

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD FOR BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY
BY ZOOM ON THURSDAY 16th JULY 2020 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present Councillor J. O'Donovan (Chair)
Councillor M. Rose
Councillor J. Baldwin
Councillor H. Johnson
Councillor A. Leigh
Councillor R. Richmond

District Councillor R Atterwill
District Councillor R Duffield

County Councillor Mark Kiddle-Morris

Two members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence.

No apologies were received.

2. To receive Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.

Councillor Richmond re: Planning Agenda items 6.1 & 6.6

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Leigh seconded the resolution that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th March 2020 having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

4. Public participation. The where no matters raised by the public.

5. District and County Councillors reports

County Councillor Mark Kiddle-Morris summarised his written report as attached.

County Councillor Report.

Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service (NRFS) have received new equipment to the tune of £1.44m as part an investment by NCC in technology and equipment. In addition, 5 new tactical response vehicles (smaller fire appliances with 4-wheel drive) will be put into service this month. This will enhance NRFS's capability in extreme weather conditions and at difficult to reach locations. The total cost of these vehicles, including purchase cost and fitting them with specialist equipment, is £187k.

On the 6th July NCC Cabinet was given a summary of the forecast financial position for 2020-21 at March 2021. The revenue budget is forecast to be £15.8m overspent mainly due to pressures from NCC's necessary response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The summer highway improvement programme is well under way. Work on surface dressing and resurfacing is being carried out by teams observing social distancing measures which have been put in place to protect the workforce from Covid-19. The second cut of highway verges has just started and should be completed by August. NCC has been allocated an additional £22m from the government "pothole fund"

which will lead to accelerated improvement to the counties road over the next few years.

As part of the government's plan to control future local outbreaks of Covid-19 all local authorities have been instructed to have a Local Outbreak Control Plan in place. NCC have been allocated £3.7m from the Local Authority Test and Trace Service Support Grant to support the additional public health capacity to implement plans and run the scheme in Norfolk. The plan will set out how NCC will work with partners to prevent local outbreaks and how real time data from the NHS Test and Trace system and local intelligence to identify emerging recurrence of Covid-19. An ambitious plan to get the economy of Norfolk and Suffolk back on its feet in the wake of Covid-19 has been launched. It is being put together by the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership working closely with County, District and Borough Councils in Norfolk and Suffolk. The outline of the plan and how it is to be funded can be viewed in the recent Cabinet agenda which is available on the NCC website.

District councillor Roger Atterwell reported that Breckland council meetings are now streamed and recorded and available for the public to view on YouTube. The local plan is going to be going to a full review and will be completed by 2024. In the future, this could alter settlement boundaries and housing designs. The Parish council should be aware of potentially more aggressive development plans from 2022. He also paid compliments to the Breckland officers during the Covid crisis.

Councillor Leigh advised that the SLCC and NALC had issued a notice to say that virtual meetings should continue for the Parish and Town Councils.

District councillor Richard Duffield added that Breckland had chosen to go for a full review of the local plan rather than a partial review and having it overturned.

6. Planning.

Applications.

- 6.1 3PL/2020/0646/F- adj. Boat House, Church Rd, East Bilney- Objection**
Councillor Richmond and Councillor Mark Kiddle-Morris left the meeting at this point. The meeting came out of committee. The applicant's agent spoke to clarify the issue of flooding, highway improvement and ecological survey. The meeting came back into committee. Several points were discussed. A vote was taken and the objection was sustained. No changes were to be made to the Breckland Planning Portal. Councillor Richmond re-joined the meeting
- 6.2 3PL/2020/0558/F- Blueberry Hill, Halfpenny Lane- No Objection, decision now made by Breckland and the application has been approved.**
- 6.3 3PL/2020/0215/F- Holiday Lodges, Whitmill, Green Lane- Objection**
- 6.4 3PL/2020/0407/F- 16A Fakenham Road, Conversion and Extension of outbuildings to residential unit- No Objection**
- 6.5 3PN/2020/0021/UC- Vale Farm, Stoney Lane- Change of use agricultural Building into 2 dwellings WITHDRAWN. Councillor Richmond left the meeting.**
- 6.6 SC/2020/0001- EIA Screening & scooping for new quarry- Longwater- Objection. Councillor Richmond re-joined the meeting.**

6.7 3PL/2020/0201/F- Land at Roosting Hill Quarry- Cattle Shed- Objection.

Appeals

6.8 3PL/2019/0796/F- APP/F2605/W?20/3248744- Beetley Nurseries, Elmham Rd

6.9 APP/F2605/W/20/3253475-Land to North East of Fakenham Road- 3 self-build detached dwellings

6.10 APP/F2605/w/20/3249898- Land at Green Lane- Residential development

Decisions.

6.11 3PL/2019/0098/F- The Cottage, Fakenham Road, East Bilney, construction of single storey 3-bedroom dwelling, Appeal- Dismissed

7. Finance

7.1 Signing off of Annual Accounts (AGAR documentation)

There was a unanimous agreement that the Chair should sign these.

7.2 Current Bank Balance

The committee were informed in writing of the current bank balance and it was agreed.

8.. Matters for next meeting (not for discussion).

There was a request to find out on what the money given to the church was spent on.

An update on the Alms houses was also asked for.

9. Date of next meeting- Thursday September 3rd, 2020

Meeting closed at 9:09pm