

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD FOR BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 6th June 2024. AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present

Councillor R. Richmond (Chair)
Councillor J. Billings
Councillor M. MacArthur.

In Attendance

A .Leigh. Clerk
R. Wade. RFO
4 Members of the Public.

1. **To Consider apologies for absence.** Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Minchin, County Councillor Mark Kiddle-Morris, District Councillor Roger Atterwill These were accepted.
2. **To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.** None received.
3. **To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 09/05/2024 (Annual Parish Council meeting).** It was proposed by Councillor Billings that the minutes were true and accurate, it was seconded by Councillor MacArthur all were in agreement.
4. **Finance.**
 - 4.1. **Budgets as circulated.** It was proposed by Councillor Richmond and seconded by Councillor Billings that the budgets as circulated were in order, all were in agreement.
 - 4.2. **Balances and cheques for authorisation as circulated.** Angela Leigh (Community Car drivers pay May) £137.40, Clerks salary (May) £483.12, R.F.O. Salary £123.80, HMRC £151.60, E.ON d/d £12.38, Ady's Wood Splitting Services Ltd. £250.00, CAN (Annual subscription Bronze level) £20.00, F.T. Grounds Maintenance (June grass cutting) £325.63. It was proposed by Councillor Billings and seconded by Councillor MacArthur that these were correct, all were in agreement.
 - 4.3. **Charity Account update.** The RFO advised the meeting that Councillor Baldwin had been in contact with Barclays bank and they would possibly need more information regarding the death of Mr Boyce the previous Chairman. Councillor Baldwin and Councillor Richmond will take this forward and report at the July meeting.
 - 4.4. **To agree the change of bank.** A discussion took place and it was proposed by Councillor MacArthur and seconded by Councillor Richmond that the Parish Council bank account should be changed from Barclays bank to the Unity Trust bank. All were in agreement. The R.F.O. will email all Councillors for their details and will progress the transfer.
 - 4.5. **To agree the E-ON tariff.** The current contract for the supply of electricity to the Pavilion ends in July. The Clerk had circulated the E-on tariffs to all Councillors. A discussion was held, it was agreed that the 1 year business plan would be the most cost effective. Councillor MacArthur proposed and Councillor Richmond seconded that the Clerk informs E.ON of this decision all were in favour.
 - 4.6. **AGAR update.** All of the documents are on the Beetley Parish Council website and are on display on the three noticeboards. These are to remain on display until the 17th July.
5. **Reports from County and District Councillors. Public Participation.**
 - 5.1. **To receive reports from County and District Councillors.** The report from the County Councillor had been circulated to all Councillors. There were no reports from the District Councillors.
 - 5.2. **Public comments.** None received.
6. **Matters for report**
 - 6.1. **Speedwatch Beetley.** The Clerk read out the report from the Beetley Speedwatch Co-ordinator.
 - 6.2. **Request for use of Sports Pavilion re a new Beetley Football Team.** Ryan Perring and 2 of his colleagues informed the meeting that the proposed team would be playing in the Sunday

League. He had contacted the Village Hall and playing field Treasurer and it had been agreed that the Football team could use the playing field but would need to get a quote for the cutting of the football area. Ryan had put a post on the Beetley Facebook page and 9 people showed an interest in joining the team. The Councillors informed him that there would need to be an agreement drawn up for him to sign and a small cost of hiring the Pavilion as there would be increased costs for the Parish Council to pay as water and electricity would be used. This would be discussed at the July meeting. It was proposed by Councillor Billings and seconded by Councillor MacArthur that the proposed football team could use the Pavilion all were in agreement. The Clerk would keep in contact with Ryan.

6.3. PPG meetings 8th & 20th May. Councillor Richmond reported that the North Elmham surgery is at present working on their website to introduce patients being able to request an appointment etc., on line. The facility for a telephone request will still be available. It is hoped that this new system will be available in the Autumn.

6.4. Snap meeting June. Councillor Richmond will report on this at the July meeting.

6.4. St. Marys school hedge/fence on playing field. Councillor MacArthur informed the meeting that he and the Clerk had met a School Governor on the School playing field to discuss the erection of a higher fence which the School needed to do after an inspection had been carried out. It was agreed at this meeting that a new fence could be installed next to the existing one and approximately six inches of the hedge could be cut back which was on the playing field side. By doing this there would not be hardly any encroachment. The request for a donation from the Parish Council towards this new fence was discussed by the Councillors and it was agreed that due to the current pressures on the Parish Council's budget there could be no donation offered. The School are able to hold events to raise money whereas the Parish Council cannot. The Clerk would inform the School Governor of this decision.

6.5. June SNAP meeting. This will be reported on at the July meeting.

7. Highways.

7.1. Clerk to give feedback on ongoing Highway problems. The Clerk informed the meeting that County Councillor Mark Kiddle – Morris is progressing the request for Church Road East Bilney to Brisley Common to be repaired, he is going to speak to the Highway Inspector. The damaged non-illuminated road sign on Fakenham Road Beetley which had a broken pole is programmed for repair. The pothole at the junction of Elmham Road and High House road is scheduled for repair which can take approximately 6 weeks. The verge encroachment on Fakenham Road between Halfpenny Lane Junction and School Road junction has still not been dealt with. This request goes back to August last year. The Clerk is progressing this with the County Councillor each month and it is still outstanding.

7.2. To note any new problems within the Parish. The Clerk has again reported the pothole on High House Road near to the give way road marking sign at the junction with Fakenham Road.

7.3. Speed signs Fakenham Road Beetley update. The replacement speed sign has been ordered and the Clerk will be informed by Westcotec when it will be erected.

7.4. To receive a report from all Councillors on the footpaths. Councillor Billings reported that his footpaths are satisfactory. Councillor MacArthur reported that 8/9/10/11 are good but 12 and 13 are not walked. Councillor Richmond reported all of his footpaths were in good order.

8. Planning.

Applications.

8.1. None.

Decisions made by Breckland Council.

8.2. None.

9. Beetley River Meadows.

9.1. Monthly Play Equipment inspections. Councillor Billings had inspected the play equipment, he passed the May inspection sheet to the Clerk and stated the June inspection sheet will follow in the next few days.

9.2. RoSPA inspection report. The Clerk had not received confirmation that the inspection had been carried out, it is due in June or July.

10. Parish Council matters.

10.1. Inspections :- Pavilion, Defibrillator. Councillor MacArthur reported that all was in order at the Pavilion and the water is turned off at the meter. The defibrillator is in working order.

10.2. Biodiversity policy. Councillor MacArthur discussed the draft policy and agreed to adopt it at the July meeting.

- 11. Matters for next meeting (not for discussion).** Biodiversity Policy, Change of Bank account, Pavilion charge for proposed football team, Meeting at Beetley Common.
- 12. To confirm the next meeting of Beetley Parish Council will be held on Thursday 11th July 2024 7.30 p.m.** (Please note one week later than normal due to the General Election) **at Beetley & East Bilney Village Hall High House Road Beetley.**

The meeting closed at 20.33

Signed as a true and accurate record.....

Date signed.....