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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present

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

District Councillor R Richmond
District Councillor R Duffield

1. Apologies for absence.

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

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

There were no DPIs.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Leigh seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 August 2016 having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

4. County and District Councillors Reports.

District Councillor Duffield stated that Local Plan latest consultation is now on the website. The Parish Council can obtain a hard copy of the document if required. The consultation will last for 6 weeks from 19 September.

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 Faster Broadband.

In the latest information sheet from Better Broadband for Norfolk which was issued in July no mention was made of a new cabinet for East Bilney although the Clerk had been informed in November 2015 that this would be installed between 2016 and 2018. It had now been confirmed to the Clerk that the new cabinet will be live between December 2016 and March 2017. Implementation is normally 6 months after that.

5.2 Bus Services.

There had been some problems with the service in East Bilney with the bus breaking down one week and not turning up on another. The Clerk had contacted Konect who had stated that the road works in Dereham had caused many problems with services not only the 16 service. This had been confirmed to the Clerk at the Total Transport Steering Committee meeting by Norfolk County Council. The Operations Manager at Konect is still committed to the service but this must be monitored by the residents.

The service in Old Beetley appears to be working very well and Norfolk County Council had confirmed that it was very pleased with take up of this service.

5.3 AGM of Community Action Norfolk on Wednesday 20 July at 4 p.m.

Councillor Richmond had attended the meeting. He reported that amalgamation with West

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Norfolk had been accomplished and that it was now involved with the grant administration for Breckland Council. It continues to be well used and gives considerable help to rural areas. The information from the meeting will be circulated.

5.4 Meeting with PCC 21 July at 1730 at Breckland Council.

Councillor Richmond had attended and this was a full meeting with all representatives at the meeting wanting more police on the ground. The PCC stated that he was committed to providing policing in rural areas. Councillor Richmond stated that the PCC Lorne Green does listen to the concerns of residents living in rural areas.

5.5 SNAP meeting.

Councillor Richmond had attended and informed the meeting that the three priorities for the next two months are speeding in villages, fishing at a lake in Toftwood and anti social behaviour at the Windmill, South Green Gardens and Neatherd Moor in Dereham.

5.6 Community Car Scheme Funding.

The Clerk reported that he had received confirmation from Breckland Council that this is to be increased to £1200. The acceptance of this had been returned to Breckland Council.

5.7 Total Transport Steering Committee.

The Clerk had attended this and reported that there are many problems especially with the ability to move patients from hospital to home. He was able to inform the committee of the method of working of small car schemes. He also stated at the meeting that the expansion of any car scheme was totally reliant of the funding and the ability to provide drivers. A further meeting will be held once all the raw data has been processed.

5.8 Nominating a recreational space for Centenary Fields Programme.

A further form had been returned regarding this.

5.9 Meeting with the Police.

The Clerk had a meeting with the Neighbourhood Policing Team at Dereham police station They had informed him that the team is committed to policing in rural areas and if speeding is a major problem then any instances must be reported to the police in the non-emergency number. The details of the Community Speed watch teams had been forwarded and it was agreed to place an article in the Beetley Buzz regarding the reporting of instances. The team is to investigate the information that has been forwarded regarding speeding. Any items can be reported to the PCC who will listen and will take positive steps to resolve the problems.

5.10 To consider attendance at AGM of CAB Mid Norfolk 7 September at 1930 at Church Parish Rooms Dereham.

Councillor Richmond will be attending.

5.11 Village Hall.

The Clerk had received an e-mail acknowledging receipt of the cheque for the recycling at the textile bank. It was stated that the money would be used to help cover revenue costs with a view to stabilising the rents for users of the hall.

6. Planning.

6.1 Applications.

6.1.1 3PL/2016/0945/HOU-16 Oakland Drive-proposed loft conversion with dormer and windows to front and rear of property.

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

6.1.2 3PL/2016/0971/F-Hall Farm Fakenham Road East Bilney-all weather riding area and fencing on paddock A-20 by 40 metres for private use.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that no objection be made to the application. All were in favour. The Parish Council

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would however comment that no external lighting should be erected and that the use is only for the applicant.

6.2 Decisions.

The following decisions were noted.

6.2.1 3PL/2016/0607/HOU-Blueberry Hill Halfpenny Lane-3 bay detached garage with workshop above. N/O Permission.

6.2.2 3PL/2015/0826/O-Land at Rear of The Paddocks-erection of 4 dwellings with detached garages O Permission.

6.2.3 3PL/2016/0869/F-Woad Barn Rawhall Lane-change of use of workshop portion from B1c to C3 (to form extension to existing dwelling) and associated works. N/O Permission.

6.2.4 3PL/2016/0471/VAR-Woad Barn Rawhall Lane-removal of condition 8 on 3PL/2003/1604/F-Occupation. N/O Permission.

6.2.5 3PL/2016/0767/HOU-Shillingstone Church Road-remove flat roof and erect hipped roof over, install new window to en-suite & minor alterations. N/O Permission.

6.3 To receive a report from the Local Plan Working Group on 15 July.

The Clerk reported that he had attended the meeting and put forward the Parish Council's wish to amend the settlement boundary. The Clerk and Councillor Richmond were both disappointed that this meeting had necessitated that the Clerk could not speak until nearly five hours into the meeting despite having received assurances that the meeting should be finished by 1130. It is not yet known if the representation has been included in the Local Plan.

6.4 To receive a report from the Planning Committee 25 July 2016.

Councillor Mayhew and district Councillor Richmond together with residents spoke at the meeting. Unfortunately despite their efforts the Planning Committee approved the application. Both were thanked for attending and speaking against the application.

6.5 To receive a report from the site meeting at 12 Beetley Grange.

The Chairman and Councillor Richmond had attended. The Chairman stated that the Planning Inspector waited nearly an hour for a representative from Breckland Council to attend. Almost 20 residents attended and the Planning Inspector asked the residents for their views as well as those from the Parish Council.

6.6 To receive a report from Enforcement regarding Fairhaven Caravan Park Beetley

Breckland Council had visited the site and had found that only 5 caravans were on site whereas the planning permission allows for up to 6 caravans housing 4 families. Therefore there has been no breach of the planning permission at the present time.

There was no evidence of any litter at the site entrance at the time of the visit.

7. Highways and Transport.

7.1 Report on Highways Matters.

The Clerk reported that he had requested that the Brown Woad Centre signs be removed. He had also requested that the verges on High house Road be investigated and he had had a reply stating that these would be investigated. A resident had complained about the erosion of the verge outside her property on Elmham Road and this will also be investigated although this may not be at intervention level. The owners of the hedges on Fakenham Road and Elmham Road had been spoken to and the one on Elmham Road had been cut back It is expected that the one on Fakenham Road between High House Road and Halfpenny Lane will be cut back in the autumn. Fly tipping on Fishers Lane had been reported and cleared. Breckland Council had replaced the road sign at the junction of Church Road and Sorrel Lane after it had been hit by a vehicle. The state of the trod on

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Fakenham road had been reported and it is hoped that this will be maintained. The landowner of the hedge had also been spoken to.

7.2 New problems.

The following items will be reported:-

1. A further instance of fly tipping had occurred at Fishers Lane.
2. The vegetation to the north of Peacock Lane is now too high so it obscures visibility.
3. The flooding on Rawhall Lane is still occurring.
4. The footway along Fakenham Road needs spraying and clearing.
5. The area in front of the bus shelter needs clearing.

7.3 Footpaths.

The Clerk had reported the footpaths in East Bilney. The footpath to the rear of River Lane-FP6- is still blocked and the Clerk had again requested information from Norfolk County Council on this. CRB1 which goes through Bilney Common had been cleared. The permissive path through Fanthorpe's Wood had been cleared.

7.4 20m.p.h. Speed Limit at Elmham Road/ Fakenham Road Crossroads.

The County Councillor has not had a response regarding a modification to the sign.

7.5 Bus Shelter.

The Clerk reported that the only way to obtain a grant for a Bus shelter is through the Parish Partnership Scheme. It was agreed to apply for a replacement and to ask Gressenhall Parish Council whether it would contribute to the cost as it is in their parish.

8. Beetley River Meadows.

8.1 Report.

Serco had reported to the clerk that there is a damaged dog bin near to the river which is tied up with string. Councillor Mayhew will check and if it is damaged a new bin will be ordered. The Chairman had contacted the contractor regarding the lack of a cut in June and the contractor had stated that it would undertake an extra cut. The members felt that this was not acceptable and a credit is to be requested for the missed cut.

A complaint had been received about dogs not being on a lead. It was agreed to consider the possibility of changing the wording of the notices and the Clerk will talk to the Dog Warden. Councillor O'Donovan will contact the complainant requesting that the complaint be sent to the Clerk in writing. A branch needs clearing and Ady's Wood Splitting will be requested to clear this.

8.2 RoSPA Report.

This had not shown any major problems and it was agreed to monitor the algae and possibly have this sprayed in the spring.

9. Open Spaces.

9.1 Problems.

No problems were reported.

9.2 East Bilney Town Lands.

All the maintenance had been undertaken which had improved the site and allows more areas to walk through.

10. Finance.

10.1 Budgets.

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

10.2 Balances and Cheques for Authorisation.

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Councillor Richmond 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 05 16	24074.04
Plus Interest-2.08	
Breckland Community Car-133.43	
Norfolk Community Foundation C/Car-101.43	
Beeston with Bittering Parish Council-17.63	
Mr Nally-10.00	
Interest-1.72	
Norfolk Community Foundation C/Car-84.10	<u>350.39</u>
	24424.43
Less cheques authorised 12 05 16-78.20	
cheques authorised 02 06 16-2598.16	
cheques authorised 07 07 16-2358.65	<u>5035.01</u>
Balance at 31 07 16	19389.42
Less unpresented cheques authorised 07 07 16-120.00	
unpresented cheques authorised 01 08 16-165.90	<u>285.90</u>
Balance at 01 08 16	19103.52
Float for Community Car co-ordinator	<u>250.00</u>
Balance at 01 08 16	19353.52

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

Spend to Date : £0.00

Cheques for authorisation:

714	Mrs A Leigh	Community Car July	165.90
715	B J Leigh	Contract Aug 501.38 less PAYE 90.40	410.98
716	HMRC	PAYE Aug	90.40
717	Mrs A Leigh	Community Car August	112.70
718	Eastern Office Equipment	Stationery	5.94
719	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract-June	23.50
720	The Beetley Charity	Rent from Mr Nally	10.00
721	Ady's Wood Splitting Services Ltd	Maintenance at East Bilney Town Lands-150.00 Maintenance on footpath- 150.00	300.00
722	Playsafety Ltd	Safety Inspections	159.60
723	Mazars LLP	External Audit	120.00

10.3 External Audit.

The Clerk reported that the External Audit had been completed with no comments. He had not received any telephone calls regarding this. The Annual Return is available for any parishioner to see.

10.4 Refurbishment of the Pavilion.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Leigh seconded the resolution that the quotation from R W Duffield Ltd for £2070 to undertake all the necessary works be accepted. All were in favour.

10.5 Donation to Citizens advice Mid Norfolk.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Leigh seconded the resolution that £100 be

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donated. All were in favour.

10.6 Bank Mandate.

The Clerk informed the members that further information is needed by the Bank of Ireland to change the mandate. This would involve having identities certified by a solicitor. He wondered whether this might be the time to change back to a local bank as the rate of interest received is the same now. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact Barclays Dereham.

11. Correspondence received for circulation.

The following correspondence would be circulated.

11.1 Info from CAN AGM.

12. Matters for the Next Meeting.

12.1 Photocopier.

13. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 6 October 2016 at 7.30p.m. to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 21.34 hours.