

# MINUTES OF BEACHAMWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

## **Present:**

Councillors: Tom Sanderson (Chair); Diana Lambert (Vice Chair), John Adcock; Julie Ive; Philip Spencer and Pat O'Donnell

District Councillor: Peter Wilkinson

County Councillor: Ian Monson

Parish Clerk: Mrs Eileen Powell

Members of the Public: None

## **Apologies:**

Councillor Mark Powell [Hospital]

## **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:**

None

## **Confirmation of the minutes of the meetings held on:**

12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 Ordinary PC Meeting Cllr. Adcock proposed that they are accepted, Cllr. O'Donnell seconded the proposal, passed nem con However Cllr Spencer asked for Finance Item 1 to be amended to read: "Current A/C £3705. Cllr. Spencer asked how the money received as the first instalment of the precept and grant from Breckland Council was shown in the balance reported? Cllr Sanderson said that he would follow this up with the Clerk." This was agreed. Minutes still to be signed.

24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 Extraordinary Meeting Cllr. Lambert proposed that they are accepted, Cllr. O'Donnell seconded the proposal, passed nem con and signed.

## **Public Participation**

*To consider a motion to suspend the meeting to allow members of the public and the District/County Councillor opportunity to inform the meeting*

*At the commencement of each meeting, the Chair advises any public present to raise their hand to indicate their wish to comment on any item. The Chair, upon seeing a raised hand, will suspend the meeting to allow for public participation*

## **Matters Arising**

1.	Highways	White lines have been painted roads Concrete pad is required as hard standing is not working. Cllr Sanderson will contact Mr Steve Hart A lot of mud in Old Hall Lane Rotten fruit has been dumped on the beet pad and the smell is not acceptable
2.	Footpaths	Cllr Spencer presented his report: FP14 - Cllr Spencer had met with Mr Green (Shingham) and discussed concerns reported to the Parish Council that horses grazing on FP14 might be a danger to walkers. Mr Green explained that for most of the time fencing installed by him kept the horses off the footpath. Occasionally horses grazed a small paddock crossed by the footpath. Mr Green pointed out that he cut the grass on the footpath. Cllr O'Donnell said that a horse had definitely been grazing the narrower footpath section. The Parish council noted that there were no restrictions on allowing

		<p>horses in fields crossed by footpaths.</p> <p>FP13 - Norfolk County Council reported that they intended to remove the obstructions and bring legal representation to enforce this issue by the end of November.</p> <p>Wrong fingerpost at Drymere - Cllr Spencer has asked Norfolk County Council Highways to remove the Public Bridleway fingerpost which has recently appeared at Drymere (on the other side of the road to the trig point). There is no public right of way as indicated by this sign. Response awaited.</p> <p>Norfolk Trails report that they are just about to install a new walk (using existing rights of way) in Beachamwell, in the Warren area. Cllr Spencer has asked for more liaison with the Parish Council from Norfolk Trails and Norfolk CC Highways when planning work on the PRow network in Beachamwell.</p>
3.	Security & backup Systems. Archives	Still being dealt with.
4.	Clerk's Contract	Cllr Sanderson has passed this onto Cllr Ive
5.	Standing Orders	Cllr Spencer had previously circulated suggestions for updating the <u>standing</u> orders for Beachamwell. Cllr Adcock proposed that were accepted, Cllr Lambert seconded and passed nem con. Cllr Spencer will forward a copy of the updated document
6.	The Green Access Track	Put on hold until next Spring. To be taken off agenda
7.	Grass cutting	New quote will possibly be forthcoming
8.	Parish Partnership Scheme	Mrs Powell is still waiting to hear from Highways re cost of pea shingle. Scheme closes beginning of December
9.	Breckland Local Plan Consultation	Will be ready Spring 2017
10.	Trial bikes	Someone has been racing trial bikes in village at 5.00am, Cllr Sanderson will speak to Mr Steve Hart.

## Finance

1	Current A/C	£9506.61
2	Business A/C	£998,60
3	Cheques paid and to be paid	<p>Cheques paid and to be paid:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hire of BMH for meeting 2016.11.14: £15.00</li> <li>2. Hours for clerk from Transparency Grant from May meeting Yet to be calculated with PAYE</li> <li>3. Tax re hours for clerk from Transparency Grant from May meeting Yet to be calculated with PAYE</li> </ol>
4	Budget / Precept	After much discussion Cllr Sanderson proposed that this is dealt with in January, seconded by Cllr Lambert and agreed nem con
5	Mazars / Auditors	Cllr Ive requested <i>'The Parish Council committed to next year work to the required audit timescales. It was acknowledged that</i>

	<i>compliance will require the clerk to engage the internal auditor earlier in the year. ’</i>
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**Planning Applications for Considered and to Be Considered:**

None

**Correspondence**

As always, emails from County, NALC, Rural Services etc are circulated to Councillors and if relevant to Parishioners.

**Information**

1. NALC Newsletters
2. Local Government Finance Settlement Consultation
3. Local Government AGM Notice
4. Rural Vulnerability Service - Fuel Poverty - November 2016
5. Various Rural Opportunities Bulletins
6. Training Update November 2016
7. Nalc annual report and accounts
8. Local Government Finance Settlement Consultation
9. Various vacancies
10. Bags of Help for your constituents
11. Nalc Training Programme
12. Nalc AGM
13. Nalc Website
14. Norfolk County Council-\*\*Media Invitation\*\* Sniffer dogs on standby as campaign calls on public to help stub out illegal ‘pocket money’ tobacco in Norfolk Embargoed until 12 noon Tuesday 27 September
15. Norfolk County Council Road safety campaign - Mind out for each other
16. Devolution Response

**Decisions**

1. Invitation from Breckland Council for Chairman to attend Civic Service at St Nicholas Church, Dereham on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017
2. Town & Parish Forum - 8 December
3. Local Council Award Scheme Presentation
4. Course - Engaging young people
5. Being a Councillor Open Evening Invitation
6. Aviva Community Fund
7. Precept Consultation
8. Parish Precept Requirement 2017/18

**Other Business:**

1	Forthcoming senior citizen’s Christmas lunch at Marham	Mrs Powell will contact 15 people in village re invitation and send names to Major Walker
2	Information evening at RAF Marham	Cllrs Ive, Lambert and O’Donnell will attend
3	Great Danes Country Inn – Cllr Spencer	You probably know that the Great Danes is currently listed as ‘Under offer’ on the Longsons website. In 2015 the Parish Council successfully applied to have the Great Danes registered as an asset of community value. This can mean an

		offer to sell being delayed while any community interest group makes a bid to buy. I have been asked what the situation is in this case? Because the Great Danes was already being offered for sale at the time that it was registered as an asset of community value, the moratorium on selling came into force at that time - 7 September 2015 - and ended on 18 October 2015 when no initial interest in bidding had been received by Breckland Council. If no expression of interest to buy is received, then the seller gets the benefit of a ‘protected period’ of 18 months which ends on 7 March 2017 during which they are free to sell without reference to any further community bids. Separate from the Community Asset register is the question of change of use. My understanding is that a planning application for change of use would be required to change from licensed premises to residential and the fact that the Great Danes is an asset of community value might be a material consideration when considering that application. However it is difficult to be certain about this area of planning regulation.
4	Speeding in Village – 30mph labels (Mrs K Butler)	Concern about speeding in village. Suggest stickers for wheelie bins, in appropriate roads, are purchased <i>£135 for 150 labels Proposed by Cllr Lambert, seconded by Cllr Adcock and passed nem con</i> Mrs Powell will contact <i>Anglia Labels, Email <a href="mailto:sales@anglialabels.co.uk">sales@anglialabels.co.uk</a> Tel No 01787379118</i>
5	Village defibrillator – Mrs Cathy Friend	Letter received requesting that this subject could be reconsidered. Match funding is available. It was decided that a sub-committee is set up (Cllr O’Donnell and Mrs Friend) and report back in January.

### **County Councillor’s Report:**

- Norfolk & Suffolk Devolution – pressure from Government.
- Budget – Finances being reduced in public sector year in year out.  
Each year money from central government reduced.

Cllrs Monson was thanked for his report

### **District Councillor’s Report:**

- Local Plan
- Precept
- Recycling
- Garden Waste Scheme

Cllrs Wilkinson was thanked for his report

**Items for next agenda: None**

**Dates of forthcoming meetings:**

**2017: January 9<sup>th</sup> March 13<sup>th</sup> May 8<sup>th</sup>**

The meeting closed at **9.20 pm**

*Cllr T. Sanderson signed as correct 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017*