

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY VILLAGE HALL ON
THURSDAY 4th APRIL 2019 AT 7.46 P.M.**

Present

Councillor J O'Donovan (Chair)
Councillor M Rose
Councillor J Baldwin
Councillor A Leigh
Councillor J Mayhew
Councillor R Richmond
Councillor T Turner

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris
District Councillor R Richmond

9 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from District Councillor Duffield.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

Councillor Richmond declared a DPI in Agenda Item 7.1.1 being the applicant

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Turner seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 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 add to his report to the Annual Parish Meeting.

District Councillor Richmond reported that at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee senior officers from Capita had been extensively questioned about the performance that was being given to Breckland Council. There had been issues with staff but these had now been resolved.

4.2 Public Participation.

A parishioner queried how the code for the defibrillator is obtained and he was informed that by telephoning the ambulance service this will be released. He also raised concerns about a tree across the river at Beetley River Meadows and the Clerk felt that all trees had been removed but this will be investigated.

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 Beetley Pre-School.

The problems with the covenant on the land was discussed and it was agreed that a joint approach should be made with a letter from the Parish Council explaining the wish to move the Pre-School to an area on the playing field and the Pre-School would visit all of the 8 properties to explain why the covenant needs to be removed and hopefully to obtain assent. The Clerk had already contacted the Parish Council's Solicitor regarding this.

5.2 SNAP Meeting.

Councillor Richmond reported that this had not been held as the day has been changed to

a Tuesday and the next meeting will be on 23 April.

5.3 Patient Participation Group.

Councillor Richmond informed the members that this had been held on 3 April. There is no facility at the surgery to stockpile medicines but have the ability to cross-reference medicine. The provision of insulin is a worry at the moment as this comes from the EU. There are 8 doctors plus another locum in July. The necessity to ring back for later appointments on that day has ceased and it is always possible to see someone on the day. Councillor Leigh stated that there is still a triage service and if necessary the doctor will arrange an appointment. Community Car schemes were discussed and it was pleasing that the flu jab programme had worked.

5.4 Revised Bus Services.

The Clerk reported that the new services will start on 7 April run by Sanders Coaches. The new timetables had been published in the Beetley Buzz.

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

The Clerk reported that he had not received any weekly updates and he had been informed by Capita that a request had been made to the software provider to change the system but these requests are in a queue. The Clerk had also not received an update on the housing problem raised and had chased the Executive Member Growth. The Clerk will continue to chase these items.

5.6 Beetley Football Club.

Councillor Mayhew went to the venue but there was nothing happening.

5.7 Grit Bin.

The Clerk will order a new bin and Councillor Mayhew will fit it.

5.8 Mobile Library.

The Clerk reported that he had received the new dates and had sent these to the Editor of the Buzz.

5.9 Information Request.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a request from a member of the public for the site of a dwelling that was used to house evacuees from London in WW2. A parishioner had informed the Clerk that cottages on Hall Road Old Beetley had been used and the Clerk had relayed this information to the member of the public who had e-mailed the Clerk thanking him for his help.

5.10 Scotch Corner Halfpenny Lane.

The Clerk had received an e-mail regarding the piles of rubbish dumped on the site. District Councillor Richmond had contacted Breckland Council after a request from the Clerk and Breckland had been subsequently sent an e-mail regarding the possible vermin that would be attracted.

5.11 Elections.

The Clerk informed the meeting that there are to be Parish Council elections on 2 May and this will cost the Parish Council about £1000.

6. Highways and Transport.

6.1 Report on Highways Matters.

Church Road Old Beetley is to be closed for water main repairs until possibly 9 April. The capital Y on the bus shelter had been changed. The Clerk had heard no more from Anglian Water but Councillor Turner informed the meeting that the potholes had been filled in. The Rangers are coming to Beetley soon. The red lining on Elmham Road which had been promised at least 6 months ago had been chased again. Signs for Beetley Church are to be erected on Fakenham Road and High House Road. The hedge at the Former Surveyors Pit had been cut and Norfolk County Council requested to contact the land owner of the

adjoining field to have this flailed back. The section across School Road which had been dug up had been reported again as this is now sinking and cracking. The owner of the hedge at 1 Elmham Road had been contacted to have this cut back.

6.2 New problems.

Nothing was reported.

6.3 Footpaths.

The Clerk had thanked the parishioner who had done all the work on FP4 and he had replied that recognition is much appreciated. The Clerk had reported a problem on FP6 at the bridge. The wood from the cherry trees can be used for a bench on FP4. The poor bridge on FP6 near to the pond had been reported. Councillor Rose reported that several footpaths had not been sprayed off and these will be reported to Norfolk County Council.

6.4 Blocking of Footpath 6.

The Clerk had not been contacted again by the Countryside Access officer so he had e-mailed yet again.

6.5 Local Highway Partnership 2019/20.

The bid for the extension to the trod on Fakenham Road had been successful but the cost had doubled from the quote received from the previous Highways Engineer. It was agreed not to pay for this at present and to clarify the price with Norfolk County Council.

7. Planning.

7.1 Applications.

7.1.1 3PN/2019/0010/UC &3PN/2019/0011/UC-Beck Farm East Bilney-change agricultural buildings to 1 dwelling and 4 dwellings (permitted development).

Councillor Richmond withdrew from the meeting.

After discussion it was agreed to object to this application as it is another development outside the guidelines for East Bilney which has already seen three dwellings given approval.

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that an objection be raised. All were in favour although Councillors Baldwin and Turner abstained.

Councillor Richmond re-joined the meeting.

7.1.2 3PL/2019/0252/HOU-The Rectory Church Road Old Beetley-re-build kitchen, new ground floor extension and new window to en-suite.

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

7.1.3 3PL/2019/0098/F-The Cottage Fakenham Road East Bilney-revised site layout plan and plan with site levels.

Councillor Mayhew proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that an objection be raised for the same reasons given previously as there is no material change to the plans

7.2 Decisions.

7.1.1 3PL/2019/0132/HOU-29 Elmham Road-front and rear extension and detached single garage. N/O Approved

7.1.2 3PL/2018/1545/D-Building Plot adjacent Highfield Farm Church Road East Bilney- reserved matters for erection of dwelling and garage following outline approval (3PL/2018/0909/O) O Approved

7.3 Enforcement

7.3.1 Shorthorn Nurseries.

The Clerk had been informed by Capita that a visit was to be made that afternoon and the Clerk would be informed prior to this meeting about the findings. The Clerk had not received an update since the site visit.

7.3.2 Otters Mead.

Councillor Baldwin will organise a site visit for her and Councillor Mayhew.

7.3.3 Droning Noise.

Councillor Baldwin will e-mail Norfolk County Council.

8. Beetley River Meadows.

8.1 Report.

The mole catcher had caught 5 moles. Councillor Mayhew and the Clerk had met the grass cutting contractor, walked the area and agreed the changes to the path near to the beach and the viewing area at the bridge. The Clerk had received a complaint from a parishioner regarding trees at the rear of the property. This had been raised previously by the parishioner and the Parish Council had decided not to have the trees trimmed. However, it was agreed to fell the offending trees and bushes and the Clerk will obtain a price. The parishioner will be informed.

8.2 RoSPA Report.

The Clerk had received a price from a second contractor and it was agreed unanimously to meet a representative on site to discuss.

9. Open Spaces.

9.1 Report.

Three quotations had been received for the felling of the trees on the School Playing Field. Councillor Mayhew proposed and Councillor Rose seconded the resolution that the quotation from Scott Cole for £1240 be accepted. All were in favour.

A request had been received from Roosting Hills Trout Fishery for the renewal of certain rights across Beetley Common. This was agreed unanimously.

10. Finance.

10.1 Budgets.

The budget sheets and financial information had been circulated. The Clerk informed the members that he had worked 11.5 hours additionally during 2018/19 on attendance at Planning Committees and Local Plan meetings. This will be charged in May. The Clerk also informed the meeting that its request for a grant for the Community Car Scheme of £1200 had been successful.

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Mayhew seconded the resolution that these be approved. All were in favour.

10.2 Balances and Cheques for Authorisation.

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

Balances

Barclays Community Account

Balance at 31 01 19	23453.50
Plus Vat Refund-1452.67	
Norfolk County Council re bus shelter-2678.50	<u>4131.17</u>
	27584.67
Less Cheques authorised 07 02 19-7456.90	
D/Debit E-on-8.32	
D/Debit Anglian Water-15.41	<u>7480.63</u>

Balance at 28 02 19	20104.04
Less unpresented cheques authorised 07 03 19-	<u>1846.05</u>
Balance at 07 03 19	18257.99
Float for Community Car co-ordinator	<u>250.00</u>
Balance at 07 03 19	18507.99

Amount available for Section 137: 1213 x £7.86 = £9534.18

Spend to Date: £141.18

Cheques for authorisation:

150	B J Leigh	Monthly Contract March 540.54 less PAYE 105.00	435.54
151	HMRC	PAYE March	105.00
152	Mrs A Leigh	Drivers Payments Community Car-March	87.35
154	Ady's Wood Splitting Services Ltd.	Prune of trees along footpath	160.00
155	Electronic Office Solutions	Photocopier	871.20
157	Robertson's Mole Control	Mole Removal Beetley Play Area	180.00
158	Mayday Office Equipment Services Ltd	Monthly Contract February and March	41.28

11. Correspondence received for circulation.

The following correspondence would be circulated.

11.1 Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day

12. Matters for the Next Meeting.

12.1 Standing Orders.

13. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was confirmed as Thursday 9 May 2019 at 7.30p.m. to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 2131 hours.