

# BEIGHTON AND MOULTON ST. MARY

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 12th May 2015 at Beighton Village Hall

### **Present:**

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

### **Apologies:**

District Councillor Grant Nurden

### **Minutes:**

The Minutes of last year's Annual Parish Meeting, on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were read, agreed to be correct, and were signed by Val Mack, as Chairman of the meeting.

### **Matters Arising:**

None.

### **Police Report:**

PC Ian Kennedy gave a report of ten recorded crimes over the year. He reminded residents to report concerns on 101.

Ian was thanked for his report and for his regular reports to the Parish Council meetings.

### **Parish Council Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman's Report had been delivered to every house in the village. There were no questions on the report.

Six people stood for election; the new parish councillors are Ivan Cator, Alex Fegan Read, Val Mack, Ed Matthews, Carol Philips and Joe Wright.

### **Brian Iles (County Councillor):**

Brian Iles gave a report; £40m of cuts have to be found for the forthcoming year, with a further £110m over the following two years. This will be very difficult and will result in reducing discretionary services. There was some good news: and extra £150m from the Government for road maintenance, faster Broadband for many homes in the county, extra money for school expansions, increases to the Parish Partnership fund, investment at Coltishall and the freezing of the Council Tax for a further twelve months. The proposed charge for people using the local waste recycling centre was stopped.

1. Brian was asked about progress with plans for the White House junction. He reminded residents that the dualling of the A47 at North Burlingham has been announced by the Department of Transport, but does not include the White House junction.
2. Brian confirmed that the Government collects business rates from around the country and operates a formula to share the money to each area.
3. Brian explained that the Better Broadband project has left some rural areas without faster broadband yet. It is hoped that the next phase will include Beighton.

4. Brian offered to invite MP Keith Simpson to meet with local residents.

Brian Iles was thanked for his report.

**Grant Nurden (District Councillor) sent a report:**

The clerk read out a report from newly elected district councillor Grant Nurden. Contact details will be published shortly.

Parish councillor Ed Matthews joined the meeting at this point.

**Accounts:**

The Clerk presented the Parish Council Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2015.

The Council was thanked for its donation towards the grasscutting at the two churchyards.

**Village Hall Committee:**

Carolyn Wright gave a report as Chairman of the Committee; the AGM was held on 12<sup>th</sup> March and some new people joined the committee. The hall is well used and has regular bookings, with concerts, bingo and a new monthly coffee morning.

**Village Signs:**

The working party will investigate grants for the signs.

**Parishioners' Forum:**

1. Residents were encouraged to vote on the Aviva website for a project to provide an outdoor space for the children at Cantley Primary School.
2. There was some discussion about whether residents could exercise dogs on the playing field. It was agreed that the village hall committee should discuss this at their next meeting.
3. There was a request for dog fouling notices for the footpath by the Church. The clerk will contact Broadland District Council.
4. The Council was thanked for its donations to the Royal British Legion. A collector is still needed for Moulton St Mary.
5. There was a suggestion to extend the 50mph speed limit through Beighton. It was reported that many drivers continue to drive through the village at speeds in excess of the limit. The clerk will contact NCC Highways.
6. It was noted that satnav systems often send people to Southwood Hall via Chapel Road. The clerk will ask NCC Highways if Chapel Road could be signed "By-road" at both ends to reduce traffic.

There being no further questions or business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Chairman of the Parish Council.....

Dated: .....