

## MINUTES OF BEACHAMWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm in Beachamwell Village Hall

### **Present:**

Councillors: Tom Sanderson; Diana Lambert (Vice Chair), Philip Spencer and Karen Bridge.

Parish Clerk: Eileen Powell

Members of the Public: One

### **Apologies:**

Councillors: John Adcock and Richard James

District Councillor Peter Wilkinson

County Councillor Fabian Eagle

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

None

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

12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 (Ordinary) and 17<sup>th</sup> December (Extraordinary). Cllr. Lambert proposed that they are accepted, Cllr. Spencer seconded the proposal, Cllrs Sanderson and Bridge agreed. Minutes were 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**

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| 1 | Highways                           | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. New Shingham Sign: now installed</li><li>2. David Jacklin will meet Cllr Sanderson and Cllr Bridge at St John's Farm 2pm 22<sup>nd</sup> January to discuss Speed signs and state of A1122. This will help with Parish partnership grant.<br/>Will also talk about pot holes and Aircraft spotters</li><li>3 Cllr Bridge is in contact with Paula Gilluley (Engagement Officer) about Community Speed Watch</li><li>4. Mrs Powell has reported to Breckland Council the discarded 'fridge in verge on road from White Road to Swaffham. They will deal with it.</li></ol>   |
| 2 | Footpaths and Public Rights of Way | <p>Cllr Spencer submitted the following report:</p> <p><b>Public Rights of Way survey – January 2019</b></p> <p>During the last few days I have walked or cycled the complete network of public footpaths and bridleways in Beachamwell (20 miles), checking the access, signage and condition of routes. I last carried a similar survey in January 2017. Then I reported that generally the network was in good condition, and I am pleased to report that the same positive situation continues.</p> <p><b>Access</b> is good on all routes, apart from the longstanding issue at Hall Barn and barbed wire where BR1 joins the A1122.</p> <p><b>Surface condition</b> is often very good, although inevitably at this time of year mud can be a problem, exacerbated by the use of heavy farm machinery.</p> <p>Failure to re-instate crossfield paths is a continuing issue. Landowners usually respond to requests to make good paths, but they are legally obliged to do this without prompting (and compliance is a condition of receiving money from the Rural Payments Agency).</p> <p><b>Signage</b> is better than in 2017, largely because of signs erected for the Warren Heritage Trail. Norfolk County Council also appears to have been adding fingerposts and marker posts to the network, which is good to see, but in places wastefully duplicating existing signage.</p> <p><b>NOTES (if a PRow isn't included in this list, its condition etc is good)</b></p> |

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|   |                                | <p>FP = footpath; BR = bridleway; RB = restricted byway)</p> <p><b>BR1</b> (<i>Long Drove aka Searchlight Drove – from Beechamwell Road beyond Walter’s Cottages to A1122/Devil’s Ditch</i>)<br/>Fingerpost at junction with Beechamwell Road missing. Barbed wire obstructing access to A1122 at N end.</p> <p><b>RB5</b> (<i>From Beechamwell Road opposite the entrance to Beachamwell Hall to Lodge Farm and continuing towards Swaffham</i>)<br/>Path very muddy near Lodge Farm, but passable.<br/>New ‘Bridleway’ fingerpost at Lodge Farm duplicates existing fingerpost.</p> <p><b>BR9</b> (<i>From near Hall Farm on Swaffham Road towards the Warren</i>)<br/>in places surface churned up by heavy farm machinery.</p> <p><b>FP10</b> (<i>From BR9 across Toot Hill to The Lodge</i>)<br/>North section beyond the tree belt not restored after cultivation. The route through the tree belt is not clear.</p> <p><b>FP12</b> (<i>from The Old School to join BR19a near Furze Hill</i>)<br/>Section across ‘asparagus’ field would benefit from marking. Southern section not made good after cultivation</p> <p><b>FP13</b> (<i>from The Old School to Hall Barn</i>)<br/>Longstanding issue at Hall Barn. The recently marked routes of both FP13 and BR19a still do not follow the correct line.</p> <p><b>BR19a</b> (<i>from Hall Barn to the Gooderstone Road near Furze Hill</i>)<br/>The marked route across All Saints field does not follow the exact line.</p> <p><b>FP21</b> (<i>from Shingham cottages to sharp bend on Cockley Cley road</i>)<br/>Crossfield section at east end not marked. Heygates have said that they will cut the path in spring.</p> <p><b>BR22</b> (<i>from sharp bend on Cockley Cley road to Langwade Drove near tumulus</i>)<br/>First section towards chicken farm is not on the correct line. Unfortunately a marker post has been erected here in the wrong position). Further west tree felling has disturbed the path surface. The fingerpost at the junction with Langwade Drove needs re-seating.</p> |
| 3 | Training Courses               | No update as Cllr James not at meeting   |
| 4 | Church Wall                    | <p>Cllr Sanderson reported on costs and that it would be a 4 year programme.<br/>Cllr Spencer is concerned as to whether this quote has been accepted too early.<br/>Cllr Spencer to approach Andrew Gayton.<br/>Mrs Powell informed FoSM that Parish Council would pay for the wall only</p>  |
| 5 | RAF Senior Citizens Xmas Lunch | <p>The residents who went were delighted. Mrs Janet Blackbourn &amp; Mr Doug Saunders sent a card of thanks to the Parish Council.<br/>Mrs Powell sent thanks to RAF Marham on behalf of the Village</p>   |
| 6 | Extra Dog bin                  | Would cost £152.03 – including VAT. It was decided that there was no need for another bin at the moment.   |
| 7 | Mud on road                    | It has all been cleared  |

### Finance

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| 1 | Business Premium Account           | £1429.64  |
| 2 | Community Account                  | £9681.59  |
| 3 | <b>Cheques paid and to be paid</b> |   |
|   | Cheques paid December              | <p>100739 £15.00 Hire BVH Extraordinary Meeting<br/><b>Total: £15.00</b></p>  |
|   | Cheques paid January               | <p>100740 £15.00 Hire BVH Ordinary Meeting<br/>100741 £520.00 Clerk’s Salary Oct, Nov, Dec<br/>100742 £130.00 HMR &amp; C Oct, Nov, Dec<br/>100743 £39.00 Clerk’s Expenses Oct, Nov, Dec.<br/><b>Total: £704.00</b><br/><b>Grand Total: £719.00</b></p> |

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| 4 | Precept 2019 - 2020 | Cllr Sanderson proposed request for £7,500.00<br>Cllr Spencer seconded<br>Cllr Lambert agreed<br>Cllr Bridge abstained |
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**Planning Application:**

1. 3PL/2018/1252/HOU Proposed rear and side extension to dwelling including internal alterations, 26 The Street Beachamwell
2. 3PL/2018/1253/LB Proposed rear and side extension to dwelling including internal alterations 26 The Street Beachamwell

AMENDMENT: Amended front elevation

Removed gauged arches and noted traditional drip detail above windows and doors

Reduced extent of demolition

Windows and doors to be of traditional construction

Cllr Spencer proposed no objection, Cllr Sanderson seconded the proposal Cllr Lambert and Cllr Bridge agreed.

**Correspondence**

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

**Other Business or Issues Raised Since Last Meeting:**

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| 1 | Mrs Powell handed in her resignation | It is with great regret that I feel I must resign as Parish Clerk to the Parish Council. It is not something which I want to do but I am not prepared to work with Councillors who blatantly dismiss the Code of Conduct. As stated in Beachamwell Parish Council's Code of Conduct (adopted from the NALC template for Parish Councils)<br>The member obligations<br><ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. They shall behave in such a way that a reasonable person would regard as respectful.</li> <li>2. They shall not act in a way which a reasonable person would regard as bullying or intimidatory.</li> </ol> |
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**County Councillor's Report:**

- Unable to attend meeting.

**District Councillor's Report:**

- Unable to attend meeting
- Has dealt with Cllr Spencer's queries by email.
- Will not be able to attend the Snap meeting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

**Items for next agenda:**

Events and activities at Larchwood

**Dates of forthcoming meetings (Annual and Ordinary):**

2019: March 11<sup>th</sup>; May 13<sup>th</sup>;

The meeting closed at 8.30.pm

*Cllr T. Sanderson signed as correct 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019*