**BEIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**BEIGHTON AND MOULTON ST. MARY**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Beighton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 13th September 2016 in Beighton Village Hall at 8.00pm**

**Present:**

Carol Phillips (Chairman)

Val Mack

Ed Matthews, Peter Howell and Joe Wright

Parish clerk Pauline James

District Councillor Grant Nurden

County Councillor Brian Iles

12 members of the public

British Sugar: Daniel Green, Ian Redhead and Andrew Dear attended from British Sugar and explained that it was planned to open on Sundays during the sugar beet campaign. In answer to residents’ complaints about drivers speeding through the village, the British Sugar staff said that the company penalised drivers and carried out random checks. Residents also said that drivers continue to drive through the village very early in the morning and the wait for their slot at the factory weighbridge.

**Public Forum:**

**1. Police Report** - none

**2. County Councillor’s Report -** Brian Iles gave a report: consultation has been carried out on the proposal for devolution. The public response was generally negative. Brian also reminded residents of the new webpage for reporting potholes and highways issues at Norfolk.gov.uk. NCC has started on the budget setting process.

**3. District Councillor’s Report -** Grant Nurden gave a report: BDC is considering the Greater Norwich Local Plan and has been discussing devolution. He reminded residents of the Handyman+ service in the BDC area and suggested that Beighton Parish Council might consider setting up a cluster group for local parish councils.

**4. Village Hall Report –** Village Hall Committee ChairmanShirley Crosby reported that bookings for the hall are good.

**5. Parishioners –** matters raised included the traffic noise from the sunken interceptors on High Road.

**6. Councillors** – the clerk was asked to contact NCC to see if a trod could be constructed along High Road from the junction with Chapel Road as far as the small road up to the Church. There is funding available under the Parish Partnership scheme.

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

Val Mack had an interest in the payment to A L Shearing.

**Apologies:**

Alex Fegan Read (Vice-chairman)

Ivan Cator

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting dated 12th July 2016 were agreed to be correct and were signed by Carol Phillips, as Chairman of the Parish Council.

**Clerk’s Report and Matters Arising:**

1. Norfolk County Council acknowledged that there had been problems with the introduction of the new Postwick junction but stated that the new layout was a result of the proximity of the railway line and the previous sliproad being too short.

2. Residents are encouraged to join the new Community Speedwatch group.

3. The defibrillator at Beighton Village Hall has been installed. Andy Pearce reported that there has been some condensation in the cabinet. The electrical certificate has been received.

**Correspondence:**

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| 1. | The councillors asked the clerk to write to British Sugar to ask for a report on the campaign for the November meeting. |
| 2. | Councillors agreed to make a donation of £60 to the Royal British Legion. |
| 3. | Councillors are invited to attend a workshop on the Greater Norwich Local Plan on 21st September. It was noted that the Campaign to Protect Rural England objects to the proposals to allocate new land for housing when many of the current allocations have not yet been built on. |
| 4. | Councillors noted that Broadland District Council carried out public consultation on the proposed devolution during the summer. Ed Matthews and Peter Howell attended the presentation on this proposal. |
| 5. | Norfolk County Council sent details of the Norfolk Minerals Site Specific Allocations Development Plan Document. |
| 6. | MP Gavin Barwell, the new minister for housing and planning at the Department for Communities and Local Government sent information on a new Bill which encourages new housing and aims to simplify the Compulsory Purchase Order process. |
| 7. | The Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2016 was completed by the external auditors, Mazars, and has been published on the Parish Council’s website. No fee is payable for the audit because the Council has a low income. |

**Treasurer’s Report:**  £

Balance b/f at 12th July 2016 334.49

**Receipts:**

Interest received 0.95

Donation from British Sugar 2,000.00

**Payments:**

Transfer to savings account1,000.00

Clerk’s fee and expenses s.o. 100.00

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balance 48.55

HMRC – PAYE September 27.80

HMRC – PAYE October 27.60

Beighton Village Hall – room hire 17.00

Norfolk Pension Fund – September 38.94

Norfolk Pension Fund – October 38.94

Norfolk ALC – subs 118.31

AL Shearing – rent of playing field 137.50

M Whittaker – electrical work re defibrillator 219.53

Royal British Legion – donation 60.00

Acle PC – share of expenses 2 months 34.12

Balance c/f at 13th September 2016 367.15

Deposit Account – general reserves 3,453.69

Deposit Account – earmarked reserves (+ CIL monies) 8,580.24

Total Monies 12,401.08

The above payments were authorised.

**Planning:**Between meetings, applications were received for:

1. **Plot adjacent The Poplars, Acle Road** – conversion of existing outbuilding to form one new dwelling (20161277). The councillors had no objections to the plans.

Decisions by **Broadland District Council**:

1. **Land off Sandy** **Lane** – proposed free range poultry unit (20160256) – full approval
2. **Manor Barn South, Reedham Road** – detached garage and associated works (20160309) – approved
3. **34 Chapel Road** – two storey side and rear extension, single storey rear extension, loft conversions and front porch – approved
4. **Morley House, Morley Road** – riding arena (20160868) – approved, with a condition that the arena shall be used for recreational purposes only, incidental to the use of Morley House, and shall not be used for any commercial riding

**Village Signs:**Work continues on the manufacture of the two signs.

**The next meeting is on Tuesday, 8th November, at 8.00pm**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.25 pm.

Signed............................................................ Dated: 8th November 2016

Chairman