

MINUTES OF BEACHAMWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 13th March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present:

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

District Councillor: Peter Wilkinson

Parish Clerk: Eileen Powell

Members of the Public: Karen Bridge, Chrissy Barr, Simon Smith and Tina Ball

Cllr Sanderson opened the meeting by offering condolences to Mrs Eileen Powell on the recent death of Cllr Powell on behalf of the Parish Council. He acknowledged the excellent work done by the latter over the many years as a councillor.

Apologies:

Julie Ive: Course

Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:

None

Confirmation of the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on:

9th January 2017. 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Potholes still need checking• Some grups need cleaning• Gullys through village haven't been cleared and weren't done last year.• Cllr Sanderson will check with Steve Hart re update of situation• Triangle by Village Green is still a dreadful mess due to bad tractor driving.
2.	Footpaths and Public Rights of Way	Cllr Spencer reported that NCC Highways were taking legal action to remove the obstructions to FP13 at Hall Barn. He also said Norfolk County Council would be reorganising the departments dealing with PROWs from 1st April 2017 and providing a single point of access for all footpath matters.
3.	Security & Backup Systems. Archives	Pending
4.	Clerk's Contract	Due to recent circumstances Mrs Powell has not yet read or signed the contract.
5.	Standing Orders	They can be put onto the website
6.	'Speeding in Village – 30mph' labels	The labels have arrived and will be distributed to Chestnut Walk, The Street and Old Hall Lane. Cllr Sanderson will organise the distribution.
7.	Village defibrillator –	Cllr O'Donnell reported that she has contacted Barton Bendish who were helpful. She has a list of names of people wishing to be trained. Still to decide which defibrillator is to be chosen. Cllr Sanderson will check with Will Gribbon. He also would like three quotes There is a Red Cross Course. Cllr Wilkinson will apply for match funding

8.	Grass cutting	Cllr Sanderson has been in touch with CGMS who have now given new contracts which will be held for 2 years
9	Trees at 15 All Saints' Way	Still pending as Breckland have not been in touch
10	Clerk's Pension	Mrs Powell is not eligible on grounds of salary total and age.

Finance

1	Current A/C	£7533.11
2	Business A/C	£998.72
3	Cheques paid and to be paid	<p>Cheques paid:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hire BMH meeting - £15.00 2. Anglia Speed labels - £155.00 + £31.00 VAT 3. CGM Grass Cutting - £1,183.50 [possibly] 4. Clerk's Salary Oct, Nov, Dec - £520.00 5. Clerk's expenses Oct, Nov, Dec- £39.00 <p>Cheques to be paid:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tax HMR&C Oct, Nov, Dec - £130.00 2. Hire BMH meeting - £15.00 3. Hours for clerk from Transparency Grant from May meeting 4. HMR&C Tax from Transparency Grant from May meeting 5. Clerk's Salary Jan, Feb, Mar - £520.00 6. Clerk's expenses Jan, Feb, Mar - £39.00 7. Tax HMR&C Jan, Feb, Mar - £130.00
4	Quarterly reports	Not distributed

Planning Applications for Considered and to Be Considered:

3PL/2016/1523/F: Warren Lodge Cottages at Beachamwell Road. Change of use of barn to holiday accommodation. Mr David Levitt. Still pending

Correspondence

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

Information

1. Community Defibrillators
2. War Memorial Cleaning
3. Various NALC Newsletters
4. Training updates
5. Police & Crime Commissioner's meeting
6. Breckland 5 Year Housing Land supply

Decisions

Other Business:

1	Vacancy on Council due to the death of Cllr Mark Powell	No names had been received by Breckland therefore an election will not take place. Instead the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option as soon as practicable. Ms Karen Bridge showed interest and will inform the Council of her decision.
2	Breckland Council's Local Plan	Space for Beachamwell. Not too bad but could be better. Cllr Spencer will attend the forthcoming meeting.
3	Recent burglaries in Beachamwell	Mrs Bell was concerned that not everyone will know what has happened and suggested that the email system Mrs Powell uses to let people know about what is happening in the Village is a good way to keep them informed. A note will go into the next copy of G4N

		asking for other suggestions or ideas and these can be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. Mrs Bell will be willing to put notices through doors if required.
4	Verges	Concern expressed over state of verges at:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shingham Churchyard 2. Outside St Mary's Church, Beachamwell due to the permanent parking of a Post Office Van. Letter to be sent to Highways

County Councillor's Report:

- Cllr Monson was not present

District Councillor's Report:

- Highways budget set for next two years. It has been cut so projects reduced.
- Council tax is up £4.99. 9.5p on tax per week
- Breckland website has had a makeover
- Highways England to have dual carriageway.
- Jobs Fair 15th March in Assembly Rooms
- One number – Child Services or any problems etc. 01362 656870

Cllr Wilkinson was thanked for his report

Items for next agenda: None

Dates of forthcoming meetings:

2017: May 8th Annual Meeting 7.30 followed by Ordinary Meeting

The meeting closed at **8.57 pm**

Cllr T. Sanderson signed as correct 8th May 2017