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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 4 MARCH 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present

Councillor A Leigh (Chair)
Councillor J Baldwin
Councillor J O'Donovan
Councillor R Richmond
Councillor M Rose

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris

Three members of the public

1. Apologies for absence.

Councillor Luck had tendered his apologies for absence as he was working and this was accepted. District Councillor Duffield had also sent his apologies as he was on holiday.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Richmond declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Items 6.3, 13.1, and 15 having submitted parcels of land for inclusion in the Local Development Framework and Minerals and Waste Framework.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4 February 2010 having been circulated be approved. All were in favour. The minutes were duly signed.

4. County and District Councillors Reports.

The County Councillor reported that the County Council portion of the Council Tax is to be raised by 1.9%. and the Breckland Council portion 0%. The police portion is to rise by 3% which should give an overall increase of about 2.5%. The Core Strategy for the Minerals and Waste Framework should be received for consultation at the end of April and the Site Specifics in June. The Local Development Framework Site Specifics should be sent out for consultation at the end of April. He acknowledged the problems with the numerous potholes in the highway and he would be touring the area with the Highways Engineer in April. The Judicial Review against the decision for A Unitary Authority for Norwich has the potential to succeed but the outcome is not certain at present.

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 Breckland Council Town and Parish Council Forum 24 February.

The Chairman reported that this had been a series of presentations.

The first was on the dualling of the A47 and after a lengthy presentation the speaker stated that it was unlikely to proceed in the near future. The enthusiastic Police Inspector from Swaffham and Watton gave a presentation on the methods used to engage with the public. Pride in Breckland was the third presentation with the Breckland Blitz highlighted which is to tidy up areas of Breckland and it was agreed to hold a session on a Sunday morning meeting at the Village hall to clear an area of the Parish. The fourth presentation was mainly geared to businesses to become more energy efficient but there were some hints for householders which would be put in the Beetley Buzz. The Chief Executive gave the meeting an update on the Local Government Review, the forthcoming election timetable for

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postal and proxy votes and the possible joint administration for Breckland and South Norfolk Councils.

5.2 Breckland Funding Fair 18 May.

George Hayes is attending and he will circulate the information to all the Councillors.

5.3 Norfolk ALC Functions.

No one would be attending these but Councillor O'Donovan would attend the training course at Dereham on 25 March.

5.4 Executive Committee of Norfolk ALC Breckland District.

No one wished to be nominated for this.

6. Planning.

6.1 Decisions

6.2.1 3PL/2009/0639/F- Beetley Nurseries Elmham Road-change of use of part of garden centre to land for the stationing of 5 holiday lodges-

revised scheme

O Permission

6.2.2 3PL/2009/1063/F-Land off Fakenham Road- proposed

Dwelling and garage

O Refusal

6.2 Enforcement from Breckland Council The Oaklands Half Penny Lane.

The Clerk had initially received a reply to state the access did not require planning permission as it opened onto an unclassified road. The Clerk after checking the road map confirmed with Breckland Council that this is a C road and therefore requires planning permission. A letter had been sent to the owners stating that an application needs to be made for this access.

Councillor Richmond withdrew from the meeting.

6.3 Appeal against the refusal of planning permission for single dwelling and garage on Fakenham Road.

The meeting was adjourned.

George Hayes informed the meeting that there are no new reasons why the appeal should be upheld and he would be writing to the Inspector.

The meeting was re-convened.

The reasons for the appeal were discussed but it was felt that this appeal should be objected to on the same grounds as before. The County Councillor did state that the appeal could succeed on the lack of housing stock under PPS3.

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that the appeal be objected to. All were in favour.

Councillor Richmond re-joined the meeting.

7. Open Spaces.

7.1 Cutting Contract.

Three quotations had been received and Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor O'Donovan seconded the resolution to award the contract to CGM for one year and to monitor closely.

7.2 Other Matters.

A tree had fallen on the footpath to the rear of the church at east Bilney and Norfolk County Council had been contacted to ensure that tree is not a safety hazard and to clear if necessary.

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8. Highways and Transport.

The VAS sign at the south end of the village is working on a temporary supply until EDF re-connect the main supply. A pothole outside East Bilney Coachworks had been promptly repaired but the one in Hall Road Old Beetley had not been repaired at the time of the meeting. Barriers had been erected on High House Road where the sides of a culvert had collapsed. The lack of fingers on the finger posts at High House Road and Folly Lane had been reported. A water leak near to Clarks Farm Old Beetley and surface water caused by blocked drains on Rawhall Lane and Fakenham Road, opposite the New Inn, had also been reported. The school had contacted the Clerk regarding the surface at the entrance to the car park on Fakenham Road and the Clerk is awaiting a reply from the Highways Engineer.

9. Beetley Meadows Play Area

The Clerk reported that he had obtained prices from a different company which were substantially lower than those from Norfolk Games and Frames. The Clerk is to arrange a meeting with the company to check the siting and surfacing needed.

10. Co-option of a member to the Parish council.

No reply had been received from Graham Mann to the e-mail sent by the Chairman seeing if he had considered joining the Parish Council if his business commitments allowed.

11. Website.

Councillor Rose reported on the meeting held on 10 February and outlined the ideas agreed that the site there are three facets of the website. First the initial phase to construct, secondly the maintenance of the site and thirdly the promotion of the site. The target audience is to be tourists, visitors and residents and therefore the scope should not just be restricted to the Parish Council but should incorporate all that is done within the Parish including local services. The site must be easy to maintain and feedback is necessary with a cut of date for updating. The next meeting would be held at Bramley Fell on 18 March by kind permission of Councillor Rose.

12. Correspondence received for circulation.

- 12.1 Norfolk Link February 2010
- 12.2 The Playing Field Winter 2010
- 12.3 energy saving trust
- 12.4 Breckland Funding Fair and Training
- 12.5 NSPCC Helpline

13. Finance.

13.1 The budget sheets and financial information had been circulated and Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that these be approved. All were in favour.

13.2 Balances.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that the balances and cheques for authorisation be approved. All were in favour.

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Balances :-

Bank of Ireland Treasurer's Account

Balance at 31 12 09		21704.97
Receipts-	Interest-0.01	
	Breckland Community Car-55.80	
	VAT refund-1062.47	<u>1118.28</u>
		22823.25
Less cheques authorised 01 12 09		<u>367.00</u>
Balance at 31 01 10		22456.25
Less unrepresented cheques authorised 04 02 10		<u>2372.11</u>
Balance at 04 02 10		20084.14

Amount available for Section 137 : 1099 x£6.15 = £6758.85

Spend to Date : £66.50

Cheques for authorisation:

114	B J Leigh	Service contract-Feb 267.00 Minerals and Waste extra hours- 10@ £8.90-£89.00 Postage-.9.13 Telephone-48.00	413.13
115	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract	20.25
116	A C Crisp	Cutting of hedge at East Bilney Town Lands	176.25
117	P Silk	Community Car	105.40
118	E Howard	Laptop Donation	80.00

13.3 Laptop.

The laptop had been received and was demonstrated working. Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Richmond seconded the resolution that £75 be donated to Mr. E Howard for him to donate to a charity. The resolution was not carried.

Councillor O'Donovan proposed and Councillor Baldwin seconded the resolution that £80 be donated. The resolution was carried by a majority decision.

14. Village Hall.

Councillor Leigh had been unable to attend the meeting and was still awaiting the minutes.

Councillor Richmond had attended and reported that the plans for the extension had been received and the Committee was still awaiting clarification of the estimated costs of £50,000.

Councillor Luck rejoined the meeting.

Councillor Richmond withdrew from the meeting

15. Minerals and Waste Sub-Committee.

The Clerk reported that he had received from Norfolk County Council confirmation that the tankers seen by a parishioner entering the old landfill site were there to remove leachate (the liquid formed within the waste) away from the site. This is common practice and allows the waste to biodegrade and forms gas for the on-site gas generator plant. Too much leachate can cause problems and this is why tankers enter to remove.

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16. Parish Owned Land.

16.1 School Car Park and Playing Field.

A meeting had been arranged for 18 March with the Acting Head teacher, N.P.S. & N.P.S. Estates at the school to discuss the maintenance of the car park and fence. The Chairman and Councillors Richmond and Luck would attend with the Clerk to take notes.

16.2 Bus Shelter Roof.

Councillor Luck had reported to the Clerk that the roof of the bus shelter on Fakenham Road near to High House Road had collapsed. Two quotations had been received for £750 and £821 and it was agreed to obtain a further quotation from AKA Roofing. Once this had been received all councillors would be e-mailed with the prices for a decision to be made on which to accept.

16.3 Crossing Rights on the Beetley Common.

A letter had been received from Roosting Hills Trout Fishery for the renewal of certain permitted rights to cross the Common. This was agreed but it was to be stressed that the crossing rights for disabled members should be for only six and a copy of these names must be forwarded to the Clerk. It was also agreed to arrange a meeting to discuss the surfacing on the track to the pond with Lakes Contracting. Horace Bloy and Robin Bunning would be advised of the time of the meeting so they could attend if they wished.

17. Matters for the next meeting.

17.1. Standing Orders

17.2 Affordable Housing

17.3 Discussion with acting Head teacher.

18. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 1 April 2010 to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall at 1900.

The meeting closed at 2140 hours.