

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 3rd APRIL 2008 AT 8.35 P.M.

Present Councillor A Leigh (Chair)
Councillor R Campbell-Smith
Councillor G Hayes
Councillor D Silk

2 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Richmond who thought it inappropriate to attend and Councillor Luck who was working. These were accepted. District Councillor Duffield had also sent his apology for absence.

2. Declaration of Interest.

Councillors Leigh, Campbell-Smith and Hayes declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 5.4.1. Councillor Silk declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 5.4.1. and 5.4.2

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

Councillor Campbell-Smith proposed and Councillor Hayes seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19 March 2008 having been circulated be approved. The minutes were duly signed.

4. Matters to Report.

4.1 Meeting the Boundary Committee.

Councillor Campbell-Smith reported he had attended the meeting at County Hall on 13 March at which there were 120 delegates. The Boundary Committee have not recommended anything at present but the status quo does not appear to be an option. The outcome is to be decided by 31 December 2008. It is at present consulting with all but appear to be just going through the motions. Councillor Hayes reported that he had attended a stakeholders meeting at Breckland on this matter the previous evening and reported that Breckland Council's outline proposals have to be submitted by 11 April and its preferred option is for a three unitary system of Coastal, Southern Norfolk and Norwich. Implementation is possible in 2011.

4.2 Low Flying Notice.

The letter from RAF Marham stating there would be low flying in the area on 7 and 10 April was noted.

5. Planning.

5.1 Applications.

5.1.1 3PL/2008/0253/F 16 Elmham Road-addition of bathroom and garden room.

No Objection.

Proposed Councillor Campbell-Smith Seconded Councillor Hayes
All were in favour.

5.2 Decisions.

The following decisions were noted and the conditions placed upon the permissions.

5.2.1	3PL/2008/0081/F-Willow Cottage Hall Road	Permission
5.2.2	3PL/2008/0115/F-Bridgford cattery –removal of condition	Permission
5.2.3	3PL/2008/0107/F-23 Fakenham Road	Permission
5.2.4	3PL/2008/0135/F-Freestone Coaches	Permission
5.2.5	3PL/2008/0060/CU-Holly Lodge Common Lane	Permission
5.2.6	3PL/2007/1962/F-40 Beech Road	Permission
5.2.7	3PL/2008/0152/F-Plot 4 Old Builder's Yard	Permission

5.3 Mid Norfolk Railway.

The letter from the above regarding concerns about the proposed mineral extraction site adjacent to the railway embankment was noted.

5.4 Norfolk Minerals and Waste Consultation.

5.4.1 Future Policy.

A Sub-Committee would be formed consisting of four Councillors and other interested parties and the inaugural meeting would be held on 10 April to formulate the policy for replies.

5.4.2 Letter from Mrs Silk.

The letter from Mrs Silk was noted and the Clerk is to reply stating that the Parish Council is not targeting one landowner but it is because of his position as Chairman of the Parish Council that the Parish Council felt that he should be approached to withdraw the application and to resign as Chairman. The Sub-Committee would be meeting to decide what information should be distributed to the parish.

6. Correspondence received for circulation.

6.1	Norfolk County Council -Care Choices Ltd
6.2	Nelson's Journey
6.3	The Boundary Committee
6.4	Town and Parish Standard
6.5	Dereham Local Action Group minutes, agenda and statistics.
6.6	Wensum valley trust Newsletter
6.7	In Leaf
6.8	Clerks and councils direct

7. Finance.

7.1 The budget sheets and financial information had been circulated and these were approved.

7.2 Balances:

Business Base Rate Tracker Account

Balance at 19 December 2007	16670.28
Interest received	<u>124.55</u>

	16794.83
Less transfer to community account	<u>1000.00</u>
Balance at 19 March 2008	15794.83

Community Account

Balance at 19 February 2008		982.30
Receipts	Breckland –Community car	101.06
	Litcham Parish Council	13.16
	Transfer from Business Base Rate Tracker	<u>1000.00</u>
		2096.52
Payments authorised 07 02 08	469.12	
Payments authorised 06 03 08	<u>1015.75</u>	1484.87
		611.65
Less unrepresented cheques		<u>28.25</u>
Balance at 19 March 2008		583.40

Amount available for Section 137 : 1100 x£5.86 = £6446.00

Spend to Date : £0.00

Cheques for authorisation:

243	B J Leigh	Service contract-Mar 258.00 Postage 29.30	287.30
244	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contracts	22.21
245	Norfolk Woods and hedges	Maintenance Beetley Meadows	176.25
246	Daynes Office Interiors	Stationery	69.45
247	Surelock Security	Padlock and Chain	50.42
248	NRCC	Membership	15.00
249	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	TBA

8. Village Hall.

No report was made.

9. Matters for the next meeting.

9.1 Gates at Beetley Meadows

10. Portfolio Holders Update.

10.1 Affordable Housing.

Nothing to report.

10.2 Communications.

10.2.1 Website.

Val Harvey had offered to get the web site established but Councillor Hayes had not yet made contact despite several attempts by both parties. The editor must have strict guidelines on the content and up-dates.

10.2.2 Beetley Buzz.

The Beetley Buzz was produced on time (and to budget)!

Councillor Leigh was concerned about the lack of communication with Portfolio Holders of issues that relate to their portfolio prior to the publication of the Beetley Buzz. A discussion ensued and it was agreed to try and resolve the issues raised when the Buzz is forwarded to the Clerk for printing.

10.2.3 Publication of the Minutes in the Dereham Times.

As the extract is in the Buzz which is distributed to all households it was agreed not to publish the minutes in the Dereham Times.

10.2.4 Change of Name for the Parish to Beetley with East Bilney.

After discussion it was agreed not to change and to keep the name as Beetley Parish Council.

10.3 Environment.

10.3.1 Fly tipping on Beetley Common.

Breckland Council have agreed to employ a private contractor to clear the area at their expense.

10.3.2 Crossing Rights of Beetley Common.

Mr Bane had requested crossing rights to access his field for the current year and this was agreed unanimously.

10.4 Transport.

Nothing to report.

10.5 Highways.

10.5.1. Weight Restriction on Hoe Skew Bridge And Hoe Back Lane.

The notice from Norfolk County Council was noted.

10.5.2 Flytipping on Elmham Road.

A continuous depositing of cans on the Elmham Road between Green Lane and Holt Road had been reported to Breckland Council for clearance but they had no suggestion as to how to apprehend the culprit.

10.5.3 Speedwatch.

This is to be rolled out and traffic police had been in the Parish. The next CAG meeting is 8 April.

10.6 Community.

Nothing to report.

10.7 Health and Safety.

10.7.1 Beetley Meadows Play Area.

The area had not been cleaned as yet.

10.7.2 Beetley Meadows.

A tree had come down in the high winds and Nick Saunders is to be contacted to clear this and to look at the trees at East Bilney Town Lands.

11. Clerk's Corner.

Nothing to report.

12. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 1st May 2008 to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall at 1900.

The meeting closed at 2150 hours.