



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BEACHAMWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 3pm in the Villagers Hall.

Present: Cllrs J Cooper, S Davies, C Friend (part), D Lambert (Chair), P Roberts, G Siddons, M Warner

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Hunt

County Councillor Fabian Eagle was also present

1. To receive and consider apologies for absence.

None. Cllr Friend advised the meeting he would be leaving before the end.

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

None.

3. Minutes.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th January 2025 were AGREED as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Public Form.

4.1 A report was received from Fabian Eagle, County Councillor. Norfolk and Suffolk had accepted the devolution scheme from Central Government and it was anticipated that a Mayor would be elected in May 2026. Norfolk County Council had set the precept tax at a 4.99% increase – advice given was that any less than the maximum allowed would indicate to Central Government that finances were such that Government financial support was not necessary and therefore it would not be forthcoming. The Local Government Reform – changing the boundaries in Norfolk, is currently anticipated around 2028 and options are being considered.

The 'dangerous junctions' areas have now been adopted County wide for cutting – An additional weedkill will be undertaken in all built up areas, one full extra cut will take place in all areas late summer rather than the partial cut in previous years.

One extra hazardous waste collection will be available at recycling centres, visits will need to be booked.

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Mr Eagle is on the cabinet for Economic growth and £250,000 is available for 'High Streets Matter'. Guidance is being received from businesses and the Small Business Federation to ensure that maximum impact is achieved.

- 4.2 Apologies were received from Peter Wilkinson, District Councillor.
- 4.3 No members of the public were 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 SAM2 dedicated page on website. Now active. Summary pages only have been published. The full report is available from the Clerk on request.
- 5.2 New Facebook page is 'The Beachamwell Parish Council'. Now Active. Norfolk ALC are investigating if this can be posted to the front page of the website as a live feed.
- 5.3 NOTED that the records have been deposited with the Archive Centre as discussed.
Bound Minutes from 2002 to 2020.
Minute books 26.2.1980 to 25.11.2996 and 1997 to 2002.
Account book covering 1956/57 to 2004/2005 and 2005/6 to 2015/16.
Parish Meeting Minute book 26.5.1977 to 17.5.2021

6. Finance and Governance Matters.

- 6.1 It was RESOLVED to make the following payments;

Sarah Hunt March Salary inc h/wkg	£350.60	£350.60
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HMRC March	£ 81.00	£ 81.00
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Bank charges – Feb/Mar/Apr.	£ 18.00	£ 18.00
Scribe Annual fee – accounts software	£111.55	£22.31 £133.86

It was NOTED that the April salary payment will be made when the 2025/26 software is available from HMRC.

- 6.2 The meeting received an up to date bank reconciliation as at 28.2.20.
Current Account Balance: £1048.51
Instant Access Balance: £8663.46
Total on hand as at 28.2.25 £9,711.97

7. Planning.

- 7.1 To consider consultee response to applications received from Breckland District Council prior to the meeting date:
 - 7.1.1 None to be considered at meeting.
- 7.2 To receive notification of decisions taken by Breckland District Council:
None received.
- 7.3 NOTED responses sent between meetings:
 - 7.3.1 PL/2024/1196/PIP – Land West of Park House, The Street, Beachamwell, PE37 8BD. Erection of up to four dwellings. Application for Planning in Principle. Objection sent. The meeting was notified this had been REFUSED.

- 7.3.2 PL/2025/0043/HOU – 5 Church Walk, Beachamwell, PE37 8BJ. Proposed extension of a detached single garage to form double garage. No comment sent.
- 7.4 NOTED: Notifications received for information only:
- 7.4.1 PL/2025/0197/TCA. Orchard House, The Street, PE37 8BD. Holly – sectional fell, clear and cut to near ground level. Small Holly, low amenity value.
Prunus – Sectional fell, clear and cut to near ground level. Tree dangerously overhanging garden area with bad union inclusions. No long term maintenance plan suitable. Polypore brackets present at base.
Pear – Target prune/reduction of 0.5-1.5m on over extended limb in line with BS3998 to reduce wind load and risk of failure.
- 7.4.2 APPEAL: APP/TPO/F2605/9490 – 30 The Street, Beachamwell, PE37 8BD. Treeworks. T1 Yew – reduction of 3.5m on the outer crown with the retention of the upper crown; T2 Yew – reduction of south and west of crown by 3.5m, removal of 1m from the upper crown and crown raise lower stem growth to achieve 3m ground clearance; and T3 Beech fell. APPEAL DISMISSED.

8. Administrative Matters.

- 8.1 Tree preservation order request. These have been approved and should be in place shortly..
- 8.2 No Councillor stood as a nominee to represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Trustee Body. Any new Councillors to be invited to stand.
- 8.3 It was AGREED to adopt the Internal Control Policy as presented.
- 8.4 It was AGREED adopt the Risk Management Assessment as presented.
- 8.5 It was AGREED to adopt the Finance Risk Assessment as presented.
- 8.6 The schedule of policy review was NOTED.
- 8.7 It was AGREED to adjust meeting dates to reduce the frequency. Meetings to be called if necessary for planning or urgent purposes. Clerk to utilise whatsapp group to alert councillors when planning is received.

Cllr Colin Friend left the meeting.

9. Correspondence.

- 9.1 NOTED - works that took place on the Village Green trackway to install an OXO onto the existing water main. The Clerk was advised. The track has been reinstated insufficiently – Clerk to advise. It was noted that No water main was located.
- 9.2 NSFA (Flooding Alliance) report to the Norfolk County Council Scrutiny Committee. NOTED.
- 9.3 Email; Safety of Lithium-ion Batteries Campaign. Previously circulated. The clerk was instructed to respond that this should be a national Trading Standards issue.
- 9.4 Parochial Church Council – thanks were received for the Parish Council continuing to fund the grass cutting of the churchyard during the 2025 season. NOTED.
- 9.5 It was AGREED not to take out membership of the CPRE Norfolk anti-mega solar Alliance.

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10. Highways

- 10.1 The meeting received the response regarding removal of stiles and installation of accessible field entrances. Stiles are land owner responsibility – Council could offer to pay for alternative boundary access. Not to be pursued.
- 10.2 Footpath Map. The Clerk is awaiting a response from the printer.
- 10.3 Signpost for the footpath off Murgot's Lane (Green Drove) disappeared. (crescendo.delved.nail). Reported to Highways, Fabian Eagle advised. Any additional missing posts to be reported to the Clerk.
- 10.4 To consider applying for any additional footways that are utilised within the parish but not on the definitive map. None.

11. Village Matters.

- 11.1 Bat Survey. No response as yet received. Expected Spring.
- 11.2 Photographing of damage to fencing to share with contractor. Cllr Siddons to follow up.

12. Dates of next meetings.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING; Tuesday March 11th at 7pm.
May 6th 2025 – Annual Parish Council Meeting – 3pm
August 5th – 3pm
November 4th 2025 – 3pm