

BEACHAMWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th November 2021 in Beachamwell Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Present:

Cllr Tom Sanderson, Chairman
Cllr Richard James
Cllr Pat O'Donnell

Cllr Peter Wilkinson District Councillor

Mrs S Sweet Parish Clerk

4 members of the public were present

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Diana Lambert, Vice-Chairman.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Approve minutes of the last parish council meeting on 13th September 2021

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 13th September, having been circulated to all prior to the meeting, were agreed as correct following a proposal by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr O'Donnell.

4. Matters arising from the previous meeting, not elsewhere on the agenda

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting, not elsewhere on this agenda.

5. Public forum for electors to address the council

Four residents attended the meeting to speak about speeding vehicles in the parish. The chairman invited the residents to speak during item 6 a.

6. Highways issues

- a. To discuss the Westcotec costings for a SAM2 - prior to the meeting Councillors had met with a representative of Westcotec, the company used by Norfolk County Council for installing flashing speed awareness monitors (SAM2). They had discussed possible locations for a SAM2 within the parish as being near the bus stop and along The Street. Westcotec had provided a price list of various options, which the clerk had forwarded onto members prior to the meeting.

Residents spoke of their recent experiences of speeding vehicles in the village.

Members discussed the various options of SAM2, Cllr Wilkinson advised he had spare post brackets if required by the council. The clerk reminded members County Councillor Eagle had advised that he would be willing to contribute £500 from his Highway budget for a SAM2 at the March 2021 meeting. The clerk advised members the closing date for Norfolk Parish Partnership scheme 2022 was 10th December.

It was proposed by Cllr Sanderson and seconded by Cllr O'Donnell to apply to the Norfolk Parish Partnership for 50% funding towards a 'Slow down' SAM2, to include data downloading and necessary posts and brackets, and also to approach Cllr Eagle regarding the £500 donation from his highway budget.

The residents in attendance thanked the council for listening to concerns and for the decision taken.

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7. Discuss the Queens Green Canopy scheme for the Jubilee 2022

Prior to the meeting the clerk circulated information regarding the Queen’s Green Canopy tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty’s Platinum Jubilee in 2022. There was a brief discussion on the scheme, members were in favour of the scheme. Cllr Sanderson asked the clerk to research the initiative further.

8. Finance

- a. to approve shared purchase of new office printer - it was agreed to share the cost of a new office printer with the clerk’s other parish council employer.
- b. to approve budget and precept training course for the clerk – it was agreed to approve the budget and precept training course.
- c. Cheques to be approved and signed - the following payments were due by cheque (CHQ), direct debit (DD) and standing order (SO):

Payee	Description	AMOUNT	Payment type
CGM	Grass Cutting Sept 2021	£ 156.80	DD
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HMRC	PAYE	£ 57.65	Cheque
Norfolk ALC	Training (budgeting course)	£ 36.00	Cheque
Mrs S Sweet	Salary Oct & Nov	£ 518.26	SO
Mrs S Sweet	Expenses	£ 119.15	Cheque
TOTAL		£1044.63	

The payments were agreed by all. Cllr Sanderson signed the cheques and viewed and initialled all invoices. Cllr Sanderson will arrange for Cllr Lambert to sign the cheques.

- d. Reconciliation of Cash book - the Cashbook had been balanced to 31st October. Copies of the bank reconciliation had been issued to all members prior to the meeting. Cllr Sanderson signed the bank reconciliation.
- e. Draft budget and Precept planning for 2022/23 - the Clerk had prepared a draft budget that had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. There was a brief discussion on the budget. Councillors will review the budget and discuss and approve at the January meeting.

9. Planning - new applications and decisions received since the last meeting

Applications since the last meeting

Parish Council had no comments to make on these variations received between meetings.

3PL/2021/1310/VAR - 1 Walters Cottages Beachamwell Road - Variation of Condition No's 4 & 5 on 3PL/2021/0525/F - Proposed access amendment.

3PL/2021/1310/VAR - 1 Walters Cottages Beachamwell Road - variation of Condition No's 4 & 5 on 3PL/2021/0525/F - Proposed access amendment. Amended Site Plan following highways advice. Now APPROVED by District.

Decisions received from the District Council

The following decisions were noted by members:

TRE/2021/0273/TCA - The Lodge The Street PE37 8BD - Two fir trees marked 'G' on the accompanying plan, that have grown excessively tall (nearly 70 ft/22 metres), are close to the house (within 15 metres) and are shedding branches in high winds and rain. Wanting to fell these specific trees. APPROVED

3NM/2021/0087/NMA - 24-25 Old Post Office The Street, , PE37 8BD. Amendment to 3PL/2021/0810/HOU - Replace approved bricks with render (Non material minor amendment). APPROVED

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10. To receive correspondence

All correspondence had been forwarded prior to the meeting and was noted by members.

11. Update from Borough and County Councillors

District Councillor Wilkinson gave a verbal report updating members on the Inspiring Communities 3 yr project. Community funding had been awarded to many local projects including £5000 at Sporle for play equipment and £3000 to an allotment project within the area. Community funding would reopen in the new year and more information on Inspiring Communities could be found at www.breckland.gov.uk/inspiring-communities.

Cllr Wilkinson also spoke about Breckland District Council's Mindful Towns Project which is offering free mental health champion training to all Breckland based community organisations and small businesses as part of a drive to recruit 250 Mental Health Champions over the next 18 months. Courses are being run from 25th November to 29th April and vary from 2 hour workshops to 2 day courses.

As a Governor for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn, District Councillor Wilkinson reported a £12m endoscopy unit is set to open in spring 2022. The facility will include state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment facilities, parking for 48 cars and 12 spaces for cycles. The unit would be funded from £20.6m given by the government earlier this year for emergency repairs.

12. Members concerns and agenda items for the next meeting

None

13. To note the date of the next meeting as 10th January 2022 and confirm meeting dates for 2022, up to and including December

The date of the next meeting was noted. Prior to the meeting the clerk circulated suggested meeting dates for the remainder of 2022, these were not agreed and the item was deferred.

2 members of the public left the meeting

14. Resolve to exclude public and press in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted concerning: grass cutting tender

The motion to exclude press and public was not moved, the meeting remained open. Members discussed the tenders received. Following a proposal by Cllr Sanderson, seconded by Cllr O'Donnell it was agreed to accept the most competitiveness priced tender. The council requested the clerk ask the contractor to ensure the grass is cut every 2 weeks during the season (March to October) and especially during the peak growing period of May and June.

Meeting closed 8.41pm

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