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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present

Councillor A Leigh (Chair)
Councillor A Luck
Councillor G Hayes
Councillor R Richmond
Councillor M Rose

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris

Three members of the public

During the part of the meeting open to the public the new owner of 65 Fakenham Road queried the planning application for the dwelling next door. The Clerk explained that as this was a resubmission the original details had been used although the property had changed hands. The Clerk also explained the history of the planning applications.

1. Apologies for absence.

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Baldwin who was away and this was accepted.

2. Declaration of Interest.

Councillor Leigh declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 5.1.iii being a neighbour of the applicant. Councillor Richmond declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Items 7.1 and 9.1. having submitted parcels of land for inclusion in the Local Development Framework and Minerals and Waste Framework. Councillor Luck declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 5.1.iii having tenders for the work and Agenda Item 8 being a Trustee of the Village Hall.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6 August 2009 having been circulated be approved. All were in favour. The minutes were duly signed.

4. Matters to Report.

4.1 Community Car Co-ordinator.

Nobody had volunteered as yet. The Chairman had contacted Margaret Dann who is willing to remain as back-up but does not want to be the full time co-ordinator. It was suggested that maybe the drivers could have preferred days and requests could go direct to them and also if the passengers had a preferred driver they could be contacted direct. This would mean that the co-ordinator only has to collate the information at the end of each month.

4.2 Vacancy on the Parish Council.

Rodney Bennett had decided not to become a Councillor

4.3 Norfolk ALC AGM 12 September.

Councillor Richmond would attend this.

4.4 Dereham CAB AGM 9 September.

Councillors Hayes and Richmond would be attending

4.5 Breckland Town and Parish Forum 29 October.

Councillors Leigh Rose and Richmond would be attending this.

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5. Portfolio Holders Reports.

5.1 Planning.

5.1.1 Applications.

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

The application is a re-submission and is basically the same as previous except the size of the lodges has doubled.

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Luck seconded the resolution that an **OBJECTION** be raised to the application using the comments of the previous applications but adding in the change of size of the lodges to a standard house footprint. All were in favour.

It was also requested that if planning permission is to be granted than the application should be referred to the Development Control Committee.

ii 3PL/2009/0639/F- 18 Elmham Road-single storey extension to create bedroom& kitchen accomm. with assoc. works

Councillor Luck proposed and Councillor Richmond seconded the resolution that **NO OBJECTION** be raised to the application. All were in favour.

Councillor Luck withdrew from the meeting.

iii 3PL/2009/0698/F-Sunhaven Fakenham Road East Bilney-single storey rear extension.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that **NO OBJECTION** be raised to the application. All were in favour.

Councillor Luck rejoined the meeting.

5.1.2 Decisions.

There were no decisions to report.

5.1.3 Vale Farm.

Breckland Council had replied stating that their policy DC23 is given considerable weight when dealing with planning applications. It was agreed to e-mail Breckland Council again with a copy to Ann Steward again requesting why this policy had been ignored when the barn had been in use previously.

5.2 Open Spaces.

5.2.1 Update.

Councillor Luck is to chase RG Maintenance to cut the town lands and Beech Road. Another tree had fallen on Beetley Meadows and Nick Saunders had been contacted to remove it. The rota for the play area risk assessment was circulated.

5.2.2 Use of the playing field at the School for a football course.

The course had been cancelled through lack of numbers. The solicitor is to be contacted to check whether a written agreement should be in force for the playing field and car park.

5.2.3 Trees on Beetley Meadows.

It would cost £1500 to fell all the trees and it was therefore decided to contact the Internal Drainage Board to see if it is responsible for the trees if they are being eroded by the river. The Environment Agency is also to be contacted regarding the build up of weeds in the river.

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5.3 Communications.

5.3.1 Update.

Beetley Buzz 36 had been published and distributed.

5.3.2 Website.

A meeting had been held at Riverside Cottage which had discussed the format of the website. Councillor Hayes queried if the website was needed and it was agreed to use the Beetley Buzz to ask parishioners for their thoughts on whether a website is needed. Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Leigh seconded the resolution that a projector be purchased from the Royal British Legion for £50.

Councillor Hayes left the meeting

The Welcome Pack had been more expensive than at first thought and the printers require this in PDF format which the Clerk does not have. Councillor Luck said he has this on his laptop and he will confirm. No firm price had been received from the printers to print the it.

5.3.3 Bilney Care Home.

As Councillor Hayes was not present this could not be discussed.

5.4 Highways and Transport.

5.4.1 Update.

No information had been available regarding the damage to East Bilney bridge.

5.5 Affordable Housing.

5.5.1 Update.

No new information was available.

5.6 Projects and Fund Raising.

5.6.1 Refurbishment of Beetley Meadows.

i Safety Surface.

Councillor Luck could not get the rubber chippings to adhere to the remainder and he suggested that grass be sown in the gap instead. Councillor Leigh suggested that one area be done per annum and a price is to be obtained to do one at a time.

5.6.2 Funding requirements for the second phase.

This was deferred to the next meeting.

6. Correspondence received for circulation.

- 6.1** Crime Figures July
- 6.2** Breckland International Food event
- 6.3** Norfolk Link-August 2009
- 6.4** Clerks and Councils direct September 2009
- 6.5** Dereham CAB Annual report

7. Finance.

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

7.2 Balances.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that the

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balances and cheques for authorisation be approved. All were in favour.

Balances :-

Bank of Ireland Treasurer's Account

Balance at 30 06 09	23060.43
Receipts- Interest-	<u>0.01</u>
	23060.44
Less cheques authorised 02 07 09-1916.89	
11 06 09- 8.00	<u>1924.89</u>
Balance at 22 07 09	21135.55
Less unrepresented cheques authorised 11 06 09-75.00	
unrepresented cheques authorised 06 08 09-1010.54	<u>1085.54</u>
Balance at 07 08 09	20050.01

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

Spend to Date : £50.00

Cheques for authorisation:

072	B J Leigh	Service contract-Aug- 267.00 Printing of Welcome Pack- 17.50	284.50
073	Abacus Copiers	Monthly Contract	19.45
074	A C Crisp	Hedge Cutting	86.25
075	Norfolk Woods and Hedges Ltd	Cutting of trees in Beetley Meadows	57.50
076	Royal British Legion Poppy appeal	Donation	16.50

7.3 Norfolk Lowland Search and Rescue.

It was proposed by Councillor Leigh and seconded by Councillor Luck that no donation be given. This was agreed by a majority decision.

7.4 Beetley Youth Fund Raising Committee.

Beetley Scouts would receive £300 and Beetley Parish Council £275.29 from the fund.

8. Village Hall.

8.1 Report from the Village Hall Committee.

A work day had been held and tasks done inside and out. A cone had been placed on the middle of the field and stones thrown at it which Councillor Luck had to clear up. The cherry trees are to be pruned and a party in the Brian Barnard garden had resulted in a pile of rubbish being left. The police had been informed and they are making sure the area is checked regularly.

9. Minerals and Waste Sub-Committee

Councillor Richmond withdrew from the meeting.

The new sites and the preferred options were referred to Sub-Committee meeting to be held on 16 September. The County Councillor had managed to have the new sites

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forwarded to the Parish Councils prior to the issue of the document to the members. The consultation is likely to commence at the end of October.

Councillor Richmond rejoined the meeting

10. Risk assessment

This was deferred to the next meeting.

11. Charity Donations.

It was agreed to donate to the existing three plus Mrs Woodhouse.

12. Matters for the next meeting.

12.1 Precept.

13. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 1 October 2009 to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall at 1930.

The meeting closed at 2153 hours.