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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2008 AT 7.30 P.M.

**Present**

Councillor A Leigh (Chair)  
Councillor R Campbell-Smith  
Councillor G Hayes  
Councillor A Luck  
Councillor D Silk  
Councillor Rose-after her co-option.

2 members of the public

The meeting due to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> June was postponed as there was a lack of Councillors for a quorum.

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Richmond who was out of the county. This was accepted.

District Councillor Duffield had also sent his apology for absence.

**2. Declaration of Interest.**

Councillor Luck declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting.**

Councillor Luck proposed and Councillor Campbell-Smith seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1 May 2008 having been circulated be approved. The minutes were duly signed.

The meeting was adjourned for public participation.

Several parishioners raised the problem of the parking on Elmham Road as some vehicles are parked all day. This means that there is no visibility to exit their properties or to have deliveries made. Councillor Hayes agreed to take the problem to the Safer Neighbourhood Team but evidence of the problem is needed with supporting evidence that the school car park is not in use. Once the evidence has been collated it was agreed to write to the school explaining the problem and also to contact the school to ascertain if there are to be further meetings of the Travel Plan Group.

The meeting was reconvened.

**4. Matters to Report.**

**4.1 CAG Meeting 3 June.**

Councillor Hayes had attended the meeting and of the three priorities from the previous meeting George Eliot way had had extra patrols there had been less problems but was still ongoing. Courtney Close now had less problems and was finished but Charles Close although there are less problems was still ongoing and an open day is planned. The new priority for the next months is Bullock Park Shipdham where there is a problem with under age drinking and anti-social behaviour. The next CAG meeting is at Breckland Council on 2 September.

**4.2 Variation of licence at New inn.**

The Clerk had visited the premises and delivered flowers to Tracey Jenkins to thank her for the use of the car park for the bottle bank and initially discussed the bottle bank

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and then the variation which is to remove a condition of the licence to install CCTV cameras. The members raised no objection to the variation provided that if there was a problem in the future the cameras would be installed.

#### **4.3 Wensum Valley Trust AGM.**

As this was prior to this meeting nobody had attended but Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Luck seconded the resolution that the Parish Council should be members of the Trust. This was carried unanimously.

#### **4.4 Attendance at NCAPTC/SLCC Conference at Carrow Road.**

As the Clerk was attending on behalf of Beeston Parish Council it was agreed to contribute to the cost.

#### **4.5 Attendance at Norfolk County Council Local Transport Plan Delivery Seminar.**

It was agreed not to attend this meeting on 15 July but to request any information distributed.

## **5. Planning.**

### **5.1 Applications.**

- 5.1.1** 3PL/2008/0645/F 4 River View-demolition of conservatory & sheds and erection of single storey rear extension

#### **No Objection.**

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

- 5.1.2** 3PL/2008/0681/F 6 Maple Close-first floor extension above existing extended garage.

#### **No Objection.**

Proposed Councillor Leigh      Seconded Councillor Luck  
All were in favour.

- 5.1.3** 3PL/2007/2028/F Mill House Mill Lane Gressenhall-construction of new eco friendly cottage on garden plot.

#### **Objection.**

Proposed Councillor Hayes      Seconded Councillor Leigh  
This dwelling is outside the guidelines could not be classed as a cottage and would bring excessive traffic to a rural lane. Permission for this dwelling could lead to further development along Mill Lane which should be avoided. The members also noted the objections of two residents.  
All were in favour

- 5.1.4** 3PL/2008/0811/F Beetley Nurseries Elmham Road-proposed garden centre shop and greenhouse and greenhouse sales area.

#### **Objection.**

Proposed Councillor Silk      Seconded Councillor Hayes  
No details of the structure had been given and the internal details of the shop are not shown on the plans, what materials or what utilities are in the shop area. There was also concern that an additional building had been shown on the plans which has no information as to its use or purpose. The members were concerned that this would be a planning application by stealth. The members also felt that the size of the building s disproportionate to the nursery. If permission is to be granted then restrictions should be placed on the goods that can be sold in the sales area and restricted to garden materials and no other.  
All were in favour.

### **5.2 Decisions.**

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

- 5.2.1** 3PL/2008/0687/F-21 Fakenham Road      Permission

**5.3 Norfolk Planning Conference 12 June.**

No one had attended this meeting.

**5.4 2 Elmham Road.**

A letter from Norfolk County Council regarding the application for an operating centre had been received and whilst the members remembered the original application further details are to be obtained.

**6. Correspondence received for circulation.**

- 6.1 Breckland Local Government Review
- 6.2 West Norfolk Local Government Review
- 6.3 Breckland Agendas
- 6.4 Breckland TPOs
- 6.5 Dereham Local Action Group minutes, agenda and statistics.
- 6.6 The Playing Field
- 6.7 LCR
- 6.8 Clerks and Councils Direct
- 6.9 Norfolk Link

**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 March 2008	15794.83
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**Community Account**

Balance at 19 April 2008	6517.40
Receipts Breckland –Recycling	1050.50
Mr Nally	10.00
Forestry Commission	<u>753.30</u>
	8331.20
Payments authorised 03 04 08	241.67
Payments authorised 01 05 08	<u>258.00</u>
	7831.53
Less unrepresented cheques	<u>241.67</u>
Balance at 19 May 2008	7472.54

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

Spend to Date : £0.00

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The following cheques were authorised for payment:

256	B J Leigh	Service contract-May 258.00	258.00
257	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contracts	28.14
258	Daynes Office Interiors	Stationery	16.45
259	Redlynch Leisure	Play area clean	1292.50
249	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	TBA
254	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	TBA
260	Mrs J Overall	Community Car	TBA
261	Norfolk Woods and Hedges	EBTL-herbicide and fallen trees. Beetley Meadows fallen tree	311.37
262	JP'S Maintenance	Beetley meadows regular Cut	100.00

## 8. Village Hall.

Councillor Luck reported that there had been problems with vehicles using the car park as a speedway track late at night and the police are now visiting regularly.

## 9. Parish Land.

### 9.1 Flytipping on Beetley Meadows.

It was agreed to request the assistance of the occupier of 2 Fakenham Road in identifying the culprits when the letter is sent regarding the opening onto Beetley Meadows.

### 9.2 East Bilney Town lands.

The payment had been received with a covering letter suggesting that herbicide treatment and replanting be done. The herbicide treatment had already been carried out and it was agreed to replant in the autumn.

### 9.3 Camp site near Play Area.

Councillor Luck had cleared the site of the tents after the weekend and burnt them.

### 9.4 Gates on Beetley Meadows.

The draft letter was approved with the addition of a request to 2 Fakenham Road to assist with the fly tipping problem.

## 10. Beech Road.

**10.1** The Clerk reported that he had received correspondence from Hood Vores and Allwood stating that Breckland Council do not own all the land and were they to proceed with the transfer of the smaller portion.

The Clerk had informed them of the offer from Barratt Homes and the subsequent letter to them and had taken the plan from Barratt Homes to the solicitors. After consultation with the Chairman the solicitors were informed to do nothing until such time as Barratt Homes respond.

## 11. Matters for the next meeting.

**11.1** Scout Hut Lease.

**11.2** Footpath Walk

**11.3** Portfolios

**11.4** Review of Action Plan

**11.5** Chairman's Soapbox

## 12. To consider a change of portfolios.

This was deferred to the next meeting but the suggestion was that there be no portfolio for affordable housing and there should be the following; Communications, Parish Land, Highways/Transport, Planning and Health and Safety.

## 13. Portfolio Holders Update.

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## **13.1 Affordable Housing.**

Nothing to report.

## **13.2 Communications.**

### **10.2.1 Website.**

Val Harvey had finished half the web site and has designed for free and will host for free.

### **13.2.2 Beetley Buzz.**

The Beetley Buzz was produced on time by the stand-in editor but does not wish to do this permanently. The members were disappointed that Councillor Richmond will not deliver any Beetley Buzz and the Chairman would try and find volunteers to assist in the distribution of them.

### **13.2.3 Leaflet Drop regarding recycling.**

It was agreed to produce a leaflet to inform the parish about the recycling facilities and to drop this with the Beetley Buzz.

## **13.3 Environment.**

The Taylor's land has now been restored by Barker Brothers and it is picturesque with a lake on which there are geese.

## **13.4 Transport.**

Nothing to report.

## **13.5 Highways.**

### **13.5.1 Speedwatch.**

Training is being arranged and it is necessary to identify the roads to be covered.

## **13.6 Community.**

It had been unable to reply to the letter regarding the keeping of livestock at 4 River View as no address was given and a further complaint had been received and the complainant had been informed to contact Breckland Council.

## **13.7 Health and Safety.**

### **13.7.1 Beetley Meadows Play Area.**

The area had now been cleaned and it was agreed to confirm the prices with the supplier for the remaining items.

## **14. Co-option of Maxine Rose.**

This item on the agenda was taken after the public participation to enable Maxine Rose to participate in the meeting. Councillor Luck proposed the resolution and Councillor Campbell-Smith seconded that Maxine Rose be co-opted onto the Parish Council. All were in favour. The declaration of acceptance of office was duly signed and witnessed by the Proper Officer of the Council.

## **11. Clerk's Corner.**

Nothing to report.

## **12. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.**

This was confirmed as Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2008 to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall at 1930.

The meeting closed at 2205 hours.