

MINUTES OF BEACHAMWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 18th March 2019 at 7.30pm in Beachamwell Village Hall

Present:

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

District Councillor Peter Wilkinson

County Councillor Fabian Eagle

Parish Clerk: Eileen Powell

Members of the Public: None

Apologies:

None

Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:

None

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

14th January 2019 Cllr. Spencer 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

Matters Arising

1	Highways	Cllrs Sanderson and Bridge met with David Jacklin. The cost of £2000 for the gates was considered to be too much. Cllr eagle suggested putting in a hedge and use of a movable sign. More stickers for wheelie bins. Cllr Sanderson proposed buying some beech to make the hedge, seconded by Cllr Lambert and agreed by Cllrs Bridge and James.
2	Footpaths and Public Rights of Way	Cllr Spencer submitted the following report 1. Hall Barn Nothing will be done until May “when resources available”. Cllr Spencer expressed his disappointment at the continuing delay in dealing with this matter. Cllr Eagle explained that the NCC PRoW department was facing an increasing workload and pressure on resources 2. FP12 Cllr Spencer had asked the farmer to remove the electric fences and make good the path. No action taken yet. The new landowner of the field to the south of the pig field had been very helpful and was keen to mark and maintain the route of FP12 across his land. Cllr Sanderson said that he would mark the route of FP12 across the ‘asparagus’ field ASAP. 3. BR1 Cllr Sanderson said that he was installing a stile at the junction of BR1 with the A1122
3	Training Courses	Cllr James will be attending the course – ‘Being an Effective Councillor’.
4	Church Wall	Cllrs Sanderson and Spencer met Andrew Gayton who said the wall wasn’t in a bad condition. Cllr Sanderson asked Andrew Chadwick for his opinion. It is a specialist job and Cllr Sanderson is to get a quote. Cllr Spencer is to get a quote from Andrew Gayton and Jeremy Stacey. Cllr Eagle is going to ask his contact for a quote Work will not start until September. Vesna Hudson has requested an update. Cllr Sanderson will provide this.

5	Events & activities at Larchwood	Cllr Bridge reported that there are events every month. Cllr Spencer was concerned about the growing use of Larchwood for events and in particular that it was being offered for event hire to all comers. He has no objection to occasional use for a good cause but an expansion of use should obtain the necessary planning consent. Cllr Sanderson will phone Mr Hugh Mason
6	Election	Election notices on Notice Board Cllrs to make sure that they get their nomination forms to Breckland Council
7	New Clerk	Cllr Sanderson has interviewed one candidate and will be interviewing another soon. Cllr Sanderson thanked Mrs Powell for the work she has done for Beachamwell Parish Council over the last 17 years.

Finance

1	Business Premium Account	£1931.90
2	Community Account	£8260.59
3	Cheques paid and to be paid Cheques paid March Cheques to be paid March	100744 £78.00 CMG (Slitting and Scaritrac of Green) 100745 £50.00 Anglia Computers (PC email problems) Total: £128.00 100746 £15.00 Hire BVH Ordinary Meeting 100747 £39.00 Clerk's Expenses Jan, Feb, Mar 100748 £520.00 Clerk's Salary Jan, Feb, Mar 100749 £130.00 HMR & C Jan, Feb, Mar Total: £704.00 Grand Total: £832.00
4	End of Year Accounts	Mrs Powell had previously distributed the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 st March 2019. Cllr Spencer proposed that they are accepted and sent to the Internal Auditor, seconded by Cllr James and agreed by all.
5	External Audit	AGAR PKF Littlejohn (External Auditors) will be emailing the necessary papers W/B 2019.03.25
6	Money from Beachamwell Horticultural Society	The Society has folded and the Parish Council has been given a donation of £130.00 for daffodil bulbs to be planted next year Mrs Powell to thank Mrs Wilson, Mrs Lambert and Mrs Spencer..
7	CGM	Mrs Powell to check contract.

Planning Applications:

- 3PL/2018/1252/HOU Proposed rear and side extension to dwelling including internal alterations, 26 The Street Beachamwell - [Approved 2019.01.15](#)
- 3PL/2018/1253/LB Proposed rear and side extension to dwelling including internal alterations 26 The Street Beachamwell – [Approved 2019.01.15](#)
- 3PL/2018/1384/VAR Variation of condition 2 approved plan & rewording of conditions 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 15 as well as removal of conditions 11 & 12 (highways) and 17 & 19 (ecology) of application 3PL/2015/1049/F - Eco home with stables, paddocks, riding area, all weather riding surface and landscaping, Land Between Greenway Garage and October Cottage Langwade Green Shingham - [Approved 2019.03.13](#)

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:

1	Local Plan	From Cllr Spencer – Following our decision at the PC meeting last night I am circulating a draft response to the current Local plan consultation. If you have any
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		<p>comments or amendments, please let me have them by 26th March; otherwise I will submit the response on behalf of Beachamwell Parish Council to meet the 1st April deadline. Although I personally have many concerns about the Local Plan in its current form, this response concentrates on the two aspects I raised last night concerning the policy dealing with development in villages without settlement boundaries(i. e. Beachamwell) - Policy HOU 05</p> <p>Previously: It is a minor development of an appropriate scale and design to the settlement of up to 3 units.</p> <p>Now amended to: 2. It is of an appropriate scale and design to the settlement.</p> <p>Response: The amendment is vague and imprecise, whereas the previous version had the merit of giving clear guidance, making it clear that any development should be of small scale only.</p> <p>The proposed wording is contrary to Paragraph 16(d) of the National Planning Policy Framework, which says that Local Plans "should contain policies that are clearly written and unambiguous, so it is evident how a decision maker should react to development proposals."</p> <p>Previously: 3 It can be demonstrated that there is appropriate support by the parish council.</p> <p>Now deleted completely.</p> <p>Response: Whilst making planning consent dependent on the local parish council is probably is a step too far in passing over control of development from the local planning authority, nevertheless the principle of local community involvement in planning decisions is a good one. It is a mistake to remove this aspect of community approval and benefit completely from HOU 05. especially when Policy HOU 04, which deals with slightly larger village settlements, includes exactly this provision, as detailed at Paragraphs 3.22 and 3.23 where applicants for planning permission have to demonstrate community benefit and local support for their plans. It is inconsistent and unfair not to give the same benefit via HOU 05 to communities living in smaller villages.</p> <p>Cllr Lambert had proposed that Cllr Spencer replies on behalf of Beachamwell Parish Council, seconded by Cllr James and agreed by Cllrs Sanderson and Bridge.</p>
2	New Planes Marham	Cllr Sanderson has contacted RAF Marham about the problems with parking in White Road due to the new planes. Apparently the Tornados will now go over the old flight path

County Councillor's Report:

- 2.9% rise NCC tax. Have lost £204.000000 in Government grants.
- Highways – there is some money from Government for potholes and junctions. This is to be spent by end of financial year.
- Highways – direct money from Cllr Eagle.

District Councillor's Report:

- New project to help people find a job run by TripStart. Can hire a moped.
- Breckland budget must balance until 2020
- Launch of Breckworld App - sponsoring local entrepreneurs –
- Partnership Funding for 'Keep winter at bay with warm homes.
- Somebody lined up for Green Britain Centre

Items for next agenda: None

Dates of forthcoming meetings (Annual and Ordinary): 2019: May 13th;

Clr Sanderson thanked Cllr Spencer for all his work

The meeting closed at 9.05.pm

Cllr T. Sanderson signed as correct 13th May 2019