

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY VILLAGE HALL ON
TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.00 P.M.**

Present

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

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris
District Councillor R Richmond

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Rose who was at a family event 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 1 February 2018 having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

4. Purchase of a Parcel of Land on Fakenham Road.

The documentation for the sale by auction of a parcel of land adjacent to Beetley River Meadows had been distributed.

The meeting was adjourned.

The County Councillor explained that this parcel of land had been identified for sale in 2016. The Licence to Cultivate does not cover this parcel of land but just the area adjacent to the highway. The land is offered for sale by auction on 22 February at Barnham Broom Hotel. The guide price is £3000- £5000 and he thought the reserve would be less than this. He suggested that attendance at the auction would be advisable and a low bid put in if no one else bids. The County Councillor stated that if the reserve price is not met he would contact NPS to enquire if a private sale to Beetley Parish Council could be made. He did not know what the £850 documentation charge is for but felt it would be silly for the Parish Council not to attempt to purchase but felt that it is not worth £5000.

The meeting was reconvened.

Councillor Richmond queried that as there is a PROW across the land is it necessary to purchase it. Councillor Turner had not heard a valid reason to purchase. Councillor Richmond felt that the Parish Council is acting responsibly in trying to purchase and wondered if the Parish Council could offer for it now but he was advised by the County Councillor that it could not as it must go to auction. The County Councillor thought that at

the auction an offer could be made of £1000 and possibly go to a maximum of £3000. Councillor Leigh felt it was sensible to own the land as it would complete the ownership of the whole area. Councillor Richmond stated that the only way of knowing what happens would be to be there on the day.

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Richmond seconded the resolution that the Parish Council proceed to purchase the land. This was carried by a majority vote with Councillor Turner voting against.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that the maximum bid be £1500 but the minimum could be as low as possible. This was carried by a majority vote with Councillor Turner voting against.

Councillor Baldwin proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that the Clerk be authorised to bid. This was carried by a majority vote with Councillor Turner voting against.

A cheque was signed at the meeting for £850 for the documentation fee.

5. Matters for the Next Meeting.

5.1 Clerk's Salary

5.2 Land for firework display.

6. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 1 March 2018 at 7.30p.m. to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 1946 hours.