

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY VILLAGE HALL ON
THURSDAY 4th JULY 2019 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present

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

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris
District Councillor R Atterwill
District Councillor R Duffield

4 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Johnson who was on holiday
Councillor Richmond who was at a wedding and these were accepted.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

There were no DPIs.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Baldwin seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2019 having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

4. Public Participation.

4.1 County and District Councillors Reports.

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris stated that he had nothing to report from County as it was only just into the new Cabinet and committee system

District Councillor Duffield reported that the application for Beetley Grange had been refused. The application for Green Lane has been withdrawn. An application had been received for the siting of a caravan at Shorthorns nurseries and Breckland Council is awaiting a business plan to ensure that it is being run as a nursery and that there is a need to live on site.

District Councillor Atterwill reported that there is no 5-year housing supply and therefore rural villages will be subject to more approvals on sites not within a settlement boundary. He is unable to provide a figure for the housing supply from Breckland Council but Breckland will have to do something so will probably call for more sites.

4.2 Public Participation.

The Chairman of the Beetley Common Advisory Committee informed the members that all the members of the Committee are too old to maintain the paths. It had been agreed that the Parish Council would take on the cutting and a meeting is to be arranged at the Common with the contractor and the Committee. Councillor Mayhew suggested contacting the Scout Group to see if it could help.

A parishioner raised the matter of the minutes not being on the website and the Clerk will check this.

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 Beetley Pre-School.

The meeting was adjourned.

A representative from the Pre-school stated that after the last meeting when it had been agreed to send letters to residents from both the Parish Council and Pre-school their planning consultant had advised them not to have an informal meeting but to submit a planning application. It is not known why the consent of the near-by residents is needed but it was explained that there is the benefit of a covenant on the land that affects their properties. The Chairman explained that she thought that the residents should be informed prior to any planning application and did not see why the Pre-school was against the informal meeting. The members all felt that the residents should be consulted and the Pre-school would sort out a date for the meetings.

The meeting was re-convened.

It was agreed to letter drop all 8 properties the next day and Councillor Mayhew offered to do this.

5.2 Attendance at the AGM of CAN Tuesday 23 July.

Councillor O'Donovan hoped to attend and Councillor Richmond will be asked if he wishes to attend as well.

5.3 Pavilion

The Clerk had contacted the Cricket Club and the Chairman reported that it is much better.

5.4 Update from the meeting with the Leader of Breckland Council.

The Clerk reported that he is still not receiving any weekly updates.

5.5 Community Car.

The co-ordinator reported that there is a new driver who has completed all the checks necessary.

5.6 Patient Participation Group.

The Clerk reported that he had tried to obtain the information from the surgery regarding weekend appointments but this differed from what was reported at the last meeting by Councillor Richmond. Councillor Richmond will clarify at the next meeting.

6. Highways and Transport.

6.1 Report on Highways Matters.

The Clerk reported that Norfolk County Council is going to resolve the loose 30 mph sign and potholes on School Road. Norfolk County Council confirmed that it will be doing maintenance on the trod on Fakenham Road and is going to resolve the blocked gully on High House Road. The sign for the Church had been erected on Fakenham Road but not High House Road and the Clerk had contacted the Highways Engineer who had stated this sign has not arrived yet but should be erected within the next week. The Clerk had reported all the visibility splays within the parish.

6.2 New problems.

Councillor Leigh raised the matter of verges within 30 mph limits and the County Councillor assured her that he is looking into this. The County Councillor reported that the next cut of verges is due to commence on 15 July. The 20 mph sign for the school on Elmham Road is completely obscured and the landowner is to be written to as will the owner of 2 River View and Blueberry Hill whose hedges are over the footway. A query was raised about weed killing of footways and the County Councillor has requested an answer from the assistant Director of Highways. Councillor Baldwin stated that there is a bough across Folly Lane near to the footbridge and the landowner will be contacted.

6.3 Footpaths.

The contractor had confirmed that FP15 alongside the school playing field and the permissive path at Green Lane would be cut. Norfolk County Council has agreed to resolve the problem of the small bridge at the end of The Drift East Bilney.

6.4 Blocking of Footpath 6.

This is still in the hands of NP Law.

6.5 Local Highway Partnership 2019/20.

No new quote had been received despite the Clerk chasing Norfolk County Council.

6.6 Proposed 30 mph along Elmham Road.

Norfolk County council had written to the Parish Council regarding a proposed extension of 30 mph limit along Elmham Road as far as Holt Road. This was part of the conditions for the increased number of holiday chalets at Otters Mead. No objection was raised to this application. The County Councillor is also looking at a 50 mph speed limit along Fakenham Road from the 30 mph limit in Beetley as far as the 40 mph in East Bilney.

7. Planning.

7.1 Applications.

7.1.1 3PL/2019/0682/HOU-25 Oakland Drive-demolition of existing conservatory & erection of single storey rear extension.

Councillor Leigh proposed and councillor Rose seconded the resolution that no objection be raised to the application. All were in favour.

7.1.2 3PL/2019/0580/HOU- The Cottage Hall Road Old Beetley-proposed single storey front extension and porch.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Baldwin seconded the resolution that no objection be raised to the application. All were in favour.

7.1.3 3PL/2019/0098/F-The Cottage Fakenham Road East Bilney.

Councillor Mayhew explained that he had visited site and noted that there is no visibility splay to the north and that a further letter had stated that there is a proposal to build out the kerb line. It was agreed that the Clerk respond with additional comments regarding the splay and to clarify the kerb line.

7.2 Decisions.

There were no decisions to report.

7.3 Enforcement

7.3.1 Otters Mead.

District Councillor Duffield had spoken to Enforcement but it had been unable to gain access. Councillor Baldwin had been contacted by the landowner and she had informed him that at this time no one will be visiting site. She will contact the owner to state that as a request has now been received for an extension to the 30 mph speed limit nothing more will be pursued at this time.

7.3.2 Droning Noise.

Councillor Baldwin stated that there is still a noise from the gas compound at the former landfill site and she will contact Norfolk County Council.

7.3.3 Beech Road.

Breckland Council had confirmed that there is no breach of planning as the flue falls within General Permitted Development as it is no more than 1 metre above the highest point of the ridge.

8. Beetley River Meadows.

8.1 Report.

The area had not been cut and the Clerk had contacted the contractor who had promised to rectify this. Councillor Mayhew had spoken to some children who had swung the swings out

of reach.

8.2 RoSPA Report.

The Clerk had contacted the contractor to repair the swing and wet pour.

8.3 RoSPA Report 2019.

There is nothing new in this year's report and the Clerk will discuss the points raised with the contractor the following week.

8.4 Multi Play Unit.

As this cannot be repaired the Clerk is meeting a contractor to discuss a replacement.

9. Open Spaces.

9.1 Report.

The Town Lands had been cut and a meeting is to be arranged at Beetley Common to cut all the paths.

10. Finance.

10.1 Budgets.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Mayhew seconded the resolution that the budget sheets which had been circulated be approved. All were in favour.

10.2 Balances and Cheques for Authorisation.

Councillor Mayhew proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that the balances and cheques for authorisation which had been circulated be approved. All were in favour.

Balances

Barclays Community Account

Balance at 30 04 19	25224.83
Plus Breckland Recycling	<u>1233.48</u>
	27114.53
Less Cheques authorised 09 05 19-3054.42	
D/Debit E-on-8.12	
D/Debit Anglian Water-18.66	3081.20
Balance at 31 05 19	23377.11
Less unpresented cheques authorised 06 06 19-	<u>3900.99</u>
Balance at 06 06 19	19476.12
Float for Community Car co-ordinator	<u>250.00</u>
Balance at 06 06 19	19726.12

Amount available for Section 137: 1213 x £8.12 = £9534.18

Spend to Date: 0.00

Cheques for authorisation:

180	B J Leigh	Monthly Contract June 557.55 less PAYE 106.20	451.35
181	HMRC	PAYE June	106.20
182	Mrs A Leigh	Drivers Payments Community Car-June	180.35
183	Electronic Office Solutions	Monthly Contract May	7.14
184	Came and Company	Insurance	769.28
185	B J Leigh	Monthly Contract July 557.55 less PAYE 106.00	451.55
186	HMRC	PAYE July	106.00
187	Playsafety Limited	RoSPA Inspections	164.40

10.3 Donation to Age UK Norfolk.

It was agreed unanimously not to donate.

10.4 Internal Auditor's Report.

This was considered and accepted unanimously.

11. Correspondence received for circulation.

The following correspondence would be circulated.

11.1

Clerks and Councils Direct July 2019

12. Matters for the Next Meeting.

12.1 Local Highway Partnership Scheme 2020/21.

12.2 Risk Management.

13. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 5 September 2019 at 7.30p.m. to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 2113 hours.