

# BEIGHTON AND MOULTON ST. MARY

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 10th May 2016 at Beighton Village Hall

### Present:

Parish councillors Carol Phillips (Chairman), Alex Fegan Read (Vice-chairman), Ivan Cator, Peter Howell, Val Mack, Ed Matthews and Joe Wright, Parish clerk Pauline James, Brian Iles (County Councillor) and Grant Nurden (District Councillor) and sixteen residents.

### Freethorpe First Responders:

The Responders were thanked for demonstrating how to use a defibrillator. The Beighton defibrillator should be installed shortly.

### Apologies:

None.

### Minutes:

The Minutes of last year's Annual Parish Meeting, on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were read, agreed to be correct, and were signed by Carol Phillips, as Chairman of the meeting.

### Matters Arising:

None.

### Police Report:

The Police will no longer be sending crime reports, or attending parish council meetings, owing to budget restraints. Details of local crimes are available on Police.uk website. A resident reported that there had been three burglaries in Chapel Road recently.

### 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.

### Brian Iles (County Councillor):

Brian Iles gave a report:

- Ongoing Government cuts in funding for the County have resulted in reductions to services, with £42m having to be saved this year, out of £1.5b
- Rates were increased by 3.99% for 16/17, including 2% reserved for adult social care
- Work on the Northern Distributor Road has started
- Further funding has been given to the Better Broadband project
- There are still concerns about Children's Services, despite new staff and consultants
- A review is being carried out into the adult care needs in the County before deciding on the best use for the Herondale site in Acle
- There is extra funding for the repair of potholes
- There is funding to continue the roll-out of the Better Broadband project

A resident asked about the lack of repairs to the recent works to install a high-pressure gas pipe along High Road; the lorries passing over the sunken interceptor covers cause a great deal of noise. Brian Iles offered to investigate this.

Brian Iles was thanked for his report.

**Grant Nurden (District Councillor):**

Grant Nurden gave a report:

- A busy but enjoyable year since the elections
- Discussions re possible devolution
- Budget – using reserves to keep increase at 0%, but savings will have to be made
- Investing in Better Broadband across the district
- Rise in number of Norfolk’s young people in education or training
- Recycling rates are increasing
- Providing good quality housing and housing services
- Handyman+ project
- Site allocation plan adopted on 21<sup>st</sup> April
- Many neighbourhood plans being worked on at present
- New Community Safety Strategy

Grant was thanked for his report.

**Accounts:**

The Parish Clerk presented the Parish Council Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2016. There were no questions on the accounts.

**Village Hall Committee:**

Shirley Crosby gave a report as Chairman of the Committee: the recent concert at the hall was well attended. The committee plans to extend the surfaced car park area if permission is obtained from the landowner.

**Village Signs:**

The signs are progressing. The Parish Council will pay for a village sign for each of the two villages. Jamie Mack came up with a different design for each village, both of which were accepted after presenting the designs at a Parish Council meeting.

**Parishioners’ Forum:**

1. The extent of the NCC Highways ownership of the verges outside Beighton Church will be clarified.
2. It was confirmed that residents are permitted to exercise their dogs on the playing field so long as they are kept on a lead.
3. Carol Phillips reported on trying to get together a team of residents to form a Speedwatch group. This has to be a minimum of 6. Training is given. Volunteers have to be DBS checked.

There being no further questions or business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Chairman of the Parish Council.....

Dated: .....