

## MINUTES OF BEACHAMWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

### Present:

**Councillors:** John Adcock (Chair), Julie Ive, Diana Lambert (Vice Chair), Mark Powell, Tom Sanderson, and Philip Spencer

**District Councillor:** Peter Wilkinson

**County Councillor:** Ian Monson

**Parish Clerk:** Eileen Powell

**Members of the Public:** 27 were present for Planning Application. 7 remained for the rest of the meeting

### Apologies:

Cllr Darren Wakelen

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

None

### Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Cllr. Ive proposed that they are accepted, Cllr. Lambert 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.*

### Planning Applications for Consideration / Considered:

1. 3PL/2015/0839/F Orchard House Replacement 2 Storey & Part Single Storey Side Extension

Permission granted

2. 3PL/2015/1083/F 2 St Johns Lane PE37 8FE Proposed extension

A discussion took place and members of the public took part. There was concern about the nearness of the trees. However, there were 5 councillors in favour of the planning application and 1 against therefore No Objection will be given to Breckland.

*(Following on from the offer of the applicants to visit the development at 2 St John's Lane it was proposed by Cllr Sanderson, seconded by Cllr Lambert and agreed nem con that visits of this nature would only take place if all were present.)*

3. 3PL/2015/1049/F

(a) New build contemporary Eco home proposed to be built on existing poor grade agricultural land. (This is the description of planning application received by Parish Council 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015)

(b) Erection of eco lifetime home with stables, paddocks, grass riding area, all weather riding surface & Landscaping (This is the description of planning application lodged on Breckland Website)

A long discussion took place with several members of the public stating their views. Mr Martin Ive gave a very detailed report. Mr Steve Green [Beachamwell], who was not able to be present, requested that his views were read out on his behalf. All comments and letters are already on Breckland web site.

Mrs Susie Rix explained that up until 1968 the land was a green field. They tried to grow crops but were unsuccessful.

The public voted as follows: 5 for the application, 21 against the application and 1 abstention

The councillors then voted: 1 for the application, 5 against the application

Objection will be given to Breckland.

### Matters Arising

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| 1. Highways Update | 1. Reported repairs have been done.<br>2. Signposts re Highways are to be checked.<br>3. Silos on Gooderstone Road are making a dreadful mess – could cause an accident. Cllr Monson will talk to the engineers. Suggested that a concrete pad is required and a gate. Mrs Powell will contact Mr Hart |
| 2. Pathways Update | 1. RB19: Badly overgrown bridleway. This has been reported to Mr Hart. Electric fence and electric pipe have been removed. Mr Hart is interested in diverting the path. Cllr Spencer has spoken to David Robertson, who  |

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|    |  | works for Norfolk Historic Environment Service, re the site of Medieval Buildings.<br>2. F10: Nothing has changed so report matter to Heygates again.<br>3. Bridleway 22: Electric fence and notice to 'Keep Out'. Cllr Sanderson will phone John Dyer [Jerry].<br>4. Footpath 23: Fingerpost has been knocked over. Cllr Monson will look into this.<br>5. Cllr Sanderson was thanked for clearing Green Drove.   |
| 3. | Salt/Grit Bin at Shingham                                      | This is now in place waiting to be filled.   |
| 4. | Bus Shelter  | Mrs Spencer submitted a quote for £88.00 to cover the display. It was considered to be rather expensive. How long will the exhibition be in place? Cllr Sanderson proposed that it is accepted for this year and reviewed at a later stage, seconded by Cllr Lambert agreed nem con.   |
| 5. | Transparency Code  | To be reviewed   |
| 6. | Website  | Is it going in the direction we intend it to go? Cllr Spencer wants a more coherent view in what we want it to be.<br>He would also like to see the agendas left on the web site. Mrs Powell explained that she has followed the suggestions given by NALC   |
| 7. | Security and back up Systems.<br>Archives                      | Some Parish Council documents which are still with Mr Ernie Simmons are not available.<br>Cllr Ive will help with deciding which documents are to go to the Norfolk Records Office.  |
| 8. | Feedback and follow up from recent Councillor Training course. | Cllr Spencer had requested that the following are checked:<br>1. Employment contract for the Clerk<br>The clerk does not have a contract. Cllr Spencer received a model contract from Luisa Cantera, Training Development Officer Norfolk Parish Training Partnership which he passed on to the councillors. It was decided that Cllr Sanderson will meet with Mrs Powell to study this.<br>2. Statement of Governance<br>Cllr Spencer queried this but Mrs Powell explained that it has been passed by Mazars<br>3. Internal Audit<br>To be reviewed<br>4. Budget Process<br>see Finance 4<br>5. Minutes and agendas<br>Cllr Spencer proposed that the agenda should be clearer, seconded by Cllr Ive agreed nem con.<br>6. Standing orders<br>To be reviewed |
| 9. | Broadband – Beachamwell, Shingham and Drymere                  | Mr Dave Richards is pursuing the problem. He has asked for costing but has heard nothing as yet.<br>People on the sub committee are Mr Dave Richards, Cllr Peter Wilkinson, Cllr Julie Ive and Mrs Louise Sinclair.<br>Cllr Ive is representing the Parish Council   |

#### **Other Business:**

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| 1 | Changes to Mobile Post Office   | Cllr Spencer is to write a letter which will be circulated to residents about the proposed changes to the times of the Mobile Post Office visits to Beachamwell. Mrs Bridget James has offered to help with the delivery of the letters. |
| 2 | RAF Marham Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch  | Mrs Powell, as proposed, has this in hand. Fifteen guests to be invited.   |
| 3 | Parish Partnership Update: decide how to respond to the letter from NCC forwarded to Councillors on 29 September. | It was decided not to sign up for this.  |

**Finance:**

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| 1. | Current Account    | £6331.70  |
| 2. | Business Account   | £998.12   |
| 3. | Cheques to be paid | £15.00 for hire of BMH  |
| 4. | Budgeting          | Mrs Powell gave each councillor a draft budget. This will be discussed at the January meeting and a decision will be taken as to how much will be requested |

**Correspondence**

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

1. 2015.09.29: NCC Deal struck to keep Coast hopper operating through the winter.
2. 2015.09.29 Parish Partnership update.
3. 2015.10.10 Norfolk older people's strategic partnership new 3 year strategy.
4. 2015.10.19 NCC Protection with flu jab and nasal spray.
5. 2015.10.19 NCC reference: 525983
6. 2015.10.20 Tree felling
7. 2015.10.22 CGM Renewal of insurance relating to Public/Employers Liability and Contract Works
8. 2015.10.23 Norfolk Silica Sand Review of the Minerals Site Specific Allocations Plan – Consultation
9. 2015.10.24 Notification of restriction under a direction given under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act
10. 2015.10.29 NCC Re-imagining Norfolk – Strategic and financial planning 2016/19

**County Councillor's Report:**

- County Hall reduction in grant
- Looking again at services – how they are managed
- Reimagining of Norfolk. Public are to have their say between November and January.
- Probably will reduce number of Libraries rather than shutting them down. There is to be one less mobile library.
- There is to be an extraordinary meeting re northern distributor road (A47 East – past airport) around Norwich. Should be within budget.
- Any big public project takes many years to get started.

Cllr Monson was thanked for his report

**District Councillor's Report:****Breckland Councillor Report Beachamwell November 2015-12-07**

**The Breckland Council:** Responded to guidance contained in the newly published National planning framework and resolve to prepare a new single plan for the district. Breckland was the first Council in Norfolk to commence preparing a new single plan, which will include new housing and employment targets. As well as details of the areas of land to be allocated for a range of uses.

One of the key documents to influence the local plan will be the Norfolk Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) A final draft is yet to be agreed by the 5 central Norfolk council including Breckland. We are working to an ambitious timescale the first round was held in November 2014 and January 2015, Since then further evidence has been gathered and discussions held with key statutory bodies and adjoining authorities under the duty to cooperate. The next round of consultations on the plan is scheduled to take place in November 2015 and will include emerging draft policies as well as initial site options for public comment. Following this consultation the document will be refined and the draft plan will be subject to the final round of consultations in 2016.

After this the plan will be submitted for examination in public where it will be scrutinised by an independent planning inspector, at the end of this process, the inspector will issue a report and subject to its findings, the local plan will be able to be adopted by the Council at the end of 2016.

Once adopted this plan will replace the existing suite of planning policy documents that were developed under the Local Development Framework, (LDF).

**D.W.P:** Plans to house Department for works and pensions in Elizabeth house in Dereham and Breckland Business centre in Thetford. Will be going ahead DWP estimate that 70% of their customers are the same seeking Council Services and they have already completed a number of co-locations with local authorities in the Easton region. This has been driven by the Government's one public estate agenda where public buildings are shared to optimum affect. So residents can benefit from seamless joined up Services under one roof. DWP are looking to operate from Elizabeth house from January 2016.

**Housing and Health:** Britain's population is ageing and levels of disability growing creating pressure on the NHS, to meet these challenges there is a need for councils to work together with local organisations to provide support for older and disabled residents enabling them to stay in their own homes. Breckland D.C. is working with partners on a number of projects to support the physical, social and emotional wellbeing for older and disabled residents. Housing is a factor in determine the health of the population, As residents get frailer it is important that they are given support to enable them to stay in their own home if they wish to do so. The Integrate housing adaption team and Breckland's Disabled facilities grant scheme play a vital roll

in enabling residents to remain in their own homes, working with south Norfolk clinical commissioning group to look at falls prevention in the home, This because -more than 1/3 of those aged over 65 fall each year. – 50% of over 85's will fall once or more per year. People aged 75 who fall are 4-5 times more likely to be admitted to a long term care setting for more than a year.

**Falls Action in Breckland (FAB):** FAB focuses on older people – referred by their G.P. or other health professionals who are considered particularly at risk of a fall, a pilot scheme is aimed at supporting an initial 10 people. They will be monitored by FAB in evaluating the schemes effectiveness and outcomes if the scheme is successful then FAB will consider how it can be developed with partners and put on a long term footing.

Carers and the cared for in Breckland are being offered a significantly discount in all of Breckland's Leisure centres in helping in their health and wellbeing. Breckland Community Officers have supported Breckland Older Peoples Forum regularly attending meetings and speaking at meetings and events. Helping keep the group and wider partnerships updated on the councils activities. The older peoples forum has been awarded a grant of £500 by Breckland D. C. in further supporting their work.

***Cllr Peter Wilkinson***

***Breckland District Council.***

Cllr Wilkinson was thanked for his report

**Items for next agenda:**

None

**Dates of forthcoming meetings:**

**2016:** January 11<sup>th</sup> March 14<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>

**Meeting closed at 9.50pm**

***Cllr J. Adcock signed as correct 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016***