

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY
VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2012 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present

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

County councillor M Kiddle Morris

3 members of the public.

In the part open to the public a parishioner complained about the caravan parked outside 24 Ashley Road and the parking of his vehicle on the grassed area opposite Maple Close. The parishioner was informed that the Clerk had already contacted the police regarding this second caravan and would be writing to the resident requesting that he does not park his vehicle on this grassed area.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Fox who was unwell and this was accepted. The District Councillor had also sent his apologies.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

Councillor Leigh declared a DPI under Appendix A in Agenda Item 7.1.2 and Councillor Richmond declared a DPI under Appendix A in Agenda Item 12.1 having submitted parcels of land for inclusion in the Minerals and Waste Framework.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Richmond seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4 October 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.

There was no report from County but the County Councillor informed the meeting that the Chief Executive of Breckland Council is leaving.

5. Refurbishment of the Village Hall Play Area.

5.1 Meeting with the Village Hall Committee.

A meeting had been held with the Village Hall Management committee to progress the refurbishment. Unfortunately it had not been possible to reach an agreement on the long term maintenance of the area. The Parish Council felt that this should be the responsibility of the Village Hall as the Parish Council can not interfere in the running of the Charity. A decision is awaited from the Village Hall Committee as to whether it will take responsibility for the equipment.

5.2 Future action.

It was agreed to do nothing further at present until a reply has been received from the Village Hall Committee.

6. Matters to Report.

6.1 Norfolk ALC Seminar 7 November.

No one would be attending.

6.2 Norfolk ALC AGM 8 November.

Councillor Richmond would be attending.

6.3 Radio Norfolk Treasure Quest.

East Bilney is to feature on this programme on Sunday 4 November and Councillor Baldwin had kindly volunteered to deliver the next clue at the Village Sign.

6.4 Car park at the School.

The kerbing had dropped at one point and it was agreed to contact Adam Luck, Tracey Crane and Chris Mitchell for prices to repair the kerbing.

7. Planning.

7.1 Applications.

7.1.1 3PL/2012/1022-Sunray Green Lane-erection of carport as extension to family dwelling.

Councillor Rose outlined the background to this plot.

The meeting was adjourned

A neighbour of the applicant addressed the meeting and stated that the carport would be in full view of his windows. It would have a huge gable end that would overshadow his property. He stated that Breckland Council had already made a decision on this application before the Parish Council had been able to discuss the matter. The application was not going to be referred to the Planning Committee despite his request to the District Councillor. The Chairman of the Planning Committee had decided that it did not warrant being considered by the Committee. He wondered why there were Parish Councils if their opinions were not even listened to.

The meeting was reconvened.

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Richmond seconded the resolution that the application be objected to. All were in favour.

The reasons for the objection would be that the carport is in front of the building line, the small plot is inadequate for this size of carport, it would overshadow the neighbouring property, it is an intrusion into the neighbour and that the tree T1 can not be protected. If permission is to be granted then a condition of the permission should be that the carport remains as an open sided carport and the sides can not be infilled. The concerns of the Parish Council that this was not referred to the Planning Committee are also to be expressed.

Councillor Leigh withdrew from the meeting.

Councillor Rose assumed the Chair.

7.1.2 3PL/2012/1040/F-Gressenhall NCS Depot Gressenhall Road-retention of mobile building (used as office & rest room) ramp, steps & handrails (retrospective).

Councillor O'Donovan proposed and Councillor Richmond seconded the resolution that no objection be raised. All were in favour.

Councillor Leigh rejoined the meeting and resumed the Chair.

7.2 Decisions.

The following decision was noted.

7.2.1 3PL/2012/0884/F-34 Fakenham Road-erect single storey front & rear extensions & demolish garage & erect detached cart shed with carport & log store N/O Permission

7.3 Appeals.

7.3.1 To note the Planning Inspectorate's decision regarding the site adjacent to 65 Fakenham Road.

The Planning Inspector had dismissed the appeal on the grounds of highway safety, that the development would be outside the settlement boundary and would be unsustainable. The Inspector also commented that he felt Breckland Council had allowed an access to be created when no permission had been granted. This is the same comment that the Parish Council had made to Breckland Council at the time when an access appeared on Fakenham Road that had not been on the original plans.

8. Beetley River Meadows.

8.1 Report.

The claim for the match funding had been agreed. There is a problem with the river cutting into the bank at The Beach and CGM will be requested to cut the footpath further away from the bank in the next season. The signs are ready to be collected and Councillor Fox will fix these. The central area has not been cut and CGM will be requested to top this. Councillor Mayhew is to forward a copy of the risk assessment to the Clerk.

8.2 Cleaning of the benches.

The cleaning had all been done and then the benches and tables painted. The Chairman thanked all those who had assisted with the painting. A further coat is to be applied in the spring.

9. Open Spaces.

9.1 Problems.

There is a tree down on the concessionary path through Fanthorpe Wood and this will be reported..

10. Highways and Transport.

10.1 Report on Highways Matters.

There are potholes on B1146 at East Bilney and Fludges Lane and these will be reported.

10.2 Local Highway Improvement.

The trod has been installed on Fakenham Road and appears to be satisfactory although a little time is needed for it to settle.

10.3 Parking on Elmham Road.

George Hayes had requested if the Parish Council wished him to do anymore regarding the parking on Elmham Road. It was agreed that no more is to be carried out at present as both the School and Pre-School had been written to again. The situation will continue to be monitored.

11. Correspondence received for circulation.

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| 11.1 | Police Crime reports |
| 11.2 | Came and Company Parish Matters |
| 11.3 | Norfolk ALC Annual report |

12. Finance.

12.1 The budget sheets and financial information had been circulated and Councillor O'Donovan proposed and Councillor Richmond 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

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| Balance at 31 08 12 | 18035.58 |
| Receipts- Interest-1.46 | |
| Breckland C/Car -88.38 | |
| Breckland Precept-6500.00 | <u>6589.84</u> |
| | 24625.42 |
| Less cheques authorised 06 09 12 | <u>1238.06</u> |
| Balance at 30 09 12 | 23387.36 |
| Float for Community Car co-ordinator | <u>200.00</u> |
| Balance at 30 09 12 | 23587.36 |
| Less unrepresented cheques authorised 04 10 12 | <u>3403.80</u> |
| Balance at 04 10 12 | 20183.56 |

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

Spend to Date : £25.00

Cheques for authorisation:

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| 353 | B J Leigh | Contract October-375.00 less PAYE-27.20 | 347.80 |
| 354 | Abacus Copiers | Monthly Contract | 15.59 |
| 355 | C.G.M. | Grass Cutting-September | 144.65 |
| 356 | Mrs A Leigh | Community Car-October | 232.07 |
| 357 | HMRC | PAYE | 27.20 |
| 358 | P McDonald | Cleaning of Benches and safety surfacing | 398.00 |
| 359 | Hortons Badges and Emblems Ltd | Signs for Beetley River Meadows | 111.66 |
| 360 | Norfolk County Council | Tree for East Bilney | 300.00 |

12.3 Precept.

This was deferred to the next meeting.

12.4 Norfolk & Suffolk 4x4 Response.

It was agreed not to donate to this.

13. Matters for the Next Meeting

13.1 Dates for Meetings in 2013.

14. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 5 December 2012 at 7.30 p.m. to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 2123 hours.