

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY VILLAGE HALL ON
THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present

Councillor J O'Donovan (Chair)

Councillor M Rose

Councillor J Baldwin

Councillor H Johnson

Councillor A Leigh

Councillor J Mayhew

Councillor R Richmond

District Councillor R Atterwill

5 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from County Councillor M Kiddie Morris and District Councillor Duffield.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

Councillor Richmond declared a DPI in Agenda Items 7.1.2 having put parcels of land into the Local Development Framework.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Mayhew seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 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.

District Councillor Atterwill reported that the Local Plan will go to Full Council on 28 November. Breckland Council now has a 5.24year housing supply but should have a 20% buffer on top of this. It is likely that there may well be a call for more sites in the New Year. This may also be the time to change settlement boundaries. There are grants available from Breckland Council for VE/VJ celebrations.

4.2 Public Participation.

There were no matters raised by the public.

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 Beetley Pre-School.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Pre-School advised the meeting that it had investigated whether the existing site has scope for a bigger building. The contractor has advised that it is not possible as the regulations have changed. In answer to a question if the pre-school cannot move to a new building the existing will crumble around them and the building will not be fit for purpose and will not be able to continue. S106 money for education goes to Norfolk County Council but this does not filter down to Early Years Learning.

The meeting was re-convened.

The Clerk informed the members that there had been an objection from 4 properties and support from 2 properties of the 8 written to. The Pre-School was advised to submit a planning application which may help with the Land tribunal and also would cover a lot of the points raised by objectors for example traffic and noise. The Clerk had been contacted by the Eastern Daily Press who had been informed of the dispute. A draft of the response to the EDP had been circulated and this was approved with minor amendments. The Clerk will meet with the Parish Council solicitor to obtain the advice regarding the removal of the covenant.

The meeting was adjourned.

A parishioner stated that the Parish Council had not replied to all the points in the letter that had been sent from the objectors requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act. The Clerk informed the parishioner that he had answered all questions even if it was a no answer. The Clerk would also be replying to a further letter on the Local Government Act Section 123.

The meeting was re-convened.

5.2 Remembrance Sunday.

The Chairman will lay the wreath and any other Councillor is welcome to attend the service which starts at 1045 on 10 November.

5.3 Pavilion.

This needs a clean but it was agreed to wait until the early Spring. The water needs turning off and Councillor Mayhew will sort this. The contractor will be contacted to repair the water drip and the broken tile.

5.4 Local Government Boundary Commission.

It was agreed to await the March consultation when any changes to Breckland wards will be known.

5.5 Patient Participation Group.

Councillor Leigh will be attending the North Elmham Group on 13 November and did not realise there were two groups, one for North Elmham and one for Swanton Morley. She will find out more information.

5.6 SNAP Meeting.

Councillor Richmond reported that the priorities set at the last meeting were Anti-Social behaviour with vehicles, drug misuse and anti –social behaviour in Dereham for example cycling on pavements. The police reported that rural crime has reduced as some of the main culprits have been caught.

6. Highways and Transport.

6.1 Report on Highways Matters.

The Clerk reported that he had reported to Breckland Council on 22 October a dead badger on B1146. This had still not been cleared despite reminders. The District Councillor immediately contacted Breckland Council regarding this. Norfolk County Council is investigating the oak trees on Beech Road near to FP17 and a house owner had applied for consent to remove dangerous branches which has been approved. The Clerk had reported to Norfolk County Council the flooding on Rawhall Lane and this is to be investigated in the next two weeks. The Clerk had reported that the 23 Sanders service does not go back to Castle Meadow after St Stephens and had a reply that this was being looked into. Norfolk County Council had enquired whether the bus stops on its way into Norwich. Councillor Rose confirmed that it does and picks up passengers. Councillor Leigh stated that she has

contacted Norfolk County Council to get a bus timetable affixed at East Bilney. Councillor Leigh had also received thanks from residents for the new sign to the church. Councillor Johnson raised the issue of speeding along Fakenham Road but it is not known what more can be done as there is a Speedwatch team and the police camera attends.

6.2 New problems.

There were no matters raised.

6.3 Footpaths.

Councillor Rose stated that there is a new post on Sorrel Lane at FP13 and it is visible.

6.4 Blocking of Footpath 6.

The Clerk had had a telephone conversation with the Countryside Access Officer and she will be contacting the landowners again.

6.5 Traffic Order for 30mph Limit on Elmham Road.

This had been received and the Parish Council agreed that it has no objection to this but would comment that the road is supposed to be widened and no Councillor can see that this has been done.

6.6 Local Highway Partnership 2019/20.

The Clerk had contacted Westcotec to get prices for 20mph flashing signs.

6.7 Bus Shelter on Fakenham Road near to Beech Road.

The Clerk had received a complaint that the concrete had cracked and had contacted the contractor who will be repairing this.

7. Planning.

7.1 Applications.

7.1.1 3PL/2019/1293/HOU-Weavers School Road- 2 storey extension to rear of property, double garage, replace existing flat roofs with pitched roofs.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Leigh seconded the resolution that no objection be raised. All were in favour.

Councillor Richmond withdrew from the meeting.

7.1.2 3PL/2019/1297/O-Land at Green Lane-residential development.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Johnson seconded the resolution that an objection be raised as this is outside the settlement boundary and will be an intrusion into the countryside. All were in favour. The District Councillor is to be e-mailed requesting that if this is to be approved then it should go to the Planning Committee.

Councillor Richmond rejoined the meeting.

7.2 Decisions.

The following decisions were noted and the any conditions placed on the application were noted

7.2.1 3PL/2019/1061/HOU-78 Fakenham Road-proposed utility room to rear. N/O Approved

7.2.2 3PL/2019/1052/F-Land adjacent 16a Fakenham Road-enlargement and conversion of outbuilding to residential and re-use existing access N/O Refusal

7.3 Enforcement

7.3.1 Droning Noise.

Councillor Baldwin had not progressed this.

8. Beetley River Meadows.

8.1 Report.

Councillor Johnson and the Clerk had walked the site and had not found any major problems. Councillor Johnson stated that the bottom has rotted in a litter bin so a new one will be purchased

8.2 Multi Play Unit.

Councillors Johnson, Mayhew and the Clerk had met a contractor on site and he will be forwarding a quotation. The cost will be reduced if the existing is removed and a quotation for £200 was accepted to cut down and remove and make good. It was suggested that the school be approached to enquire if the children have any suggestions for a new piece of equipment.

9. Open Spaces.

9.1 Report.

It was agreed to have the hedge at East Bilney Town Lands cut in January/ February.

9.2 Tree Preservation Order.

A new TPO had been issued and served for Scots Pine at 48a Elmham Road.

10. Finance.

10.1 Budgets.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Rose 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 Richmond proposed and Councillor Mayhew 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 31 08 19	19672.10
Plus Brisley Parish Council-13.06	
Breckland Precept-8125.00	<u>8138.06</u>
	27810.16
Less Cheques authorised 05 09 19-2885.48	
D/Debit E-on-7.38	
D/Debit E-on-8.02	<u>2900.88</u>
Balance at 30 09 19	24909.28
Less unpresented cheques authorised 05 09 19-85.50	
unpresented cheques authorised 03 10 19-1875.68	<u>1961.18</u>
Balance at 03 10 19	22948.10
Float for Community Car co-ordinator	<u>250.00</u>
Balance at 03 10 19	23198.10

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

Spend to Date: 0.00

Cheques for authorisation:

205	B J Leigh	Monthly Contract October 557.55 less PAYE 106.20	451.35
206	HMRC	PAYE October	106.20
207	Mrs A Leigh	Drivers Payments Community Car-October	230.85
208	Electronic Office Solutions	Monthly Contract	48.94

209	Spire Solicitors	Legal work regarding registration of land.	1736.00
210	B J Leigh	Ink for Colour Printer	67.98
211	Norwich Office Supplies	Photocopy Paper	14.94
212	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Donation	30.00

10.3 Donation to Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Johnson seconded the resolution that £30 be donated. All were in favour.

10.4 Donation to Norfolk Citizens Advice.

Councillor Mayhew proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that £200 be donated. All were in favour.

10.5 To Consider the Grass Cutting Contract.

The quotation from Norse had been circulated and it was agreed to accept this at a cost of £1824.68 plus VAT. Councillor Leigh informed the meeting that the grass cutting in East Bilney should be placed with a contractor. Norse had quoted £190.82 plus VAT for this. Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that the quotation from Norse be accepted at a cost of £2015.50 plus VAT for grass cutting at Beetley River Meadows, Old Beetley and East Bilney. All were in favour.

10.6 Precept.

The draft figures had been circulated and it was agreed to decide in December and to consider any increase in the precept to cover the cost of compensation to objectors to the removal of the covenant.

11. Correspondence received for circulation.

The following correspondence would be circulated.

11.1	Patient Participation Group.
11.2	LCR Autumn 2019.
11.3	Clerks and Councils Direct November.

12. Matters for the Next Meeting.

12.1 Dates of Meetings for 2020.

12.2 Climate Emergency and the Planting of Trees.

14. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

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

The meeting closed at 2130 hours.