

BEIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

BEIGHTON AND MOULTON ST. MARY

Minutes of the Meeting of Beighton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 12th January 2016 in Beighton Village Hall at 8.00pm

Present:

Carol Phillips (Chairman)

Alex Fegan Read (Vice-chairman)

Val Mack

Joe Wright

Ivan Cator

Ed Matthews

Peter Howell

Parish clerk Pauline James

County Councillor Brian Iles

District Councillor Grant Nurden

Three members of the public.

Public Forum:

1. **PC Ian Kennedy** sent a report that there had been no crimes recorded in the parishes since the last meeting.
2. **County councillor's report:** Brian Iles reported on the discussions about Norfolk County Council's budget and decisions being made about cuts in spending. Beighton had been put forward for publicity about the wheelie bin stickers. Traffic noise across sunken ironware in High Road was reported to Brian. It was noted that the clerk reported these issues in November so Brian offered to chase these repairs.
3. **District councillor's report:** Grant Nurden informed the meeting that he has been appointed to Broadland District Council's Planning Committee. BDC has agreed not to increase their amount of council tax. It was noted that there would be no more New Homes Bonus. BDC is considering proposals to form a new authority to deal with devolution from Central Government.
4. **Village Hall report:** Chairman Carolyn Wright reported that CCTV is to be installed shortly. The clerk was therefore asked to order the box for the defibrillator. The front hedge had been cut but it was felt that a lower cut would give greater visibility for the hall and for users of the car park. It was noted that Norfolk County Council had refused to erect a sign for the village hall on Highways land but that a sign could be put up on the private land at the hall.
5. **Residents' comments:**
 1. There was a complaint about speeding through Beighton. It was agreed to investigate setting up a Speedwatch group. Carol Phillips, Peter Howell and Ed Matthews agreed to set up a group.

6. Village signs:

Jamie Mack presented rough designs for a village sign for each of Beighton and Moulton St Mary. Both designs were approved by those present at the meeting and Jamie was thanked for his hard work in the design of the signs.

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

Peter Howell and Ed Matthews told the meeting that they are both on the Village Hall committee.

Apologies:

None.

Minutes:

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

Clerk's Report and Matters Arising:

1. **Mr & Mrs Douthwaite, Holly House, Old Cantley Road** – erection of two storey garden lodge (20151654). Once it was confirmed that the lodge was only for use ancillary to the main house the councillors reported no objections. The application was approved by Broadland District Council with the restriction that use of the lodge can only be ancillary to Holly House.
2. British Sugar wrote to say that highways contractors had done a leaflet drop in advance of the works for the gas line installation to inform residents of the proposed works. The company has also carried out three speed checks and have two more planned before the end of the season. A few drivers were removed from site during the campaign.
3. The Royal British Legion sent a letter of thanks for the donation of £50.
4. Highways England reported that there has been a problem with the power supply to the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on A47 and they plan to replace it with a modern unit powered by solar and wind power. They are considering re-laying the junction so as to remove the option to turn right from the eastbound carriageway.

Correspondence:

1. The Audit Commission ceased to exist on 1st April 2015. A new company, Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd, has been created to take over the appointment of external auditors and the setting of audit fees from 2017. Parish councils will be automatically absorbed into this regime unless they opt out. This was noted.
2. Councils with turnover of less than £25,000 will not be subject to an external audit from April 2017 but must comply with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities; a list of all expenditure, end of year accounts, annual governance statement, internal audit report, list of councillor responsibilities, list of assets, minutes and agendas. The clerk confirmed that all these items were already published on the Council's website.

3. Norfolk County Council is consulting on its budget options. Residents are invited to add their comments on various issues on the NCC website.
4. It was agreed to give grants of £60 to the East Anglian Air Ambulance, £40 to the Citizens Advice Bureau and £60 to AgeUK.
5. Details of the BDC Handyperson+ service were noted and have been advertised on the Council's website.

Budget and Precept for the year ending 31st March 2017:

After transferring the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds of £2,580 to earmarked reserves, the estimated accounts for the current year 15/16 show a loss of £298, including an amount of £1,000 towards the village signs. It was agreed to increase the precept by £1 per adult, to a total of £5,939 which is estimated to result in a surplus of £168. It was noted that the clerk's fee increases by one scale point to SCP24, at £11.19 per hour, for 3 hours per week.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u>	£
Balance b/f at 10th November 2015	303.37
<u>Receipts:</u>	
Interest received	0.93
Transfer from savings	400.00
<u>Payments:</u>	
Clerk's fee and expenses, incl. RBL donation £50	293.62
HMRC – PAYE January	26.60
HMRC – PAYE February	26.60
Beighton Village Hall – room hire	16.00
Norfolk Pension Fund – January	36.63
Norfolk Pension Fund – February	36.63
Acle PC – share of expenses	51.27
Information Commissioner's Office – subs	35.00
East Anglian Air Ambulance – grant	60.00
Citizens Advice Bureau – grant	40.00
Age UK – grant	<u>60.00</u>
Balance c/f at 12th January 2016	21.95
Deposit Account – general reserves	4,253.69
Deposit Account – earmarked reserves (+ CIL monies)	<u>6,580.24</u>
Total Monies	<u>10,855.88</u>

The above payments were authorised.

The annual list of direct debits and standing orders was approved.

Planning:

None.

Village Signs:

The two draft designs were accepted. The signs would be made from steel. Ed Matthews and Peter Howell offered to join the working group. Locations for the signs will be considered. The clerk reported that British Sugar had expressed an interest in assisting with funding the signs.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 8th March at 8.00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 8th March 2016