

BEIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

BEIGHTON AND MOULTON ST. MARY

Minutes of the Meeting of Beighton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 10th March 2015 in Beighton Village Hall at 8.00 p.m.

Present:

Val Mack (Chairman)	Alex Fegan Read (Vice-Chairman)
Jenny Wright	Joe Wright
Carol Phillips	Ivan Cator
Brian Iles (County Councillor)	

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

None.

Apologies:

Auriol Innes

District Councillor John Pettman sent notice that he was standing down in May so would not be attending any more Parish Council meetings.

Ian Redhead and Steve Lynn from British Sugar attended the meeting to talk about the 14/15 sugar beet season and to answer questions from residents. They reported that it had been the longest season ever, due to the excellent growing season. 15/16 will be much lower because of revised quotas. They said that speeding and discourteous driving was taken very seriously and that two drivers had been banned from their site this season. There was some discussion about opening hours, the reason why some drivers pass through the village very early in the morning to await the opening of the weighbridge. They agreed to continue to monitor vehicle speeds through the village and expressed their understanding of residents' concerns.

Public Forum:

There were 13 members of the public present at the meeting. Matters raised included:

- Lack of progress with the provision of better broadband in the villages
- The proposal for new housing in Moulton
- Brian Iles agreed to press for a 30 mph speed limit through Beighton village.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting dated 13th January 2015 were agreed to be correct and were signed by Val Mack as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Matters Arising:

1. Nomination forms for the parish council elections are available from the clerk or from the website.

Correspondence:

1. Notice was received of a possible development in Moulton St Mary. The councillors felt that they could not comment officially until actual plans were received but they confirmed that they would like to see some affordable homes, with a local lettings policy, as well as the market housing, and a small play space, but they would also be concerned that the site was not too densely built up, with good quality housing, with safe highways access.
2. It was agreed to give donations of £40 to Citizens Advice Bureau and £60 to Age UK.
3. PC Ian Kennedy sent notice that there were no recorded crimes since the last meeting.
4. Broadland District Council has banned the release of sky lanterns from any of its premises. It was agreed to request that the village hall committee ban sky lanterns on the playing field.
5. BDC has sent the modifications to the Site Allocations Development Plan and proposed revisions to the Housing Options Allocations Scheme policy. This was noted.
6. Details have been received of some walks in Upton with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust.
7. There is a monthly café at Beighton Village Hall in aid of All Saints Church; the first one on 28th March from 10.30 – 12noon.

Treasurer's Report:

	£
Balance b/f at 13th January 2015	766.68
Receipts:	
Interest received	0.62
Payments:	
Clerk's fee and expenses, less PAYE	237.25
HMRC – PAYE March	25.80
Acle PC - share of costs	44.77
Beighton Village Hall – room hire	15.00
Citizens Advice Bureau – donation	40.00
AgeUK – donation	60.00
Norfolk Pension Fund – March	<u>34.89</u>
Balance c/f at 10th March 2015	309.59
Deposit Account – general reserves	2,733.93
Deposit Account – earmarked reserves	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total Monies	<u>7,043.52</u>

The above cheques were approved and signed.

The clerk had obtained the forms to add Joe Wright as a signatory. Auriol Innes will be removed as a signatory. It was also agreed to set up a standing order for £100 per month for the clerk's net salary.

Planning:

None.

Village Signs:

It was agreed to arrange the next meeting once the new Parish Council has been elected.

Village Hall:

The AGM is Saturday 21st March 2015 at 10am, at Beighton Village Hall.

Financial Regulations and Online Banking:

It was agreed to set up the clerk to be a Delegate, with access to online banking. The Financial Regulations were revised to take this into account, and adopted.

Policies:

The Review of Internal Controls, the Review of Internal Audit, the Duties of the Responsible Financial Officer and the Financial Risk Assessment were all adopted.

Any Other Business:

1. The Annual Parish Meeting is on Tuesday, 12th May at 7.30, with refreshments from 7.00pm. The Annual Meeting of the new Parish Council follows the Annual Parish Meeting.
2. Potholes were reported at Stone Corner, High Road and Southwood Road.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 12th May 2015