

BEIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

BEIGHTON AND MOULTON ST. MARY

Minutes of the Meeting of Beighton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 12th March 2013 in Beighton Village Hall at 8.00pm

Present:

Val Mack

Alex Fegan Read

Joe Wright

Carol Phillips

In the absence of Auriol Innes, Val Mack chaired the meeting, as Vice-Chairman.

Co-Option of new councillor:

The casual vacancy resulting from the resignation of Katie Hinde was advertised by Broadland District Council in the normal way. There was no request for a by-election so the councillors were free to co-opt. Ivan Cator introduced himself, as a long-standing resident of Beighton and was co-opted on to the Council. Ivan signed a declaration of acceptance of office.

Declarations of interest in item on the agenda and any requests for dispensations:

None.

Apologies:

Auriol Innes (Chairman)

John Pettman (District Councillor)

Jenny Wright

Public Forum:

1. Martin Greenland gave details of the photographic exhibition for Beighton and Moulton residents. He also informed the meeting that All Saints Church had been successful with grant applications and will be starting repair works shortly.
2. Several people objected to the proposed site for affordable housing on Norwich Road, just over the civil boundary in South Burlingham. They felt the site was unsafe from a Highways perspective, and that the housing would not be in the right place for the village. There were several questions about the accuracy of the housing need for the parish.
3. PC Ian Kennedy gave a report that there had been only three recorded crimes since 1st April 2012. He reported on the recent public meeting with the new Police and Crime Commissioner at Acle Academy, and reminded residents of the forthcoming Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel meeting.
4. Brian Iles, county councillor, gave a report on the second phase of the Norfolk Community Construction Fund and talked about the success of the County's apprenticeship schemes. The County Council also has new funding for the protection of vulnerable, elderly residents.
5. There was a call for a public meeting to appoint a new committee for the village hall.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting dated 8th January 2013 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Val Mack as Chairman of the meeting.

Matters Arising:

1. The clerk has sent a card to Katie Hinde to thank her for her time on the Parish Council.

- Norfolk County Council said that it would support a request for a vehicle activated sign (VAS) on High Road south of Beighton, on the approach to the village in a northerly direction. The cost for the parish council is likely to be £1,500 - £2,000. There is a possibility of local funding towards this cost. The clerk will confirm the Council's interest in the proposal.

Correspondence:

- Councillors have been invited to some training on planning at Broadland District Council on 26th March or 10th April. Val Mack is to attend a seminar on highways matters on 18th March.
- The clerk told councillors about Parish Online; a mapping service for parish councils costing £20 per year, plus a £20 joining fee. Highly detailed maps for the parish are available for use by the Council. This was noted.
- Carol Phillips and Alex Fegan Read will attend new councillor training shortly.

Treasurer's Report:

	£
Balance b/f at 8th January 2013	127.51
Receipts:	
Interest received	0.53
Upton PC – share of conference fee	42.00
Transfer from savings account	500.00
Payments:	
Clerk's fee and expenses, less PAYE	244.20
HMRC – PAYE March	23.40
Acle PC - share of costs	16.99
Beighton Village Hall – room hire	15.00
Norfolk Pension Fund – March	31.05
SLCC – conference	252.00
NPTP – councillor's training (Carol Phillips)	<u>40.00</u>
Balance c/f at 12th March 2013	47.40
Deposit Account	<u>5,633.93</u>
Total Monies	<u>5,681.33</u>

The above cheques were approved for payment.

Planning:

- Affordable housing. The District Council had agreed with Broadland Housing Association, based on the housing register (most recently checked in December 11), but also for site viability issues, to entertain a maximum of five or six houses, to meet Beighton needs. The December 11 housing review identified 8 people with a local connection. Broadland Housing Association has confirmed that none of the other sites would be viable. The NCC land in South Burlingham was the only possible site amongst those sites put forward. Some sites fail for landscape or drainage issues, others due to financial viability.

After some discussion it was agreed not to support the proposal, given the opposition to the scheme. It was agreed that the Council would continue to look for sites that might be suitable for a small affordable housing scheme.

- Between meetings, an application by Mr Brownbill of Manor Barn South, Moulton St Mary was received for change of use from agricultural to residential. There were no objections to the plans.

Parish Plan:

- Newsletter and communications: A second newsletter is being prepared for distribution shortly and will include an invitation to the Annual Parish Meeting on 14th May. It was also suggested that local residents might find Streetlife useful for advertising local events.

2. The oil purchasing syndicate has been registered with Norfolk Rural Community Council.
3. Village signs: There has not been any response to the request for suggestions as to what should be on the signs.
4. No response to Speedwatch request. The councillors welcomed a suggestion from Cantley Parish Council to join up with Beighton to form a group.
5. There have been no offers of land to site a play area.

Village Hall Committee:

No paperwork has been found giving details of the ownership of the village hall. It is believed that the Parish Council may hold the deeds, perhaps as Custodian Trustee, although there are no deeds in the Council's records. It is clear that there was always a management committee which ran the hall.

Since the old committee all resigned, there was an attempt to get support from the community for a new committee but not enough people have come forward to run the hall. It was agreed to hold a public meeting to appoint a new committee, on 23rd March.

Financial Policies:

The financial standing orders, duties of the responsible financial officer, financial risk assessment, review of internal controls and review of internal audit were considered, approved and signed.

Any Other Business:

1. The Annual Meeting of the Parish is on 14th May 2013 at 7.30 pm with refreshments from 7.00, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.
2. Several highways issues were raised.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.25 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 14th May 2013