

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY VILLAGE HALL ON  
THURSDAY 1 JUNE 2017 AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris  
District Councillor R Richmond

3 members of the public.

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Rose who was on holiday and these were accepted.

**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 11 May 2017 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 there was nothing new to report from Norfolk County Council as no committee meetings had been held since the election. The first committee meetings will be held the week commencing 12 June. He reported that he is now the Lead Member on Public Health.

District Councillor Richmond reported that William Nunn had been elected Leader, Sam Chapman-Allan Deputy, Kate Millbank Chairman and Richard Duffield Deputy Chairman. There has been no legal challenge to the 5-year housing supply.

**5. Matters to Report.**

**5.1 SNAP Meeting.**

The meeting had been changed to the Tuesday and no one had been able to attend.

**5.2 Bus Services.**

No further news had been received regarding a different vehicle so that a larger step stool could be used.

Norfolk County Council will be informed that a passenger scraped her leg whilst alighting from the bus the previous week.

**5.3 Defibrillator for the Parish.**

The Clerk reported that he has not had time to progress this..

**5.4 Registration of Land.**

The Clerk reported that he had not progressed this yet.

**5.5 Pavilion.**

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Cricket Club who had confirmed that the

notice that has been posted refers to previous decorating and cleaning and this will be looked at. With regard to the cleanliness the Cricket Club confirmed that the last time the ground was used and it had not been brushed out after the match because it was wet. A further inspection will be held later in the summer.

#### **5.6 Duck Race.**

The Clerk reported that he had received an e-mail from the Pre-School thanking the Parish Council for supporting the race by allowing access and cutting the viewing areas. 665 ducks had been released and over £1,160 raised for the preschool. Several photographs of the event had been sent which the Clerk had forwarded to all Councillors.

### **6. Highways and Transport.**

#### **6.1 Report on Highways Matters.**

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Norfolk County Council regarding Rawhall Lane and that all the signs need cleaning when the Rangers are in the Parish. A parishioner had also complained about the hedge at the junction of B1110 and Hall Road Old Beetley and this had been reported. The verge had been cut at this point but the hedge was still obscuring visibility.

#### **6.2 New problems.**

The VAS sign on Fakenham Road at the north end is obscured by vegetation and the landowner agreed to have this cut back. A parishioner stated that she had cleared the silt from the bridge in East Bilney and requested that the sweeper visit the parish. The Clerk will contact Breckland Council. A hedge on Ashley Road is encroaching onto the footway and the owner will be contacted.

#### **6.3 Footpaths.**

##### **6.3.1 Report**

The following was reported:-

FP15 needs clearing near to the school playing field and near to High House Road. Norse will be contacted to trim the path near to the school and Norfolk County Council near to High House Road.

FP10 has no sign at the Field Lane end and is difficult to walk. The landowner will be contacted to cut the path and Norfolk County Council informed about the sign.

FP6 has been cut but the clippings not cleared and the hedge at Beechbeck has not been cut. The landowner will be contacted. The finger post at the B1146 need replacing. At the bridges this is in need of clearing.

FP7 is atrocious and Norfolk County Council will be informed and request that the stiles are either repaired or removed.

FP17 is very narrow at the Fakenham Road end and the Chairman will contact the contractor regarding this.

The County Councillor was requested to progress the request for FP6 to be open on the route of the definitive map or a diversion be requested.

#### **6.4 20m.p.h. Speed Limit at Elmham Road/ Fakenham Road Crossroads.**

The County Councillor reported that he had taken the new Highways Engineer to the site and he is working on a new sign. This is still flashing all the holiday time and the Clerk will contact Amey Streetlighting again and the Highways Engineer.

### **7. Planning.**

#### **7.1 Applications.**

##### **7.1.1 3PL/2017/0627/VAR-Wood Barn Rawhall Lane-Variation of Condition 2 on 3PL/2016/0869/F to vary design.**

The meeting was adjourned.

The applicant explained that the new set of floor plans had been submitted to fully explain what the rooms are to be used for as these have been changed from bedrooms. The full details on the windows had also been added.

The meeting was reconvened.

Councillor Mayhew thought that the new plans show this more as a single dwelling and he could see no reason to object. Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Leigh seconded the resolution that no objection be raised. All were in favour.

## **7.2 Decisions.**

The following decisions and the conditions were noted.

**7.2.1 3PL/2017/0443/HOU-19 Fakenham Road-remove single storey extension to the rear, construct new single storey extension to rear.**

**Re-roof garage.** N/O **Permission.**

**7.2.2 3PL/2016/1400/VAR-Beetley Nurseries Elmham Road-variation of conditions 6 & 8 on 3PL/2008/0811/F remove before commencement of works on site.** O **Permission**

**7.2.3 3PL/2017/0223/F-1 The Drift East Bilney-replacement of existing dwelling and garage.** O **Permission.**

It was agreed to request that the Internal Drainage Board monitor for any pollution of the waterways.

## **7.3 Enforcement.**

**7.3.1 To receive a report on the complaint to Breckland Council regarding a possible breach of planning.**

The Clerk reported that he had received an e-mail from Breckland Council stating that the officer dealing with the case had been on sick leave and it is hoped that he would return to work the following week.

## **7.4 To receive a report regarding flooding on a field to the rear of Fakenham Road.**

Nothing further had been received and the Clerk will contact the officer again.

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris withdrew from the meeting.

## **8. Beetley River Meadows.**

### **8.1 Report.**

The Chairman reported that some of the paths are too narrow and in one place an apple tree is across the path. Councillor Mayhew will check the next day. The Chairman will contact Norse regarding the missed cut and will arrange a date for her, Councillor Mayhew and the Clerk to walk the site to check on overhanging trees. The Clerk will contact the bench suppliers again. The Clerk reported that he had informed the house owner that the trees next to the property will not be cut back.

### **8.2 New fencing around the Play area.**

The Clerk had confirmed the order from Norse and he was awaiting a start date. The contractor will be contacted again to stress that the fencing needs to be completed prior to the start of the school summer holidays.

## **9. Open Spaces.**

### **9.1 Report.**

No problems were reported.

## 9.2 East Bilney Town Lands.

The area had been cut and this will be checked later in the growing season to see if further work is needed.

## 9.3 Complaint regarding weed Spraying at Beetley Common.

A complaint had been received from a member of the public to state that the Parish Council was not following the regulations on the use of pesticides. All the correspondence had been forwarded to Councillors. The Clerk had also forwarded the section from the codes of practice for volunteers and readily available household pesticides. It was agreed that as this is carried out by volunteers and it is a readily available pesticide the Parish Council will respond to state that the complainant's concerns had been looked into and noted.

## 10. Finance.

### 10.1 Budgets.

The budget sheets and financial information had been circulated.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that these be approved. All were in favour.

### 10.2 Balances and Cheques for Authorisation.

Councillor Mayhew proposed and Councillor Richmond 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 03 17	21704.86
Plus Interest-1.85	
Breckland Precept-8125.00	
Breckland Rate Support Grant-170.50	
Norfolk Community Foundation C/Car-600.00	
Norfolk Community Foundation C/Car-186.08	<u>9083.43</u>
30788.29	
Less cheques authorised 06 04 17 -	<u>873.35</u>
Balance at 30 04 17	29914.94
Less unpresented cheques authorised 11 05 17	<u>3624.42</u>
Balance at 11 05 17	26290.52
Float for Community Car co-ordinator	<u>250.00</u>
Balance at 11 05 17	26540.52

Amount available for Section 137 : 1223 x £7.57 = £9258.11

Spend to Date : £0.00

Cheques for authorisation:

782	B J Leigh	Contract May 506.41 less PAYE 101.20	405.21
783	HMRC	PAYE May	101.20
784	Mrs A Leigh	Community Car-May	177.30
785	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract	34.24
786	Eastern Office Equipment	Stationery	14.95
787	B J Leigh	Ink Cartridges	39.87
788	Beetley Common Advisory Committee	Donation	200.00
789	Beetley Village Hall	Recycling Payment	434.91
790	Ady's Wood Splitting Services Ltd.	Cutting of East Bilney Town Lands	150.00

**10.3 Change of Bank to Barclays.**

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Barclays again and had received a response to state that the person who was dealing with the application was away from the office until about 23 May but he had received nothing further. The Clerk will contact her again.

**11. Correspondence received for circulation.**

The following correspondence would be circulated.

**11.1 Fly the Red Ensign**

**12. Matters for the Next Meeting.**

**12.1 Donation to the Village Hall.**

**12.2 Cutting of Highway Land.**

**13. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.**

This was confirmed as Thursday 6 July 2017 at 7.30p.m. to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 2114 hours.