

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY VILLAGE HALL ON  
THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019 AT 7.30 P.M.**

**Present**

Councillor M Rose (Chair)

Councillor J Baldwin

Councillor A Leigh

Councillor J Mayhew

Councillor R Richmond

Councillor T Turner

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris

District Councillor R Richmond

District Councillor R Duffield

5 members of the public.

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor O'Donovan and these were not accepted.

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.**

There were no DPIs.

**3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**

Councillor Richmond proposed and Councillor Baldwin seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 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 R Duffield informed the members that Breckland Council had set its Council Tax and a Band D property would have an increase of £4.95 for the year. Nothing further had been heard about Shorthorn Nurseries. He also said that he had heard that there had been a good meeting with the Leader.

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris reported that on 11 February Norfolk County Council had set its budget and there will be a 2.99% increase on the Council tax but there will not be a 3% increase for Adult Social Services but this cumulative amount will be shown separately on the bill. The Council has received £29 million to improve independent living for the aged but it is forecast that by 2030 all the Council Tax will be spent on Adult Social Services. £186 million has been allocated for Children's Services and the last Ofsted inspection rated the service good and it is hoped that some parts in the future will be rated outstanding. This is major turn round in the last few years.

**4.2 Public Participation.**

A parishioner raised concern about the cherry trees alongside the footpath on the school playing field. The roots of these are encroaching onto his property and causing damage. The Clerk had discussed this with a tree surgeon who stated that the only answer is to fell the tree and poison the stump. The Clerk will get prices for felling all the trees.

**5. Matters to Report.**

**5.1 Revised Bus Services.**

The Clerk had received the revised times and had passed these to the Editor of the Beetley Buzz

#### **5.2 Meeting with the Leader of Breckland Council regarding Planning Issues.**

The meeting with the Leader and District Councillor Bambridge and Jon Berry from Capita had been attended by Councillors Rose, Baldwin, Leigh and Richmond plus the Clerk. The whole aspect of planning from validation right through to enforcement was covered.

Councillor Baldwin stated that there had obviously been issues with staff which should be resolved. Councillor Richmond was pleased that the leader was present and Councillor Rose was pleased with some aspects of the discussion. It was agreed at the meeting that weekly lists would be forwarded to the Clerk and a response received regarding the housing problem raised. This item will remain on the agenda to ensure that a response is received from Breckland Council.

#### **5.3 Breckland Town and Parish Forum 21 February.**

Councillor Turner stated that the pop-up stalls were good and there was some back-slapping for Breckland. There was no information to be had on health which was featured. Councillor Richmond stated that the Leader spoke well and gave the vision for going forward with commercialism. The Community Funding is to utilise the New Homes Bonus which will benefit rural areas. Capita also spoke about planning. Councillor O'Donovan had e-mailed the Clerk to state that she thought the Forum was very good and a good feeling of confidence for the future. There is ShopAppy where Breckland is trying to get people into their local shops and an App for potential visitors to Breckland which Stephen Fry narrates. Lastly there is a Breckland Lottery where you buy the tickets select the charity of your choice and 60p of the £1 goes to that charity and again keeping it local.

#### **5.4 Distribution of The Beetley Buzz.**

Councillor Rose reported that she hates driving on or exiting Peacock Lane. Councillor Turner agreed to do the dwellings on Peacock Lane and Common Lane.

#### **5.5 Norfolk Playing Fields Association.**

It was agreed not to renew membership.

#### **5.6 Mobile Library.**

The Clerk reported that he had received an e-mail informing the Parish that there would be changes to the mobile library from 1 April. The Officer at Norfolk County Council said that an officer would come to a meeting or send details. The Clerk had replied stating the dates of meetings but had not heard any more.

### **6. Highways and Transport.**

#### **6.1 Report on Highways Matters.**

The pothole at the junction of B1146 and B1110 had been reported and the flooding at junctions with B1146 to the north of East Bilney. The sign for the church had been chased and the Highways Engineer stated that Norfolk County Council would only fund a sign if the church is difficult to find. The Clerk will respond that in the opinion of the Parish Council Beetley Church is difficult to find. The Clerk had also chased Anglian Water to repair Common and Peacock Lanes and is awaiting a date for a site meeting. The abandoned vehicle on Fakenham Road opposite the hairdressers had been reported and this had been removed in a few days. Shelter Solutions had confirmed that the capital y would be replaced when the company is next in the area.

#### **6.2 New problems.**

The hedge on 1 Elmham Road needs cutting back as does the hedge on Elmham Road at the former surveyor's pit and the field next to it. The contractor who cuts the Town Lands hedge will be contacted to cut the hedge the Parish Council owns and highways will be requested to contact the landowner of the field.

#### **6.3 Footpaths.**

FP17 has been cleared and the poor bridge on FP4 had been reported. Councillor Richmond requested that the Parish Council write to the parishioner who has cleared FP4. The parishioner had requested a bench on FP4 and the Clerk will see if the wood from the cherry trees can be used for this. The poor bridge on FP6 near to the pond will be reported.

#### **6.4 Blocking of Footpath 6.**

The Clerk had contacted Norfolk County Council and the Countryside Access Officer had eventually replied to state that she needs to inspect the route. The Clerk had replied to say that this had already been inspected and this should all be on file.

### **7. Planning.**

#### **7.1 Applications.**

##### **7.1.1 3PL/2019/0132/HOU-29 Elmham Road-front and rear extension and detached single garage.**

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

##### **7.1.2 3PL/2019/0098/F-The Cottage Fakenham Road East Bilney-construction of single storey three-bedroom dwelling.**

Councillor Leigh proposed and Councillor Richmond seconded the resolution that an objection be raised. All were in favour. This development is outside the settlement boundary, it is not infill, is an intrusion into the rural countryside, there are concerns that the visibility splay cannot be formed especially as it is in a 60 m.p.h. limit road, it should be on mains drainage, concerns of access for UK Power Networks to remove branches from the power lines and a full survey should be undertaken for protected species especially great crested newts.

#### **7.2 Decisions.**

The following decisions were noted.

##### **7.2.1 3PL/2019/0132/HOU-9 Elmham Road-proposed single storey rear extension to replace existing extension. N/O Approved.**

##### **7.2.2 3PL/2018/1515/HOU- 18 Elmham Road-single storey rear extension. N/O Approved**

##### **7.2.3 3PL/2018/1547/D-Hall Farm Barn Fakenham Road East Bilney-reserved matters application for a dwelling following previous outline permission 3PL/2018/0614/O O Approved**

##### **7.2.4 3PL/2019/0044/HOU-30 Elmham Road-demolish existing single storey section and construct 2 single story rear extensions. N/O Approved.**

#### **7.3 Enforcement**

##### **7.3.1 Shorthorn Nurseries.**

There was nothing to report.

##### **7.3.2 Otters Mead.**

No action was needed at the moment.

##### **7.3.3 Droning Noise.**

There was nothing to report.

#### **7.4 To consider a response to the Local Plan consultation.**

Not all the points altered by the Planning Inspector were agreed. It is hoped that this plan is adopted soon to protect rural areas with no settlement boundary and there was concern over GEN05 and self-build. The Clerk will draft a response and circulate it.

### **8. Beetley River Meadows.**

#### **8.1 Report.**

The mole catcher has been on site and the final cut from last year done in the middle of

February. The Clerk is meeting the contractor on site in March.

### **8.2 RoSPA Report.**

The Clerk had been informed that the mobile welder is no longer doing it. The Clerk will contact alternative contractors.

## **9. Open Spaces.**

### **9.1 Report.**

The Clerk had received complaints regarding horses being ridden around Beetley Common. The Clerk is attempting to clarify whether horse have the right to use the Common.

## **10. Finance.**

### **10.1 Budgets.**

The budget sheets and financial information had been circulated.

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 Mayhew reported that the calf is doing well at PACT and may have a friend in the future.

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

### **Balances**

#### **Barclays Community Account**

Balance at 31 12 18		23492.33
Plus      Tittleshall Parish Council-43.75		
Horningtoft Parish Council-43.75	87.50	
		23579.83
Less      Cheques authorised 07 02 19-117.00		
D/Debit E-on-9.33	126.33	
Balance at 31 01 19		23453.50
Float for Community Car co-ordinator		250.00
Balance at 31 01 19		23703.50

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

Spend to Date: £141.18

Cheques for authorisation:

139	B J Leigh	Monthly Contract February 540.54 less PAYE 105.20	435.34
140	HMRC	PAYE February	105.20
141	Mrs A Leigh	Drivers Payments Community Car-February	106.15
142	Mayday Office Equipment Services Ltd	Monthly Contract January	32.83
143	B J Leigh	Postage £38.73 Mileage 225 miles @ .45 per mile £101.25 Telephone £60.00 Use of Home as Office £200	399.98
144	Ady's Wood Splitting Services	Clearance of trees at Beetley River Meadows	330.00
145	T H Scott & Son	Hedge Cutting East Bilney	162.00

		Town Lands	
146	PACT	Donation	150.00
147	Beetley Village Hall	Hall Hire	72.00
148	Eastern Office Equipment	Stationery	27.95
149	Steward Safety Supplies	Jackets for Speedwatch	24.60

### **10.3 Donation to NARS.**

It was agreed not to donate.

## 10.4 Photocopier.

Councillor Rose proposed and Councillor Mayhew seconded the resolution that a new photocopier be purchased at a cost of £726. All were in favour.

## 11. Correspondence received for circulation.

The following correspondence would be circulated.

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- 11.1 Clerks and Councils Direct March 2019
- 11.2 LCR Winter.
- 11.3 Rural Life.
- 11.4 Breckland Town and Parish Forum.

## **12. Matters for the Next Meeting.**

## 12.1 Beetley football Club.

### **13. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.**

This was confirmed as Thursday 4 April 2019 to follow the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 7.00p.m. to be held at Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 2146 hours.