

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY VILLAGE HALL ON
THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER 2013 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present

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

District Councillor R Duffield

1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from County Councillor M Kiddle Morris

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

Councillor Richmond declared a pecuniary interest under Appendix A in Agenda Items 7.1.2, 7.1.4 and 11.1 having submitted parcels of land into the Minerals and Waste Consultation and owning the property next to 1&2 Beck Cottages.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Richmond seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5 September 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 District Councillor reported that a new Interim Chief Executive has been voted in provided that South Holland agrees to his appointment. The withdrawal of bottle banks was raised and he stated that if these are used possibly these will remain. It was agreed to place a piece in the Beetley Buzz advising the parish of the changes and that if the bank is to remain then it will be necessary to continue to use it and not recycle glass in the black wheelie bins. The Clerk reported that last year the Parish Council received £917.73 for 3.663 tonnes of textiles and £468.16 for 20.728 tonnes of glass.

5. Correspondence received for circulation.

5.1 LCR Autumn 2013
5.2 Dereham CAB AGM Information
5.3 Norfolk ALC Annual Report
5.4 Breckland A Guide for Councillors.

6. Matters to Report.

6.1 Norfolk ALC Autumn Conference 6 November at Sandringham.

No one would be attending.

6.2 Norfolk County Council Budget meeting Swaffham 22 October.

Councillor Leigh would attend.

6.3 Norfolk ALC AGM 5 October.

Councillor Richmond would attend.

6.4 Dereham CAB AGM 18 September.

Councillor Richmond attended and reported that about 40 people were present. It is still very busy with a number of trained volunteers. 505 of their income is donated by Town and Parish Councils. It is likely to change its name to Mid Norfolk CAB and no one at the meeting was against this suggestion. Councillor Mayhew has been asked to be a trustee and he will give more information at a later meeting. The information from the meeting is to be circulated.

6.5 CAG Meeting.

Councillor Richmond had attended and the problem of speeding along Beech Road had been raised. The problem of the speeding motorcycles is known to the police as was the accident on Fakenham Road that happened the week of the meeting with a motorcyclist. The meeting prioritised the problems from residents. The Clerk reported on his conversations with the traffic police following the accident and the constable is to report back about the speeding and try to have more checks done.

6.6 Village Hall.

The Clerk had received an e-mail from the Village Hall Management Committee stating that areas of turf had been dug up and replaced. It was probably metal detectors who have not been given permission to use the playing field. The police had been informed and all are requested to watch out for any metal detecting on the field.

7. Planning.

7.1 Applications.

7.1.1 3PL/2013/0811/F-Clear View Fakenham Road East Bilney-new boundary wall and additional car parking.

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

Councillor Richmond withdrew from the meeting.

7.1.2. C/3/2013/3010 and 3011-East Bilney Quarry-Variation of condition 1 of permission C/3/2009/3002 to allow the continued use of an area for the recycling of inert construction and demolition waste until 31 December 2017 and Variation of condition 1 of permission C/3/2010/3010 to allow the continued use of the storage bays until 31 December 2017.

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

Councillor Richmond rejoined the meeting.

7.1.3 Y/3/2013/3005-Gressenhall farm & Workhouse-removal of two temporary timber ticketing sheds and construction of timber clad building to accommodate ticketing facility/Resource Base and secondary entrance. And associated works.

This was a revised plan to that which the Parish Council had previously objected to. However this new design is in keeping with the rural area. Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that no objection be raised. All were in favour.

Councillor Richmond withdrew from the meeting.

7.1.4 3PL/2013/0844/F-1 & 2 Beck Farm Cottage Church Road East Bilney-demolish 1960's extension, restoration of roof structure, brick quoin & flintwork, new porch & new windows.

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

Councillor Richmond rejoined the meeting.

Councillor Rose thanked Councillor Mayhew who will now lead on planning but she stated that she would still assist if needed.

7.2 Decisions.

7.1.1 3PL/2013/0689/F-11 Beetley Grange-tiled roof extension to side elevation, replacing existing conservatory. N/O Permission.

7.3 Enforcement

7.3.1 Land adjacent to 55 Elmham Road.

Breckland Council had confirmed that the dwelling was being constructed as per the plans submitted. All who had contacted the Clerk regarding this had been informed.

8. Beetley River Meadows.

8.1 Report.

There is a possibility that there is ash dieback disease at the Meadows and a check will be made this week. Councillor Mayhew reported that horses were being ridden on the Meadows and he will try to find out who is responsible. Councillor Gould will also enquire. A note in the Beetley Buzz was agreed stating that horses are not to be taken onto the Meadows.

8.2 Enhancement to the Play Area.

The Chairman reported that the contractor will commence on 7 October and she will meet him there at 0900. The Clerk reported on a further e-mail from Breckland Council regarding the opening and it was agreed to give Breckland Council four dates and when the date has been finalised to place a notice in the Beetley Buzz advising every one of the official opening

8.3 ROSPA Report.

A new report will be sent to the Parish Council.

8.4 Grass Cutting.

The Clerk reported that despite several attempts the whole area has not been cut. It was agreed not pay the bills until such time as the area has been cut correctly.

8.5 Wendling Beck.

The Environment Agency had replied stating that the area had been looked at and there is no risk of flooding so at this time no weed cut can be justified. The Agency will monitor the area especially in the spring.

9. Open Spaces.

9.1 Problems.

Norfolk County Council is to be requested to cut back the hedges on FP6. It was agreed to do the planting at The Common on either 16 or 23 November.

9.2 East Bilney Town Lands.

A start had been made on this but it had not been completed.

10. Highways and Transport.

10.1 Report on Highways Matters.

Hedge letters have been sent to the landowners. The footway opposite the school on Fakenham Road has been programmed for patching, plus siding out the footway and

clearing the vegetation from the repeater sign. All water leaks have at last been repaired. The white lines at the School Car Park have been refreshed at the salvage cost of the materials as the contractor was working in the area at the end of the week. The trod has been extended to the north side of High House Road at no cost to the Parish Council.

10.2 New problems.

None were reported.

10.3 Beech Road.

The speed of vehicles along Beech Road is being monitored.

10.7 SAM2 Sign.

The Clerk toured the parish to ascertain the possible sites and is now awaiting Norfolk County Council to respond.

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 O'Donovan proposed and Councillor Mayhew 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 07 13	17802.46
Receipts- Interest-1.69	
Breckland C/Car -95.18	<u>96.87</u>
	17899.33
Less cheques authorised 04 07 13-351.60	
cheques authorised 05 09 13-1269.57	<u>1621.17</u>
Balance at 31 08 13	16278.16
Float for Community Car co-ordinator	<u>200.00</u>
Balance at 31 08 13	16478.16
Less unrepresented cheques authorised 05 07 13-10.00	
unrepresented cheques authorised 05 09 13-1565.16	<u>1575.16</u>
Balance at 05 09 13	14903.00

Amount available for Section 137 : 1173 x£6.98 = £8187.54

Spend to Date : £0.00

Cheques for authorisation:

438	B J Leigh	Contract Sep-404.00 back pay 20.00 less PAYE-53.20	370.80
439	HMRC	PAYE Sept	53.20
440	HGL Fencing and Stables	Fencing at the School Playing Field and Moving litter bins and dog bins-replacement cheque.	318.00
441	Mrs A Leigh	Community car	157.05
442	Norfolk Association of Local Councils	Good Councillor guide	19.06
443	Mazars	External Audit	120.00
444	1 st Beetley Scout Group	Donation to cover use of hall.	15.00
445	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract	16.18

11.3 Completion of Audit.

This had been completed with no comments from the External Auditor. The statutory notices have been posted.

12. Matters for the Next Meeting

12.1 Precept.

12.2 Charity meeting.

12.3 Dates of Meetings for 2014.

12.4 Report from the Village Hall. The Chairman requested that at this meeting the cost of grass cutting and insurance be available so that the Parish Council can consider if a donation is to be given

14. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 7 November 2013 at 7.00p.m. to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 2136 hours.