

# BEIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

## BEIGHTON AND MOULTON ST. MARY

### **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Beighton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 in Beighton Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting**

Before the meeting commenced all councillors signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and agreed to abide by the Council's Code of Conduct

#### **Present:**

Val Mack	Alex Fegan Read
Joe Wright	Carol Phillips
Ivan Cator	Ed Matthews
Brian Iles (County Councillor)	

#### **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman:**

Carol Phillips was unanimously elected Chairman of the Council and signed a declaration of acceptance of office as chairman. Alex Fegan Read was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.

Six people stood for election; five who had been councillors before and new councillor Ed Matthews who was welcomed to the Parish Council.

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

None.

#### **Apologies:**

District Councillor Grant Nurden

#### **Public Forum:**

No residents were present at the meeting.

#### **Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting dated 10th March 2015 were agreed to be correct and were signed by Carol Phillips as Chairman of the Parish Council.

#### **Matters Arising:**

1. Letters of thanks were received from the Citizens Advice Bureau and AgeUK for the recent donations.
2. There was a problem setting up the new signatory for the bank. It transpired that former councillor Mike Keys was still on their lists as a signatory. Val Mack went into the Acle branch of Lloyds to remove Mike from the list of signatories.

#### **Correspondence:**

1. Two crimes were reported since the last meeting.

2. Broadland District Council sent £2,580.24 of Community Infrastructure Levy monies. CIL is payable to the district council when new houses are built and 15% is paid over to the local parish council as Neighbourhood Funding which can then be used "to support the development of the area". The monies must be spent within 5 years of receipt. It was agreed to transfer this money to earmarked reserves.
3. The clerk has registered with the Pensions Regulator, as required. The council will not be affected by automatic enrolment as the clerk is already a member of the Norfolk Pension Fund.
4. The clerk wrote to Lloyds Bank to register the Council's disappointment at the reduced opening hours. An Acle resident has handed in a petition calling for the opening hours to remain as they are currently.

<b><u>Treasurer's Report:</u></b>	£
Balance b/f at 10th March 2015	309.59
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Interest received	0.81
First half precept	2,794.00
BDC – CIL monies	2,580.24
HMRC – VAT refund	228.06
<b>Payments:</b>	
Information Commissioner – Data Protection	35.00
Clerk's fee and expenses, incl reimb. PAYE and pension	326.98
HMRC – PAYE May	26.60
HMRC – PAYE June	26.60
Acle PC - share of costs	30.11
Beighton Village Hall – room hire	16.00
Norfolk Pension Fund – May	36.63
Norfolk Pension Fund – June	36.63
Beighton All Saints – grasscutting	340.00
Moulton St Mary – grasscutting	340.00
Nfk ALC – subs	112.79
Nfk RCC – Oil scheme	60.00
Nfk RCC – subs	20.00
AON – insurance	<u>259.88</u>
Balance c/f at 12th May 2015	4,245.48
Deposit Account – general reserves	2,733.93
Deposit Account – earmarked reserves	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total Monies	<u>10,979.41</u>

The above cheques were approved and signed.

**Planning:**

Between meetings an application was received for signage on the A47, which just falls within the Council's boundaries. The councillors had no comments on the plans.

**Village Signs:**

Alex Fegan Read and Carol Phillips will continue to investigate designs and prices for village signs, together with local residents.

**Village Hall:**

There was no further report.

**Accounts:**

The Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 were presented and approved. The Annual Return Section 1 was approved and signed. Section 2 was completed and approved.

**General Power of Competence:**

The Council re-confirmed its eligibility to adopt the General Power of Competence. This power, introduced by the Localism Act 2011, give a parish council the power to do anything which a person may legally do, and removes the need to act only in accordance with council powers. The clerk must be qualified and at least 2/3rds of the councillors must have stood for election. The Council meets both requirements so reconfirmed its eligibility.

**Annual Parish Meeting:**

Various issues were raised and will be taken up with Norfolk County Council or Broadland District Council respectively.

**Any Other Business:**

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July at 8.00 pm.

**Co-option:**

One resident has expressed an interest in being co-opted but had left the meeting after the Annual Parish Meeting. He will be invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed.....  
Chairman

Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015