

BEIGHTON AND MOULTON ST. MARY

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 14th May 2013 at Beighton Village Hall

Present:

Parish Councillors Val Mack (Vice-chairman), Jenny Wright, Joe Wright, Alex Fegan Read, Carol Phillips and Ivan Cator, PC Ian Kennedy, Brian Iles (County Councillor) and twenty residents.

Apologies:

Auriol Innes (Chairman of the Parish Council) and John Pettman (District Councillor).

Minutes:

The Minutes of last year's Annual Parish Meeting, on 8th May 2012, and the Parish Meeting of 23rd March 2013 were read, agreed to be correct and were signed by Val Mack, as Chairman of the meeting.

Matters Arising:

The village hall committee was thanked for installing a new ramp for the front door at the hall to enable wheelchair access.

Police Report:

PC Ian Kennedy gave a report of three recorded crimes over the year. The Police have purchased a new temporary vehicle activated speed monitor which then sends letters to drivers travelling above the speed limit. He will request this for Beighton. Ian was thanked for his report and for his regular reports to the Parish Council meetings.

Parish Council Chairman's Report:

It was noted that the Parish Council is applying for a grant to install flashing speed signs for the main road through Beighton.

Brian Iles (County Councillor):

Brian Iles was very pleased to be re-elected as councillor for the Marshes area, including Beighton and Moulton St Mary. The changes after the election mean that the Council is in no overall control. The County Council had to make savings of £41m over 2012-13, including a reduction of 28% in staffing levels. Further savings of £31m will be needed in 2013-14. The Government has paid a grant of £8.5m as a reward for freezing council tax rates. This money will be used for apprenticeships and highways repairs. The grant for 2013-14 will be used for work with the elderly and those with dementia. There is an expansion of Better Broadband in rural areas, aiming to cover the whole of the county by the end of 2015. The decision on the incinerator proposed for Kings Lynn has been referred to the Government. The Council is working on recouping the money from the Icelandic Banks. Progress on the dualling of A11 is going well.

Residents requested a new grit bin at the junction of Chapel Road and High Road. The clerk will ask NCC Highways.

Brian Iles was thanked for his report.

John Pettman (District Councillor) sent a report:

Andrew Proctor has been appointed leader at Broadland District Council. The Council is considering the plans for the Northern Distributor Road.

John Pettman was thanked for his report.

Accounts:

The Clerk presented the Parish Council Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2013. There were no questions on the Accounts.

Village Hall Committee:

Carolyn Wright (Chairman of the Committee) gave a report; she thanked the retiring committee for their hard work and dedication. She thanked Louise Flynn and Liz Harris for organising a coffee morning to raise funds and awareness, and Shirley Crosby for raising over £385 for the hall since February. The hall has £7,000 at present, for improvements and running costs.

Parishioners' Forum:

1. A blocked drain opposite Moulton Garden Centre will be reported to Highways.
2. The road surface in Acle Road in Moulton is also in need of repair.
3. There is a blocked drain at Apple Tree Corner in Moulton.
4. Residents thanked the committee that has produced the village newsletter.
5. Volunteers are needed to help collect donations for the Royal British Legion.
6. There was a question about the future plans for the White House junction at A47. It was reported that the scheme to improve the junction has been shelved.
7. The Rev'd Martin Greenland reported that the fundraising for All Saints Church, Beighton was just short of the target for the repairs.
8. There will be a flower festival and concert in June.

There being no further questions or business the meeting was closed.

Chairman of the Parish Council.....

Dated: