

# MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD FOR BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022 AT 7.30 P.M.

## Present

Councillor L. Cissell (Chair)  
Councillor R. Richmond  
Councillor J. Baldwin  
Councillor M. MacArthur

## In Attendance

A. Leigh Clerk  
L. Jarrett RFO  
District Councillor R. Atterwill.  
3 Members of the Public

1. **To consider apologies for absence.** Councillor Scott apologised as on holiday and Councillor Boyce due to illness. These were accepted proposed by Councillor Richmond and seconded by Councillor Baldwin. All were in agreement. Apologies were also received from County Councillor Mark Kiddle-Morris.
2. **To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.** Councillor R. Richmond agenda item 8.1.2 East Bilney Quarry.
3. **To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022.** The minutes were proposed as true and accurate by Councillor Richmond and seconded by Councillor Baldwin all were in agreement.
4. **Budgets as circulated.**
  - 4.1. **Balances and cheques for authorisation.** Clerks salary £362.65, RBO salary £150.00, HMRC £90.60, Mrs. A. Leigh Beetley Community Car £87.55, Ady's Woodsplitting Services £290.00, F.T. Grounds Maintenance £300.07, Playsafety Ltd., £121.80, Electronic Office Solutions £8.38, Beetley Village Hall £128.55, Arthur J Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd., £1417.50 Proposed by Councillor Richmond seconded by Councillor Cissell. All were in agreement.
5. **To receive reports from District and County Councillors, Public participation.**
  - 5.1. **District and County Councillor reports.** District Councillor Roger Atterwill reported that there was nothing to report on the Local Plan. Beetley Scouts had contacted him for a letter of support for grant funding. His wife and himself with their grandchildren had visited Beetley River Meadows play area and it was thumbs up from them all and he was pleased to see so many children and parents using it. County Councillor Mark Kiddle-Morris sent a report which the Clerk had circulated to all Parish Councillors.

**5.2. Public Participation.** A Parishioner raised the issue of additional dog poo bins. 4 were suggested and because of the cost of each dog bin it was agreed to possibly progress 2 to start with. District Councillor Roger Atterwill informed the meeting that Breckland Council will now charge £298 per annum to empty any bins which are not on the highway. The most important one would need to be outside East Bilney Church and the second at the crossroads of Elmham Road/Green lane/High House Road. Both of these would qualify for free emptying as they would be on the highway. The third and fourth suggested as Elmham Road /Ashley Road junction and the footpath which crosses the Gressenhall walk and High House Road. As the budget is tight at present it was agreed to have a further discussion at the September meeting. There was a request from another Parishioner to have the East Bilney and Beetley Speedwatch as an agenda item for each meeting. This was agreed and a report would be sent from the two Co-ordinators to the Clerk to report on each month.

## **6. Matters for report.**

- 6.1. Breckland Mobile Food Store.** 4 Parishioners have signed up and the Chair reported that the hydraulic lift into the store was not working. Breckland Council informed her that it could not be repaired as there was no money in the budget. District Councillor Atterwill asked her to forward the email to him and he would take it up with Breckland Council. The service offers up to 40% of normal prices.
- 6.2. Annual Insurance Renewal.** The Chair advised the meeting that it would be £1417.50 per annum with a fixed price for 3 years. This was proposed by Councillor Richmond and seconded by Councillor Baldwin all were in favour.
- 6.3. Chair Training.** Councillor Cissell attended this training and reported that it was very beneficial.
- 6.4. Recycling payment.** The Clerk informed the meeting that the textile payment received was £128.55 which a cheque for this amount had been given to Beetley Village Hall. The glass payment was £558.52.

## **7. Highways.**

- 7.1. Clerk to give feedback on ongoing Highway problems.** The Clerk reported that the Crossing on Elmham Road was now back with N.C.C. to ensure that it was to the correct design County Councillor Mark Kiddle-Morris will progress. Church Road/Fludges Lane potholes had been inspected and repairs carried out. The overhanging tree on Fakenham Road which is obscuring the 20 mph flashing sign has still not been cut back despite a letter from N.C.C. being sent to the resident. East Bilney flooding issue still awaiting costs from the Highway Engineer for the Parish Council to consider having the works carried out as a Parish Partnership scheme. The

signage for East Bilney Lakes is still awaiting the Highway Inspector to report on. Councillor MacArthur reported that the pot hole at the bottom of Chapel Lane Old Beetley had now been repaired.

**7.2. Verge Cutting.** County Councillor Mark Kiddle-Morris advised the Clerk to Contact Highways for a price. He also stated that next year he had requested that each individual junctions be inspected to ensure the visibility splay was clear. Councillor MacArthur was still not too happy with the cutting at the Hall road/Holt road junction Old Beetley. Breckland Councillor Atterwill informed the meeting that N.C.C. only cut inside the 30 m.p.h. limits and that Swanton Morley Parish Council employ a Contractor to tidy up the village. The Clerk advised the meeting that the precept for next year may need to be increased if the Parish Council took on the verge cutting.

**7.3. To note any new problems within the Parish.** Councillor MacArthur informed the meeting that he had replaced the screws in the sign on High House Road/Fakenham Road junction. He also stated that the 30 m.p.h. in Gressenhall was missing. District Councillor Atterwill reported that when he was at the Gressenhall meeting this sign had been reported.

**7.4. To receive a report from all Councillors on the Footpaths.** Councillor Richmond reported his were satisfactory, Councillor MacArthur stated his were good and was pleased to see that footpath 10 had been cut. Councillor Cissell reported hers were fine and Councillor Baldwin was unclear of the footpaths she now inspected and will contact the Clerk. Two Parishioners raised some issues on footpaths they walk and a lengthy discussion followed.

**8. Planning. The Chair asked for an additional application to be considered all agreed.**

**8.1. Applications.**

**3PL/2022/0632/F Vale Farm Barns Stoney Lane Beetley.**

**Proposed three bay garage/outbuilding with storage.** Objection to be raised as out side of the settlement boundary. Proposed by Councillor Richmond seconded by Councillor Cissell all were in favour.

**Councillor Richmond left the room.**

**3CM/2022/0016/CM – SC/2022/0001/ East Bilney Quarry Rawhall Lane. Proposed extension to Quarry with extension of existing conveyor and construction.** No Comments to be raised at present all in agreement.

**Councillor Richmond returned.**

**3NM/2022/0074/NMA Vale Farm Barns, non-material amendments**  
No objections Proposed by Councillor Baldwin seconded by  
Councillor MacArthur all were in agreement.

**8.2. Decisions by Breckland Council.**

**3CM/2022/0013/CM St. Mary's School Elmham Road Beetley.**  
**FUL/2022/0024. Removal of redundant mobile building and**  
**erection of replacement 6 bay modular building for a temporary**  
**period of 5 years external works to include a new asphalt**  
**footpath lighting paving and associated works. APPROVED.**  
**3NM/2022/0057/NMA Plot 3 The Paddocks Beetley. Amendment**  
**To 3PL/2017/0478/D Change of Brick. APPROVED.**  
**3PL/2022/0468/HOU 8 Stone Road Beetley. Installation of Air**  
**Source Heating Pump to the front of the house. APPROVED.**

**9. Beetley River Meadows.**

**9.1. Monthly Play equipment inspections.** A quote had been received  
for £50 from NGF to carry out the inspections when Councillor Scott  
is away. Proposed by Councillor MacArthur seconded by Councillor  
Richmond all were in agreement.

**9.2. RoSPA report.** Councillor Scott will meet on site with the Clerk and  
NGF to through the report as several pieces of the new play  
equipment had a comment for action. Next year it will be looked into  
to employ a different Approved Assessor.

**9.3. To Note any new problems.** None were raised.

**10. Open Spaces.**

**10.1. To receive a report and note any problems.** The Clerk had  
contacted Beetley Scouts to assist in removing the tree guards at  
East Bilney Townlands. No reply had been received for a date for this  
to take place.

**11. Parish Council matters.**

**11.1. Inspections. Pavilion: Defibrillator: Beetley River Meadows.** The  
Clerk had chased Duffield Builders re the repair to the window and  
had no response. Clerk to chase again. Councillor MacArthur  
confirmed he had checked the Defibrillator and all was in working  
order. Councillor Scott will be back in July to carry out the inspection  
of Beetley River Meadows.

**11.2. Bus Shelter Fakenham Road – report.** Councillor MacArthur and  
Councillor Boyce are to obtain a price for the replacement glass  
panel and then to install it. All were in agreement for it to be replaced.

**11.3. Health & Safety Policy – discussion re adoption.** The Chair  
informed the meeting that the policy which Gressenhall Parish  
Council have looked acceptable. Councillor Scott had sent an email

whilst he was away with some queries. It was agreed to be discussed at the September meeting when Councillor Scott would be back.

12. **Correspondence.** The Clerk informed the meeting that she had been contacted by email for any photographs of the Beetley Village Band which had been in the New Inn several years ago when a family visited The Village. The Clerk visited the New Inn and asked if there were any old photographs still available but unfortunately there was not.
13. **Matters for next meeting (not for discussion ).** H&S Policy, Dog poo bins, Verge cutting, Boardwalk.
14. **To confirm that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 1st September at 7.30 p.m. in Beetley Village Hall.**

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Signed as a true and accurate record.

Signature.....

Date signed.....