

BEIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

BEIGHTON AND MOULTON ST. MARY

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 10th May 2011 at Beighton Village Hall

Present:

Parish Councillors Auriol Innes (Chairman of the Parish Council), Val Mack, Joan Timewell, Katie Hinde and Joe Wright, and PC Ian Kennedy. Auriol welcomed those present, including Brian Iles (County Councillor), John Pettman (District Councillor) and ten residents.

Apologies:

Parish councillors: Jenny Wright, representatives from British Sugar.

Minutes:

The Minutes of last year's Annual Parish Meeting, on 11th May 2010, were read, agreed to be correct and were signed by Auriol Innes as Chairman of the meeting.

Matters Arising:

1. BDC has reported that there are currently eight households in the parishes looking for 2-bed homes, which would be enough to support a scheme of six homes. The Parish Council has to decide if it wants to explore the possibilities further and to look for suitable land. The process is very slow and would take about 3 or 4 years, depending on funding.

Freethorpe First Responders:

The local First Responders group gave a talk on their role and gave a demonstration of the use of a defibrillator. They are all trained to use defibrillators in the case of an emergency and they attend calls until an ambulance arrives. They also give training to local groups and schools. They need new volunteers and rely on donations to fund their work. The meeting thanked the volunteers for attending.

Parish Council Chairman's Report:

There were no questions on the report.

Brian Iles (County Councillor and Former District Councillor):

i) County Council:

It has been a difficult year with £150m of savings needing to be made over four years. Public consultation has been carried out, called the Big Conversation. Jobs and front-line services will have to be reduced as well as road projects. The Northern Distributor Road looks to be doubtful, but extra money has been received for mending potholes. The schools programme has also been cut back. The decision was taken to site an incinerator at Kings Lynn. Residents raised the issue of improving the markings at the White House junction on A47. In response to a question on the proposed processing of raw sugar at Cantley, Brian Iles reported that the Broads Authority produced a report into the sustainability of the scheme and found that use of the river was cheaper than road transport.

ii) Broadland District Council:

The District Council has received grants towards planning costs and income from negotiating the waste contract. The Council has good reserves, which will be used to maintain services for the next four years. The current Chief Executive retires in September.

Brian was thanked for his report and for his support over the year. John Pettman was welcomed as the new district councillor.

Police Report:

PC Ian Kennedy gave a report; there have been four recorded crimes in the parishes over the year. Eighteen parishes are covered by the Acle Safer Neighbourhood Team. Residents reported speeding vehicles through Beighton and asked Ian to arrange for speed checks in

the village. There was also a report of overloaded lorries travelling through the village, and that lorries go through the village from 3.30 a.m.

Ian was thanked for attending the meeting.

Parish Plan:

Open events have been held in Beighton and in Moulton. The questionnaires will be produced shortly and delivered to each house in the villages. It was pointed out that a parish plan was useful for applying for grants for village facilities.

Accounts:

The Clerk presented the Parish Council Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2011. There were no questions on the Accounts.

Parishioners' Forum:

1. Only six people stood as councillors at the recent elections. The Council will co-opt a seventh member shortly. Anyone interested should contact a councillor or the clerk.
2. There were complaints about the location of the grit bin at Chapel Road. The Council explained that the location is decided by Norfolk County Council.
3. A resident asked about the recent flashing speed sign in the village. It was explained that this was a temporary, mobile sign that is moved round the county. A permanent sign would cost about £5,000.
4. There was a question about the management of some cattle in Coxhill Road that was answered by parish councillor Joe Wright.
5. A forthcoming village fundraising event on 27th June was advertised.

There being no further questions or business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Chairman of the Parish Council.....

Dated: