agreed that the siting and size of the cart shed/garage would overshadow the neighbouring property. It was also agreed to comment that the Parish Council was disappointed that the extension had already commenced before planning permission had been received and that the number of trees removed from the site was excessive in a rural area and not environmentally friendly.

All were in favour.

**6.1.2 3PL/2012/0262/F-Bilney Hall Care Home-proposed 10 bed single storey extension.**

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Baldwin seconded the resolution that NO OBJECTION be raised to the application.

All were in favour.

**6.1.3 3PL/2012/0283/F-Roosting Hill Quarry-erect agricultural livestock building, retention of small single storey outbuildings & close part of access road.**

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that NO OBJECTION be raised to the application.

All were in favour.

**6.1.4 3PL/2012/0272/F-Land to the west of 55 Elmham Road-proposed chalet bungalow.**

Councillor Luck proposed and Councillor Fox seconded the resolution that NO OBJECTION be raised to the application although it was felt that the dwelling was squashed into the site but was pleased that it is not to be built to the rear of the other properties.

All were in favour.

**6.2 Decisions.**

**6.2.1 3PL/2012/0075/F-36 Ashley Road-proposed rear extension with loft room and dormer window** N/O Permission

**6.2.2 3PL/2012/0093/O-Site adjacent 65 Fakenham Road-proposed new dwelling** O Refusal

**6.2.3 C/3/2011/3031-Beetley Quarry-variation of Condition1 on planning permission C/3/2011/3012 to allow for completion of restoration of former processing site until 30 September 2012** N/O Permission

**6.3 enforcement.**

**6.3.1 4 River View.**

The Clerk reported that he had received notification that no further enforcement would take place over the shed at 4 River View given the limited visibility of the shed

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sited behind the fencing. It was agreed to reply that the Parish Council is disappointed with this decision as this could set a precedent for the future.

## 7. **Beetley River Meadows Play Area.**

### **7.1 Problems.**

The gates had been vandalised and three out of four are now not closing. The bolt that adjusts the spring mechanism had been tightened so much that the spring has been damaged and mastic has been squeezed into the bolt head. RBS Engineering had been contacted and new components have been ordered. It was agreed to place an article in the Beetley Buzz about the vandalism.

### **7.2 ROSPA Report.**

This will be received electronically in future.

### **7.3 Grant application.**

The Chairman reported that she had been informed this week that the application had been successful and Breckland Council will match fund £1352.50. A small sign will need to be displayed stating that Breckland Council had funded the picnic area. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with local residents to agree a site for the picnic area on 1 May at 7.00p.m. The Chairman stated that she is still in favour of siting the picnic area in the old allotment site. A letter drop will be made with a map showing possible sites which Councillor Baldwin will produce.

Councillor Luck withdrew from the meeting.

### **7.4 Recreation Contributions.**

The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Sue Bloomfield at Breckland Council and she had confirmed that the new play equipment at the Village Hall is an ideal project to utilise the funds available. It was felt that the existing area is the best and it was agreed to obtain prices for equipment and to check if fencing is needed. It was agreed that new seats for the swings, a toddler swing, slide and springer be purchased for the area.

Councillor Luck rejoined the meeting.

## 8. **Open Spaces.**

### **8.1 Problems.**

An anonymous letter had been received about the felling of an oak tree at Beetley Common. The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Horace Bloy and he confirmed he had felled the tree to allow others to grow. In future Horace will contact the Clerk if any work is needed at the Common.

The Clerk had received an e-mail from Fields in Trust and he had replied requesting all the information but this had not been received. Councillor Richmond agreed to contact Mark Healey.

### **8.2 Footpath Posts.**

The replacement of the footpath posts and way markers is to be held on 17 April with one group starting at Bilney Church and the other at The New Inn at 6.30 p.m. The way markers and new posts will be sited where necessary.

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

### **9.1 Report on Highways Matters.**

Following the complaint that the verge had encroached on High House Road this had been inspected by the Highways Technician and the road had been found to be of adequate width and no signs of verge encroachment had been found.

The application for the trod on Fakenham Road had been approved by Norfolk County Council and this will be match funded and should be completed in this financial year.

The Highways and Community rangers will be in the Parish the week commencing 30 April.

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## 10. Correspondence received for circulation.

- 10.1 Norfolk Accident Rescue Service
- 10.2 The Playing Field Winter 2011/12
- 10.3 LCR Spring 2012
- 10.4 Breckland Town and Parish Council Newsletter

## 11. Finance.

11.1 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.

### 11.2 Balances.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Fox 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 01 12		23587.28
Receipts-	Interest-2.14	
	Brisley Parish Council-23.33	
	Beeston Parish Council-23.33	
	Breckland-78.86	<u>127.66</u>
		23714.94
Less cheques authorised 02 02 12		<u>914.00</u>
Balance at 28 02 12		222800.94
Less unrepresented cheques authorised 02 02 12		700.80
Unrepresented cheques authorised 01 03 12		<u>3816.52</u>
Balance at 01 03 12		18984.42
Float for Community Car co-ordinator		<u>150.00</u>
Balance at 01 03 12		19134.42

Amount available for Section 137 : 1139 x£6.80 = £7745.20

Spend to Date : £0.00

Cheques for authorisation:

288	B J Leigh	Contract March 375.00 Community car mobile Phone top up-20.00	395.00
289	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract plus colour copies of Welcome Pack	29.87
290	C.G.M.	Grass Cutting-February	144.65
291	Mrs A D Leigh	Community Car-March	117.90
292	Saber Daynes	Stationery	37.20
293	Norfolk Association of Local Councils	Subscription	221.22
294	Norfolk RCC	Training Course	20.00
295	John Relph	Website management	30.00
296	LCR	Subscription	15.50

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## **12. Village Hall.**

### **12.1 Report from the last Committee Meeting.**

Councillor Luck reported that Councillor Fox had agreed to be Vice-Chairman. A plumber is to be engaged to sort out all the plumbing problems at the Village Hall. The AGM is on 17 April and it is hoped new members will come forward after that meeting.

### **13.2 Fundraising.**

A craft fair and dog day are planned.

### **13.3 New Members.**

No new members had come forward yet.

## **13. Matters for the Next Meeting**

There were no matters raised for the next meeting.

## **14. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.**

This was confirmed as Thursday 3 May 2012 at 7.30 p.m. to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 2145 hours.