BEIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

BEIGHTON AND MOULTON ST. MARY

**Minutes of the Meeting of Beighton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 14th January 2014 in Beighton Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting**

**Present:**

 Alex Fegan Read Auriol Innes

Joe Wright Carol Phillips Ivan Cator

John Pettman (District Councillor)

In the absence of Val Mack, Alex Fegan Read chaired the meeting.

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

None.

**Apologies:**

Val Mack (Chairman) Jenny Wright

Brian Iles (County Councillor)

**Public Forum:**

1. The residents thanked the Council for purchasing the new grit bin and grit.
2. There was a complaint that the majority of drivers were exceeding the speed limit through Beighton, as proved by the newly installed flashing speed sign. The clerk was asked to contact the Police about this.
3. There was a request for a new dog litter bin for Southwood Road. Broadland District Council have refused the request for a new bin, but have said that an existing bin can be relocated. It was felt that the bin in Hopewell Gardens is the least used.
4. District Cllr John Pettman reported that he had resigned as a Conservative councillor and was now an independent. He reported on changes to moorings at Reedham.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting dated 12th November 2013 were agreed to be correct and were signed by Alex Fegan Read on behalf of the Parish Council.

**Matters Arising:**

1. The clerk reported on recent training on producing a Community Resilience Plan, or Emergency Plan. The Police, County and District Councils would always remain in charge of any large-scale emergency, but they are encouraging local communities to prepare local plans; lists of people with tractors, generators, etc, and people with blankets, keyholders for village halls etc.
2. Ivan Cator was thanked for siting the new Parish Council grit bin at the junction of Chapel Road and High Road, and filling it with grit. Residents are asked to let the clerk know when grit levels run low.
3. NCC Highways confirmed that work has been done to clear out the drains in Acle Road, Moulton.
4. A volunteer is needed to do door-to-door collections for the Royal British Legion in Moulton St Mary. This has been advertised on the Parish Council’s website.

**Correspondence:**

1. It was agreed to give a donation of £40 to the Citizens Advice Bureau, £60 to the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service and £60 to Age UK.
2. PC Ian Kennedy sent a report of a theft in Beighton in December.
3. Affordable housing; a report in the village newsletter about the difficulty in finding land for affordable housing in the villages led to an offer of land in Moulton. This was notified to Broadland District Council. However, BDC and NCC have discounted any new affordable housing in the villages because they feel new development is not sustainable owing to the lack of village facilities or public transport. The planners will not agree to any new housing unless it can be shown that the housing need cannot be met in other, more sustainable, locations. There was also some correspondence from a resident in Hopewell Gardens expressing concern that the land behind the houses had been put forward as a possible location for some new housing. After some discussion it was agreed not to pursue this any further.
4. NCC Highways have reported that the funding from the planning application at Cantley Sugar Factory will be used to carry out an assessment of the suitability of the existing speed limits along the sugar beet route, the need to improve road noise, and safety barriers at Cantley Corner. This was welcomed. It was reported that further repairs are needed at the junction with the A47.

**Treasurer’s Report:**  £

Balance b/f at 12th November 2013 166.23

**Receipts:**

Interest received 0.37

Village hall – rent of playing field 85.25

Transfer from savings account 500.00

**Payments:**

Clerk’s fee and expenses, less PAYE, incl grit bin 354.93

HMRC – PAYE January 24.60

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Acle PC - share of costs 37.53

Beighton Village Hall – room hire 15.00

Norfolk Pension Fund – January and February 66.30

Information Commissioner – DPA fee 35.00

Acle PC – grit 47.02

NPTP – training fee 40.00

Balance c/f at 14th January 2014 106.87

Deposit Account 7,233.93

Total Monies 7,340.08

The above cheques were approved and signed.

Alex Fegan Read has been set up as a signatory on the bank account. The other two signatories are Val Mack, Auriol Innes and Jenny Wright.

**Planning:**

 None.

**Village Signs and Noticeboard:**

It was reported that a lower insurance premium has been obtained. The AGM is planned for March.

**Budget:**

The clerk presented the estimated accounts for the year to 31st March 2014 and the budget for the year to 31st March 2015. After some discussion it was agreed to set the precept at £4,888.00 an increase of £350, or an average of roughly £1 per elector, for the year.

**Any Other Business:**

It was noted that the hedge at Kittles Lane has still not been cut back by the owner, despite repeated requests from NCC. This is forcing larger vehicles to have to drive off the road edge.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.55 p.m.

Signed............................................................ Dated: 11th March 2014

 Chairman