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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER 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

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris
District Councillor R Richmond

10 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from District Councillor R Duffield.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

Councillor Turner declared a DPI under Appendix A having submitted a parcel of land into the Local Plan.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 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.

County Councillor Kiddle Morris reported that the consultation on devolution had finished on 23 August and the results had been collated and sent to the Secretary of State. Norfolk County Council will now vote on the issue on 21 November. The results showed of those phoned 80% were for and 20% against, emails and letters 20% were for and 80% against. Overall this meant that 60% were against and 40% for. The precept from Norfolk County Council is likely to rise by 3.99% again next year as there is an overspend this year of £22 million. Consultations within County Hall have commenced to reduce this overspend. District Councillor Richmond reported that the police are catching many speeding motorist including the elderly and this campaign will continue for 2 months. The Local Plan had commissioned a traffic survey of Dereham as there are problems within the town especially on Saturdays. Thetford had been allocated 5000 houses and had received planning permission but none had been started. This means that Dereham will now have to have 750 houses allocated as opposed to the 180 previously. Beetley is now not a Service Centre as it does not meet the criteria.

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 Faster Broadband.

Councillor Richmond reported that there may be some residents in Old Beetley who are receiving faster broadband. Faster broadband will be available for East Bilney in 2017. Under the BBFN1 600 areas had received faster broadband and BBFN2 will reach a further

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1100. Breckland Council had not release the £950,000 and this will not be allocated until 2019/20.

5.2 Bus Services.

No comments had been received on the services.

5.3 SNAP Meeting.

Councillor Richmond had attended the meeting and the two priorities for the next 2 months are speeding in rural areas and drug dealing in Dereham. 2 major players in the drug scene had been caught.

5.4 Centenary Fields Programme.

The Clerk had received the additional papers to complete and this stated that there has to be an association with World War 1 for the site to be included. As there is no association it was agreed not to proceed with the registration.

5.5 AGM of CAB Mid Norfolk.

Councillor Richmond had attended and he reported that it is much harder to obtain legal aid now so the CAB is very busy. The donations from Parish Councils are very welcome and needed. People now are finding it very difficult to know where else to go. The Chairman of the CAB would attend a Parish Council meeting if requested.

5.6 Pavilion.

The Clerk had received a telephone call from the contractor and he will be meeting him in the next week.

5.7 Defibrillator for the Parish.

Councillor Richmond reported that there is funding available from Breckland Council for a Defibrillator. The e-mail would be sent to all and this will be considered at the next meeting and if agreed where to site it. The Clerk is to obtain the current costs of a defibrillator

5.8 East Bilney Speedwatch.

Councillor Leigh reported that it is not up and running yet. Originally there were going to be 8 participants but this has now reduced to 4. She stated that she felt that 6 would be needed so that there are two groups of 3. It is hoped that it will get going with 4 but she is very disappointed that only a few have volunteered when there are continual complaints about speeding traffic.

5.9 Scouts.

The Clerk had received an e-mail regarding a change of contact at the scouts and he wondered if there had been any other comments especially as the bonfire night is not being organised this year. The Chairman will investigate.

5.10 Village Hall.

The Clerk had received a letter that evening stating that the rent will not be increased next year as it had now received the money from the textile bank.

6. Planning.

6.1 Applications.

6.1.1 3PL/2016/1113/O- 1 The Drift East Bilney- replacement cottage and single additional cottage including garaging.

The meeting was adjourned.

The applicant was allowed to present his case for the application. However in the three minutes allowed very little was heard of the basis for the application. The parishioners present raised their objections. These objections centred on the poor drainage of the area, the need to build 2 dwellings, the need to retain a track to the rear, the highway safety aspect of additional traffic

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accessing the Fakenham, Road, the loss of amenity to nearby residents with additional traffic and that this could create a precedent for future developments in East Bilney.

The meeting was reconvened.

Councillor Mayhew queried with the Applicant why it was necessary to retain a track to the rear. He was informed that this was to access agricultural land to the rear. The Clerk asked why it was necessary to have this track if there is access to the agricultural land from River Lane. Councillor Mayhew stated that this is outside the settlement boundary and he was concerned at the access onto Fakenham Road from The Drift, the erection of two dwellings would cramp the site and that he could not see the necessity to demolish the existing dwelling and build two. He stated that he could not see a problem if the dwelling was refurbished with a possible extension in keeping or that a single dwelling be erected on the same footprint.

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that the Parish Council object to the application. All were in favour.

The reasons that will be given are that it is outside the settlement boundary, the increase in housing will be minimal and will not outweigh the loss of amenity, highway safety objection, too cramped, no need to erect two dwellings, the need to retain a track as this further cramps the site and the flooding problem.

6.2 Decisions.

The following decision was noted.

6.2.1 3PL/2016/0945/HOU-16 Oakland Drive-proposed loft conversion with dormer and windows to front and rear of property. N/O Permission.

6.3 To consider a response to the Local Plan consultation.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Leigh seconded the resolution that the Parish Council reiterate the request to move the settlement boundary on Fakenham Road to incorporate the possible housing site submitted at the first consultation on sites and the settlement boundary on the south side of Elmham Road.

6.4 Appeals.

The following decision was noted.

6.1.1 APP/F2605/W/16/3150789- 12 Beetley Grange Residential Development. O Appeal Dismissed.

The Clerk had received an e-mail from a resident thanking the Parish Council for its support and assistance in this appeal.

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7. Highways and Transport.

7.1 Report on Highways Matters.

The Clerk reported that he had received a complaint from a parishioner regarding the trod on Fakenham Road and the parking on the footway outside the hairdressers. He confirmed to the parishioner that he had already requested both Norfolk County Council and the landowner to clear the trod. He had also spoken to the hairdressers and the manager confirmed that a notice is placed outside and inside requesting that customers do not park on the footway. Fly tipping had again occurred on Fishers Lane which had been reported and cleared. A parishioner had requested traffic calming on B1146 Fakenham Road and the Clerk had replied that there was no funding in the budget for traffic calming this year and that it would be unlikely to receive support from Norfolk County Council. The County Councillor confirmed this. Norfolk County Council had confirmed that it would not be possible to install a footbridge in East Bilney next to the road bridge as there are a couple

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of boundary walls to run through and private land between, and there is also a large willow tree which will hang over the area. A lengthy discussion was held with the County Councillor about the failure of the Highways department to clear problems that had been reported especially when for example the Parish had paid for a highway improvement such as the trod. He will check on the maintenance of this and will be investigating the reporting. Councillor Leigh felt that the Clerk is wasting his time reporting incidents when no action appears to be taken. The footway along Fakenham Road had been requested to be sprayed and cleared. The flooding on Rawhall Lane had been reported but it is still occurring.

7.2 New problems.

No new problems were reported.

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. The County Councillor will contact the Highway Engineer to find out what has occurred regarding this. The clearing of FP2, FP4 and FP7 had been reported and all are on the cutting schedule but no firm dates have been given. A parishioner raised an issue with FP4 as this is covered in dog waste and the contractor will not cut it. Bags of dog waste are also being thrown onto the land adjacent to this footpath. It was agreed to place an article in the Beetley Buzz highlighting the problem on footpaths and Elmham Road requesting dog walkers to clear up after their dog. There is also a horse being ridden along FP4 which is not a bridleway. The culprit is not known and it is hoped that the person will be seen and informed. A new dog bin was requested on The Drift at East Bilney as the one there is damaged and also a further bin at the end of The Drift East Bilney. It was felt that if the current bin is not used a further bin will not be used. The state of the stiles on several footpaths was highlighted, as these are now dangerous, to the County Councillor and he will contact the Highways department to get some action on all footpaths.

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

The County Councillor reported that the person dealing with this has now left Norfolk County Council and he will investigate what has been decided.

7.5 Bus Shelter.

The leaflet on shelters will be circulated and a decision on the type required will be made at the next meeting.

8. Beetley River Meadows.

8.1 Report.

The clerk reported that new metal dog bin would cost £168.89 instead of a plastic bin at £86.52. Councillor Mayhew proposed and Councillor Leigh seconded the resolution that a metal bin be purchased at a cost of £168.89. All were in favour. A credit had not been received for the missed cut although this had been raised by Norse at Gressenhall. Norse had stated that it was because there were moles on the site but the Clerk had stated that the moles had been cleared in May and the cut missed in June. There were also no moles on the Patch at Old Beetley which had also not been cut. The picnic benches are twisted and it was agreed to contact the contractor to return to site to investigate.

The branch that needs clearing had not been done and Ady's Wood Splitting will be requested to clear this. Vehicles are parking on the triangle at the entrance to the Meadows and it is hoped that these can be contacted to request that they stop. A resident has requested that a tree be cut back from the triangle and he will be informed to contact Breckland Council as it is their land. Councillor Richmond reported that there had been several complimentary comments about the cutting of Fanthorpes Wood. It was agreed not

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to amend the signs at the entrance to the area. Moles are active again and the Clerk had contacted a resident of Beetley who advertises in the Link Up but he only has snap traps which are not suitable for a play area. The Clerk has therefore contacted the person who came before.

9. Open Spaces.

9.1 Problems.

No problems were reported.

10. Finance.

10.1 Budgets.

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.

10.2 Balances and Cheques for Authorisation.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Rose 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 16	19389.42
Plus Interest-1.73	
Norfolk Community Foundation C/Car-89.21	<u>90.94</u>
	19480.36
Less cheques authorised 07 07 16 16-120.00	
cheques authorised 01 08 16-165.90	<u>285.90</u>
Balance at 31 08 16	19194.46
Less unpresented cheques authorised 01 09 16-	<u>1233.12</u>
Balance at 01 09 16	17961.34
Float for Community Car co-ordinator	<u>250.00</u>
Balance at 01 09 16	18211.34

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

Spend to Date : £0.00

Cheques for authorisation:

724	B J Leigh	Contract Sep 501.38 less PAYE 90.60	410.78
725	HMRC	PAYE Sep	90.60
726	Mrs A Leigh	Community Car Sep	305.70
727	Eastern Office Equipment	Stationery	14.95
728	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract-July and August	16.20
729	Mid Norfolk CAB	Donation	100.00
730	Land Registry	Search of Index Map	6.00

10.3 Change of Bank to Barclays.

The Clerk reported that Barclays will only allow three signatories.

Councillor O'Donovan proposed and Councillor Leigh seconded the resolution that the Parish Council transfer its banking to Barclays at Dereham. The signatories would be Councillors Baldwin, O'Donovan and Richmond.

All were in favour.

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10.4 Purchase of a new Photocopier.

The Clerk outlined the cost of a new photocopier and he will obtain maintenance contracts and the Chairman will advise him of an alternative supplier.

11. Correspondence received for circulation.

The following correspondence would be circulated.

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| 11.1 | Info from CAB AGM |
| 11.2 | LCR Autumn 2016 |
| 11.3 | Rights of Way Newsletter |
| 11.4 | Clerks and councils direct September 2016 |
| 11.5 | CPRE. |
| 11.6 | Dudgeon Offshore. |

12. Matters for the Next Meeting.

- 12.1 Capping of Precept.**
- 12.2 Precept.**

13. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 3 November 2016 at 7.30p.m. to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 22.04 hours.