

BEIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

BEIGHTON AND MOULTON ST. MARY

Minutes of the Meeting of Beighton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 13th January 2015 in Beighton Village Hall at 8.00 p.m.

Present:

Joe Wright, Carol Phillips and Ivan Cator.

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

None.

Apologies:

Val Mack (Chairman), Alex Fegan Read (Vice-Chairman) and Auriol Innes.
Brian Iles (County Councillor)
John Pettman (District Councillor)

In the absence of Val Mack and Alex Fegan Read, it was decided that Carol Phillips would chair the meeting.

Public Forum:

1. There was a question about the local shooting club. Councillors said that it was believed that the shooting was on the first Sunday of each month.
2. There were complaints about drivers speeding through the village.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting dated 11th November 2014 were agreed to be correct and were signed by Carol Phillips as Chairman of the meeting.

Matters Arising:

1. The Royal British Legion sent their thanks for the donations from the Parish Council for the villages of Beighton and Moulton St Mary. Concern has been raised about the roadside edges near to the war memorial being eroded. Ivan Cator offered to keep an eye on the condition of the verges.
2. Acle Academy sent their thanks for the donation towards the composter. The clerk reported on a visit to the school; the composter is already in use and proving to be very successful.
3. The Broads Authority voted to adopt the name "National Park". This was noted.
4. The burnt out dog litter bin was replaced.

Correspondence:

1. Norfolk Parish Councils have been invited to part-fund the cost of a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO). The cost is £16,782 for a year and can be shared between a cluster of parishes. The councillors did not feel it was appropriate for Beighton to pay towards this cost.
2. The CPRE sent a questionnaire on street lighting. It was confirmed that street lighting was not suitable for the villages.
3. PC Ian Kennedy sent a report that there were no recorded crimes in November or December 2014.
4. There has been a complaint about sugar beet lorries on Sundays. The clerk was asked to contact British Sugar to report concerns and to invite someone to attend a Parish Council meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

	£
Balance b/f at 11th November 2014	242.57
Receipts:	
Interest received	0.36
Transfer from Savings Account	1,000.00
Payments:	
Clerk's fee and expenses, less PAYE	245.97
HMRC – PAYE January	27.40
HMRC – PAYE February	26.00
Acle PC - share of costs	65.03
Beighton Village Hall – room hire	15.00
Norfolk Pension Fund – January and February	71.85
George Taylor – replacement bin	<u>25.00</u>
Balance c/f at 13th January 2015	766.68
Deposit Account – general reserves	2,733.93
Deposit Account – earmarked reserves	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total Monies	<u>7,500.61</u>

The above cheques were approved and signed.

It was agreed that Joe Wright should be added as a new cheque signatory.

Planning:

1. **The Old School House, Church Hill** – erection of detached garage – Broadland District Council granted planning permission.

Village Signs:

The committee is researching local crafts people who could make the sign. No details of the design have been decided yet.

Village Hall:

Bookings are good. Two heaters are to be replaced shortly.

Budget and Precept:

The clerk presented draft budget for the year to 31st March 2016.

It was agreed to reduce the cost of the rent of the playing field to £1.

It was noted that the clerk's salary increases by 26.6p per hour in line with national recommendations.

It was noted that the cost of the clerk's pension increases from 20% to 20.5%.

It was agreed to increase the donation for the Church grasscutting from £660 pa to £680.

The meeting room hire would increase to £16 per session.

After some discussion it was agreed to set the precept at £5,588, an increase of £700, which works out as £33.26 per average Band D house, for the year, or £2.77 per month.

Any Other Business:

1. The clerk will advertise the fact that there are Parish Council elections in May and that not all the current councillors will be standing again. Residents are encouraged to stand as councillors.

2. It was noted that a burst water main near to the village hall was reported to Anglian Water.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 10th March 2015