

BEIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

BEIGHTON AND MOULTON ST. MARY

Minutes of the Meeting of Beighton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 11th September 2012 in Beighton Village Hall at 8.00pm

Present:

Auriol Innes (Chairman)	Val Mack
Jenny Wright	Katie Hinde
Joe Wright	Alex Fegan Reed
Carol Phillips	
Brian Iles (County Councillor)	
John Pettman (District Councillor)	

Declarations of interest in item on the agenda:

None.

Apologies:

None.

Public Forum:

PC Ian Kennedy sent a report of one recorded crime since the last meeting. Brian Iles reported on the proposal for an incinerator at Kings Lynn and on the maintenance of public footpaths. There was a report that the verge had not been cut at the Wherry Properties in Moulton.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting dated 10th July 2012 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Auriol Innes, as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Matters Arising:

1. Lingwood Parish Council did not invite the councillors to their recent meeting. Kate Devries, from Broadland District Council, and Mark Walker, from Broadland Housing Association, attended Lingwood's meeting to explain the system for exception site housing. It is believed that Lingwood Parish Council does not support the housing for Beighton residents that would be sited within the parish boundary of Lingwood as they believe that any new housing should benefit Lingwood parishioners.
2. British Sugar's Cantley Factory Manager has stated that there are no plans to start processing raw sugar at the factory, for the present, as markets are not at all favourable. The company simply renewed its planning permission to keep it valid. Mr Lynn also said that the new season for processing sugar beet starts on 25th September and that processed sugar will be exported from the site from 17th September to empty the silos. He said that the bad driving would not be tolerated from contractors' drivers and that residents should report unacceptable speeds or behaviour to the factory on 700351.

3. The Annual Return has been signed by the external auditors and returned without comment. The Return has been posted on the Parish Council website.
4. The Campaign to Protect Rural England has sent information on the campaign to improve the maintenance of footpaths.

Correspondence:

1. Fundraising has commenced for essential repairs to All Saints Church in Beighton. It was agreed to give a donation of £500.
2. The village does not have a tree warden at present. The councillors agreed to consider possible candidates.
3. The AGM for the Norfolk Association of Local Councils will take place on Thursday, 1st November.
4. The Government has started the process to repeal the Local Government Act 1972 requirement for two signatories on all payments; this will enable councils to use internet banking and debit cards etc. The councillors supported this proposal.
5. Notification has been received that Strumpshaw Parish Council wishes to designate the civil parish of Strumpshaw as a Neighbourhood Area, for the purposes of developing a Neighbourhood Plan. This was noted.
6. Councillors were reminded of the visit to the recycling centre on Thursday, 20th from 9.30 – 12.30.
7. The clerk was asked to contact MP Keith Simpson about the Government's proposal to increase permitted development for residential extensions.

Treasurer's Report:

	£
Balance b/f at 10th July 2012	1,028.22
Receipts:	
Interest received	0.53
Payments:	
Clerk's fee and expenses, less PAYE	228.21
HMRC – PAYE September	25.00
HMRC – PAYE October	24.80
Acle PC - share of costs	36.71
Beighton Village Hall – room hire	15.00
A L Shearing – rent of playing field	85.25
Mazars – external audit	<u>60.00</u>
Balance c/f at 11th September 2012	553.78
Deposit Account	<u>6,533.93</u>
Total Monies	<u>7,087.71</u>

The above cheques were approved and signed.

Planning:

None.

Parish Plan:

An open morning was held on 1st September to launch the draft plan. There was a good turnout. The councillors sent their thanks to the committee for their hard work. Matters for further consideration were a new grit bin, setting up an oil purchasing syndicate, a new village sign, a Speedwatch group, new play equipment and a newsletter.

Clerk's Pension:

Norfolk Pension Fund runs a contributory local government pension scheme for parish clerks and other employees. The Parish Council would contribute 19% of the clerk's salary (19.5% from 2013/14) and the clerk pays 5.9%. This would cost the Council £284 this year, or an average of 82 pence pa for each of the 345 electors

The Council resolved under Regulation 4(3) of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008 that Pauline James should be designated as being eligible for membership of the LGPS with effect from 11th September 2012.

Any Other Business:

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.30 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 13th November 2012