

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY
VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 12 MAY 2016 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present

Councillor J Baldwin (Chair)
Councillor J O'Donovan
Councillor A Leigh
Councillor J Mayhew
Councillor R Richmond
Councillor M Rose
Councillor T Turner

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris
District Councillor R Duffield
District Councillor R Richmond

2 members of the public.

In the part of the meeting open to the public a parishioner asked what the Parish Council was doing to facilitate faster broadband to areas within the Parish that does not receive it or if it is sitting just doing nothing. He suggested that the Parish Council join with Stanfield and Brisley to have a mast fitted to Stanfield Water Tower. It was explained that the Parish Council is getting regular up dates and it had been confirmed that a new fibre box will be installed in East Bilney but not before 2017. The District Councillor informed him that a satellite system was available as had been reported for those that have inadequate speeds. This available by accessing the Better Broadband for Norfolk website. The County Councillor informed him that by 2018 all properties would have the facility to obtain faster broadband. Once BT has completed their up grades then masts on properties will be considered.

1. Election of Chairman.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Mayhew seconded the resolution that Councillor Baldwin be elected Chairman. All were in favour and Councillor Baldwin was duly elected Chairman. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed and witnessed.

2. Election of Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Leigh seconded the resolution that Councillor O'Donovan be elected Vice-Chairman. All were in favour and Councillor O'Donovan was duly elected Vice-Chairman. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed and witnessed.

3. Apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

4. Declarations of Interest.

There were no DPI's declared.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Turner seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7 April 2016 having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

6. Councillors Responsibilities.

6.1 Planning.

Councillor Mayhew.

6.2 Deputy for Planning.

Councillor Rose

6.3 Grass Cutting and safety Inspections at Beetley River Meadows.

Councillor Baldwin

6.4 Weekly Safety Inspections at Beetley River Meadows Play Area.

Councillor Turner

6.5 Bottle Bank.

Councillor O'Donovan.

6.6 Footpaths.

Councillor Richmond.

6.7 Community Car Coordinator.

Councillor Leigh.

7. Deputy Community Car Coordinator.

Mrs Pat Williams was confirmed as deputy coordinator.

8. Internal Auditor for 2015/16.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that Mrs Susanne Rutter be confirmed as the Internal Auditor. All were in favour.

9. Signatories for the Bank of Ireland Account.

All Councillors with the exception of Councillor Leigh, being the wife of the Clerk, be authorised to sign and that 2 signatories are required for each cheque. All were in favour.

10. County and District Councillors Reports.

The County Councillor reported that at the Annual Council meeting there had been a change of leadership at County hall. The Green Party had abstained and the Leader of the Conservative Party had been appointed Leader of the Council. All the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committees except one Vice-Chairman appointed are now Conservative. This is despite there not being a Conservative majority on some Committees. District Councillor Duffield reported that at the Full Council meeting that day it was agreed that the Council may send out a consultation on devolution but this has not been confirmed. District Councillor Richmond stated that the devolution would mean that the Eastern Powerhouse would receive £900 million over thirty years, but to put this into context the feasibility study for the improvements to the rail junction at Ely would cost £50 million. He stated that it is another layer of government. He also informed the meeting that Breckland Council is considering removing Beetley as a service centre from the Local Plan. He suggested writing to Breckland Council on this but it was agreed to await the next consultation. The timings for this consultation are likely to be in August not June/July as had been proposed.

11. Matters to Report.

11.1 Duck Race.

The Clerk had been informed that despite the British weather the duck race was a huge success. 500 ducks were released and all made it safely to the finish. About 150 to 200 people braved the elements and enjoyed a lovely community event. The Pre-School thanked the Parish Council for cutting the viewing areas and allowing access across the Meadows for a vehicle which was a great help to setting up.

11.2 Traveller's Site School Road.

Councillor Rose stated that there is more activity on the site and there are three buildings in the first area and there appears to be more on site. It was reported that transient travellers are allowed to stop. The state of the wheelie bins was also raised and whether there should be more if there are more visitors. It was agreed to contact Breckland Council to clarify the numbers allowed and whether any action can be taken regarding the wheelie bins which are always full to overflowing onto the road.

11.3 Cedric's Nurseries.

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Breckland Council regarding the caravan on site and requested Enforcement to clarify if there had been a breach of planning.

11.4 Recycling Payment.

The Clerk reported that he had been notified that the recycling payment this year would be £1449.59 as opposed to £1948.64 for the previous year. The tonnage for glass had reduced from 17.272 tons to 9.954 which reflects that glass may now be recycled in the black wheelie bins. The tonnage for textiles also reduced from 3.942 tons to 3.022 but this may just be a difference of timing for collections. It was agreed to place an article in the Beetley Buzz informing all parishioners of the reduction and to request that glass is recycled at the New Inn and textiles at the Village Hall.

11.5 bus Service.

The Clerk confirmed that a new service, No 16 will commence in East Bilney on 21 June. This will pick up at East Bilney bus shelter on a Tuesday at 1045, stop at Church Road if required, Beech Road Beetley at 1050, Dereham Market Place 1059 and then onto Tesco via Morrison's to arrive at 1105. The return journey will leave Tesco at 1215, Dereham Market Place at 1220, Beech Road at 1227 and East Bilney at 1232. The details of this will be placed in the Beetley Buzz.

No response had been received from Norfolk County Council on the proposed service in Old Beetley.

11.6 Complaints about the Beetley Buzz Deliveries.

A complaint had been received about the non-delivery of the Beetley Buzz in Birch Avenue and Councillor Mayhew informed the meeting that he had been on holiday and that the delivery had now been made prior to the Parish Council meeting.

Another complaint had been received about a delivery to a property on Beech Road where the new box had not been used. The owner had been contacted and an apology made for using the letter box.

A request had also been received from a charity to place an article in the Beetley Buzz but it had been agreed, in the past, that only items specific to Beetley should be included and suggesting the Link-Up would be a better magazine.

11.7 Pavilion.

The Clerk reported that he had met with the cricket and football clubs and discussed their requirements. He will request a price from Richard Duffield for the work. He had informed the clubs that all may not be done in this year.

11.8 Bilney Hall.

An invitation had been received from the Care home to an Open Day on 7 June between 1 and 5 p.m. This is to tour the home and look at the new extension.

11.9 Parish Paths Seminar.

There is a seminar at Dereham Memorial Hall on 13 June organised by the Norfolk Local Access Forum. Councillor O' Donovan stated that she would attend.

11.10 Notice Boards.

The Clerk reported that he had asked Ivan Webster to look at the notice board at Beetley Church where the door appears to be falling apart and the board in Church Road East Bilney where the pin board has become unattached.

12. Planning.

12.1 Applications.

11.1.1 3PL/2016/0470/F-Woad Barn Rawhall Lane-change of use of workshop B (1c) at The Woad Centre Rawhall Lane to residential (C3).

After a lengthy discussion which covered the fact that although this is the conversion of a redundant farm building this is still a new dwelling not an annexe and it is outside the settlement boundary. It was felt that it was not a satisfactory situation where a change of use can just be waived through for an agricultural building.

Councillor Turner proposed and Councillor Leigh seconded the resolution that the Parish Council objects to the application. This was passed by a majority decision, Councillors Mayhew, Leigh, Rose and Turner voting for the resolution and Councillors Baldwin, O'Donovan and Richmond against the resolution.

12.2 Decisions.

The following decisions were noted.

12.2.1 3PL/2016/0324/HOU-31 Elmham Road-extension to front of garage and conversion to residential use and associated alterations. N/O Permission.

12.2.2 3PL/2016/0322/HOU-Beechbeck River Lane Fakenham Road East Bilney-proposed construction of new entrance lobby, new pitched roof over garage and demolition of conservatory. N/O Permission.

12.2.3 3PL/2016/0351/HOU-42 Beech Road-first floor rear extension, enlarge porch & rear single storey extension. N/O Permission.

12.2.4 C/3/2016/3003-East Bilney Quarry, Rawhall Lane-retrospective use of a site cabin as an office and mess facility. N/O Permission.

13. Highways and Transport.

13.1 Report on Highways Matters.

The Clerk reported on the following:-

Norfolk County Council no longer send out reports on the visits of the Rangers. The County Councillor will look into this as it seems pointless for the Parish Council to spend time identifying problems if it does not know whether these have been repaired or even if the Rangers had visited. An example of this is the road sign in East Bilney that has been reported repeatedly but it still has not been repaired nor has the sign in Old Beetley.

A request had been sent to Norfolk County Council to have the landowner cut back the hedge on Fakenham Road at the rear of the traveller's site.

There has been flooding on Rawhall Lane at the junction with Bilney Road where a new drain was put in a few years ago. The Highways department has been requested to investigate.

The hedge on Fakenham Road from Halfpenny Lane towards the school had been cut back by the landowner. The landowner had informed the Clerk of blocked drains on Halfpenny Lane and these had been reported.

The junction of the B1145 and B1146 is programmed to be resurfaced in 2018/19 but it will continue to be monitored.

The dropped iron work on Fakenham Road near to the de-limit sign had been reported and it has been repaired.

Norfolk County Council is to send a notice to the landowner to reinstate the footpath, FP6, to the definitive map. The Clerk had also received more complaints about the state of FP6 and had reported this. The Clerk had also informed Norfolk County Council that FP6 does not follow the definitive map at the pond on its eastern end.

Patching had occurred on Gressenhall Road at the junction with Fakenham Road but the double yellow lines had not been reinstated. The Highways Engineer is chasing this.

13.2 New problems.

The following new problems were reported:-

The sign is in the hedge at the southern end of FP10.

The verge at the junction of Hall Road and B1110 needs cutting.

A complaint had been received that there is no give way sign on Sorrel Lane at junction with Chapel Lane.

The surface of B1146 at the junction with Rawhall Lane needs repair.

The data from the SAM2 sign that had been erected on High House Road had shown that there is a speeding problem.

All these problems will be reported.

A request had been received as to whether the current 30 m.p.h. limit in East Bilney could be extended throughout the village rather than have a 40m.p.h. The Clerk stated that there is no budget for traffic management programmes in the current financial year and the parishioner will be informed.

13.3 Footbridge at East Bilney.

A parishioner had offered to donate a parcel of land to erect a footbridge next to the road bridge in East Bilney.

It was agreed to contact the Highways Engineer regarding this.

14. Beetley River Meadows.

14.1 Report.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Mayhew seconded the resolution that four signs be purchased for the play area to show no dogs and use the litter bins for £14.92 each +VAT and these will be fitted free. All were in favour.

Norse had contacted the Clerk regarding the number of moles in the area. The Clerk had met the Lady Mole Catcher who had quoted £60 per mole to eradicate them. It was agreed to obtain another quote.

A complaint had been received about the amount of litter left in the play areas and this will be highlighted in the Beetley Buzz-it is hoped that the new signs will also help

The litter bin in the Play area had not had the back locked in place or been emptied recently and the Clerk had reported this to Breckland Council. He had locked the rear panel in place. A complaint had been received about the mowing and the Chairman stated that she was not happy with it either and will contact Norse. The gate at the eastern end of the play area was not closing and NGF Play had been contacted twice but it still had not been repaired. This will be chased again.

14.2 RoSPA Inspection.

This will take place in June as normal.

15. Open Spaces.

15.1 Problems.

The bus shelter had not been repaired despite several telephone calls but the Clerk had been promised that this would be repaired this week. If no repair has been undertaken the Clerk is to contact another welder.

15.2 Crossing Rights at Beetley Common.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Leigh seconded the resolution that the request from Roosting Hills Trout fishery for crossing rights to stock and maintain the lakes as in previous years be approved. All were in favour.

15.3 Maintenance at East Bilney Town Lands.

Councillor Richmond and The Clerk are to meet with Norfolk Woods and Hedges.

16. Finance.

16.1 Budgets.

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.

16.2 Balances.

Councillor Rose 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 29 02 16	22043.98
Receipts- Interest-1.93	
Breckland Community Car- 114.55	
Brisley P.C.-105.94	
Litcham P.C.-31.24	
Beeston P.C.-29.42	
Horningtoft P.C.-19.37	
Tittleshall P.C.-15.94	
Interest-1.75	
Breckland precept-7750.00	
Breckland Rate support Grant-249.00	
Rural Payments Agency-Grant-558.00	
Breckland Community car-98.43	<u>8975.57</u>
	31019.55
Less cheques authorised 03 03 16-1053.96	
Cheques authorised 07 04 16-3549.88	<u>4603.84</u>
Balance at 30 04 16	26415.71
Less unpresented cheques authorised 07 04 16	<u>2800.00</u>
Balance at 30 04 16	23615.71
Float for Community Car co-ordinator	<u>200.00</u>
Balance at 30 04 16	23815.71

Amount available for Section 137 : 1148 x £7.42 = £8518.16

Spend to Date : £25.00

Cheques for authorisation:

685	B J Leigh	Contract Apr 441.00 less PAYE 78.20	362.80
686	HMRC	PAYE Apr	78.20
687	Abacus	Monthly Contract- Mar and April	42.48
688	Mrs A Leigh	Community Car Apr	258.25
689	Eastern Office Equipment	Stationery and Archive Boxes	39.85
690	Norfolk Woods and Hedges Ltd	Cutting back trees at the Pavilion	270.00
691	Community Action Norfolk	Membership	20.00

16.3 Donation to Beetley Common Advisory Committee.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Mayhew seconded the resolution that £200 be donated as last year. All were in favour.

16.4 Float for Community Car.

Councillor O'Donovan proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution this be increased to £250. All were in favour.

17. Correspondence received for circulation.

The following correspondence is being circulated:-

17.1

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18. Matters for the Next Meeting.

There were no matters raised for the next meeting.

19. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 2 June 2016 at 7.30p.m. to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 2155 hours.