



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BEACHAMWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Held on on Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 3pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs J Cooper, D Lambert (Chair), P Roberts, G Siddons.

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Hunt

Also present County Councillor Fabian Eagle and District Councillor Peter Wilkinson.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED from:

Cllr S Davies, M Warner – health.

Cllr C Friend – Alternative commitment.

2. To record declarations of interest and approve any requests for dispensations.

None.

3. Minutes.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th November 2024 were AGREED as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Public Form.

4.1 The meeting received a report from Fabian Eagle, County Councillor. Budget setting has been taking place at County level, 42 million pounds in savings had to be found. Local Government Reform has the potential to impact Norfolk significantly, with Norfolk and Suffolk joining to form one unitary authority and District Level Councils ceasing. The County Council elections May 2025 may be cancelled. Details have yet to be agreed.

4.2 The meeting received a report from Peter Wilkinson, District Councillor. Local Government Reform may have a significant impact, but the details are not yet finalised. Breckland has now set the budget with a rise of £4.95/year for a Band D property bringing the sum payable to £119.00/year.

4.3 No members of the public present.

5. Updates on previous Matters.

To receive reports on progress of items not on the agenda from the previous meetings – no decisions may be taken under this item.

5.1 Definitive Map printout. A3 requested – Cllr Fabian Eagle brought to meeting.

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- 5.2 Footpaths used within the Parish that do not appear on definitive map. Next Meeting.
The existing published map was brought to the meeting and it was AGREED that quotes be obtained for reprinting – 250 No. 500 No. and 1,000 No. Clerk to order reprints in consultation with Councillors.
- 5.3 Tree works on village green completed. Noted.

6. Finance and Governance Matters.

- 6.1 It was RESOLVED to make the following payments;

Broadland Computers – Avast Antivirus (1 Year)	£20.83	£4.17	£25.00
Sarah Hunt phone topup refund	£10.00		£10.00
Golden Tree Surgeons	£1090.00	£218.00	£1308.00
Peartree Bindery PAID	£48.00		£48.00
Sarah Hunt January incl h/working	£350.60		£350.60
Sarah Hunt February incl h/working	£350.60		£350.60
HMRC January	£81.00		£81.00
HMRC February	£81.00		£81.00
Bank charges – Dec	£6.00		£6.00
Bank charges – Jan	£6.00		£6.00
TOTAL			£2266.20

NOTED: Government gateway checked zero balance, all payments up to date.

- 6.2 RECEIVED. an up to date bank reconciliation showing £11,930.17 on hand as at 31.12.2024.
- 6.3 To meeting RECEIVED quotations and agreed the Grounds Maintenance contract for 2025 season be awarded to TOP Garden Services at a cost of £2,700 each year for three years. Additional aeration and rolling to be undertaken if necessary.

7. Planning.

- 7.1 To consider consultee response to applications received from Breckland District Council prior to the meeting date:
- 7.1.1 None.
- 7.2 To receive notification of decisions taken by Breckland District Council:
None.

8. Administrative Matters.

- 8.1 NOTED that the following are being deposited in the archive centre by the Parish Clerk on 16th January at 11am:
Parish Council Minute book from 26.2.1980 to 25.11.1996
Beachamwell Parish Council bound minutes from 2002 – 2020.
Beachamwell Parish Council Accounts book 1956/57 to 2004/2005
Beachamwell Parish Meeting minute book 26.5.1977 to 17.5.2021
- 8.2 Tree preservation order. Request received regarding landowner – Clerk to respond..
- 8.3 Addition of separate page on website for SAM2 camera data. Ongoing.
- 8.4 Beachamwell Parish Council facebook page – to note that the administrator for this page is no longer a member of the parish council and the Clerk has

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editing rights only. It was AGREED to set up an 'official' page under the control of the Parish Council.

8.5 The Data Audit was AGREED as submitted.

9. Correspondence.

- 9.1 Breckland – Planning Reform letter via email. Previously Circulated. NOTED.
- 9.2 CPRE – Membership and solar farms. The Clerk was asked to respond indicating that the Council is in agreement with the objections raised, and has responded directly. No membership will be taken up.
- 9.3 Planning Inspectorate – Drove Solar Farm Limited. Previously Circulated. NOTED. Councillors comments have been forwarded.

10. Highways

- 10.1 To receive any response regarding removal of stiles and installation of accessible field entrances. No response yet received. Next Meeting.

11. Village Matters.

- 11.1 Bat Survey. Council will receive email from BTO to arrange booking of equipment when 2025 is available.

12. Dates of next meetings.

Tuesday March 4th 2025 at 3pm
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING; Tuesday March 11th at 7pm.
May 6th 2025 – Annual Parish Council Meeting – 3pm
July 1st 2025 – 3pm
September 2nd 2025 – 3pm
November 4th 2025 – 3pm

13. Matters for next agenda.

Review of policy list and any necessary updates.
Update following attendance by Chair on behalf of Council at Parochial Church Council meeting to be held on 20th January 2025.