

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY
VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 4 APRIL 2013 AT 7.47 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
District Councillor R Duffield

7 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence.

Councillor Fox had sent his apologies as he was ill and this was accepted.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

Councillor Richmond declared a pecuniary interest under Appendix A in Agenda Items 7.4 And 12.1 having submitted parcels of land into the Local Development Framework and Minerals and Waste Consultation and Councillor Baldwin declared an interest under Appendix B in agenda item 5 being a trustee of the Village Hall.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Mayhew proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7 March 2013 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 he had nothing to add to his report given to the Annual Parish Meeting.

The District Councillor reported on the Big Switch and Save Campaign and stated that 3000 residents had signed up to get the most economical energy.

5. Village Hall.

Councillor Baldwin stated that at present it is not known when the refurbishment will take place now the grant has been secured but the Parish Council will be informed well in advance so that alternative arrangements can be made.

6. Matters to Report.

6.1 Plaque at the Church.

It was confirmed that the soldier did live in Beetley but was not here at school. Councillor Baldwin felt that this should be proceeded with and all agreed to request the Parochial Parish Council proceed with the faculty request.

6.2 Kool Kats.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mr Atterwill requested on behalf of the club that the Parish Council purchase art and craft equipment. The Club is applying for a grant from Breckland Council to assist with the costs of running the club. Several queries were raised with the members of the committee on the numbers attending, the cost of sessions and the number of carers. Councillor Richmond felt that

the Parish Council should support anything locally provided it is legal. All the children are from Beetley except one who is from Swanton Morley who specifically chose Beetley School because of the breakfast club and after school club. The members were informed that the income is about £400 per week and 90% of this goes on wages, the remainder on insurance and Ofsted. The meeting was reconvened.

Councillor Mayhew proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that the Parish Council purchases art and craft equipment and donates this to Kool Kats. This would be a S137 payment. All were in favour.

6.3 Breckland Town and Parish Council Forum 21 May.

Councillors Leigh, O'Donovan, Mayhew and Richmond would attend. Councillors Baldwin and Rose are to consult their diaries.

6.4 Initial Training.

Councillor Mayhew had attended the course at Dereham and found it very good, informative and enjoyable .

6.5 Mower.

The mower which is used for cutting the playing field needs new blades which will cost about £350. The Parish Council could purchase the blades and then donate the mower to the Village Hall, or keep it or donate to the Village Hall without purchasing the blades. Councillor O'Donovan proposed and Councillor Richmond seconded the resolution that new blades be purchased and the mower kept. All were in favour.

6.6 Litter Picking.

The Chairman stated that the litter pick has to be organised and can not be done when individuals want. Previously the Parish Council has tried to organise a pick but only Councillors had attended. It was suggested that a request be placed in the Beetley Buzz for volunteers but this was not agreed. It was agreed to do nothing further at this stage with a litter pick.

6.7 Community Infrastructure Levy.

A drop in session on this is to be held at Dereham Memorial Hall on 23 April between 1430 and 1830.

7. Planning.

7.1 Applications.

7.1.1 3PL/2013/0224/F-St Marys Cottage Church Lane Old Beetley-erect single storey extension to rear to form sun lounge & single storey ext. to garage to form carport & log store.

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

7.1.2 3PL/2013/0004/F-Clovelly Fakenham Road East Bilney-single storey extension to link house to garden room-revised plans.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Leigh seconded the resolution that no objection be raised but stated that the Parish Council considered the initial design better. All were in favour.

7.2 Decisions.

The following decisions were noted.

7.2.1 3PL/2013/0063/F-42 Beech Road-first floor extension to rear, first floor extension over garage & flat roof extension to rear & ext. to extg. porch.

N/O Permission

7.2.2 3PL/2013/0028/F-10 Oakland Drive-erection of two storey side extension and alterations to dwelling

N/O Permission

7.3 Enforcement 48 Elmham Road.

The Clerk reported that Breckland Council had replied stating no request in writing was necessary as the felling of one tree was covered by the planning permission as this

tree was within the report from the arboriculturist. Any other trees that the occupants wish to fell had to be requested in writing within five years of the initial occupation of the new dwelling. George Hayes accepted this explanation.

7.4 Minerals and Waste.

Councillor Rose and Clare Hedges the Chairman of the Sub-Committee had met prior to the public hearing. Clare had attended the hearing and on the Wednesday discussion had been about MIN 08 and MIN 13 along Bilney Road. These had been rejected by Norfolk County Council as they were to be worked by different companies and would involve conveyor belts crossing the road more than once. These problems have been overcome and if they were to be allocated they would be worked by the same company with their own processing plant on the site. On the Thursday she was able to put forward all the Parish Council's points about cumulative impact, loss of amenity and the fact that most aggregate would be consumed by building activity a long way from the source. It was stressed that if quarrying is to be in Beetley then it would be preferable if this was on Bilney Road-sites MIN08, 13 and 51 and not along Fakenham Road-MIN10 as this would have fewer impacts on our enjoyment of the countryside. The Inspector noted that we had had mineral and waste activity in the parish for 60 years. The waste hearing will be in a couple of weeks.

8. Beetley River Meadows.

8.1 Report.

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that 2 Metal Guppy Bins be purchased. All were in favour. Councillor Mayhew had e-mailed the lady who wished to have the dog bins moved but had not had a reply. Anglian Water is to be contacted regarding the storm drain which is a hazard across a path. CGM is to be contacted to remind them about cutting the central area.

8.2 S106 Funds.

An e-mail from a parishioner disappointed that an agreement could not be reached with the Village Hall committee regarding the maintenance of play equipment at the playing field was read out. It was agreed to telephone him to explain the reasons.

No suggestions had been received about the utilisation of the funds. It was agreed to await another month to see if there were any suggestions as it would be costly to send another questionnaire. It was agreed to look at the original results from the questionnaire sent.

9. Open Spaces.

9.1 Problems.

A quotation is still awaited for the repairs to the fencing at the school playing field. The repairs to the dropped kerb in the car park are to be undertaken during the Easter Holidays.

10. Highways and Transport.

10.1 Report on Highways Matters.

Norfolk County Council had replied to the request to repair Common Lane and Peacock Lane and this has been programmed to be filled with planings and the surface levelled. This will be carried out in the near future although no definite time was specified and these roads are low priority and will be carried out when resources become available. The flytipping had been cleared.

The parking of the vehicle on the land outside a resident on Ashley Road had been reported to the Clerk by a parishioner. The e-mail had stated that it was their verge but after a reply had been sent by the Clerk requesting clarification of this the parishioner had stated that it was not owned by them. The owner of the land is to be investigated. Councillor Mayhew will monitor the situation. Pot holes on School Road, High House Road and

Chapel Lane had all been reported. The Highway and Community rangers will be in the parish the week commencing 29 April.

Nothing had been received about the request to position no waiting cones on Elmham Road.

10.2 Grit Bins.

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Norfolk County Council to request that it reconsiders its decision not to allow a grit bin on Oakland Road and the Highway Technician had again refused permission. An e-mail had been received from a parishioner requesting a bin and the Clerk had replied stating that it is pursuing the matter.

10.3 Cones on Elmham Road.

Nothing had been received about the request to position no waiting cones on Elmham Road.

11. Correspondence received for circulation.

- 11.1 Police Crime reports
- 11.2 Norfolk RCC Signpost March 2013
- 11.3 Norfolk Age UK In the Loop
- 11.4 LCR Spring 2013

12. Finance.

12.1 The budget sheets and financial information had been circulated and Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Mayhew seconded the resolution that these be approved. All were in favour.

12.2 Balances.

Councillor Baldwin proposed and Councillor O'Donovan 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 13	19094.68
Receipts- Interest-1.51	
Breckland C/Car -150.33	
Beeston Parish Council-24.17	
Horningtoft Parish Council-24.17	
Tittleshall Parish Council-24.17	<u>224.35</u>
	19319.03
Less cheques authorised 07 02 13-	<u>1521.51</u>
Balance at 28 02 13	17797.52
Float for Community Car co-ordinator	<u>200.00</u>
Balance at 28 02 13	17997.52
Less unrepresented cheques authorised 07 03 13	<u>1264.11</u>
Balance at 07 03 13	16733.41

Amount available for Section 137 : 1173 x£6.98 = £8187.54
Spend to Date : £0.00

Cheques for authorisation:

389	B J Leigh	Contract March-400.00 less PAYE-32.00	368.00
390	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract	16.90
391	C.G.M.	Grass Cutting-March	144.65

392	Mrs S Ludlow	Community Car-March	62.24
393	HMRC	PAYE	32.00
394	The Beetley Charity	Transfer of rent	50.00
395	Norfolk ALC	Subscription	226.05
396	John Relph	Website maintenance	50.00
397.	NPTP	Initial training	35.00

12.3 Norfolk Accident Rescue Service.

It was agreed unanimously not to donate this year.

12.4 Norfolk RCC.

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that the Parish Council become non-voting bronze members at a cost of £20. All were in favour.

12.5 SLCC AGM and Training.

Councillor Baldwin proposed and Councillor Mayhew seconded the resolution that the Parish Council pays the cost of this as the training is focused on PAYE Real Time Information at a cost of £10. All were in favour.

13. Matters for the Next Meeting

There were no matters for the next meeting.

14. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 9 May 2013 at 7.30p.m. to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 2210 hours.