**BEIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**BEIGHTON AND MOULTON ST. MARY**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Beighton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 8th November 2016 in Beighton Village Hall at 8.00pm**

**Present:**

Ivan Cator, Ed Matthews, Peter Howell and Joe Wright

Parish clerk Pauline James

District Councillor Grant Nurden

County Councillor Brian Iles

Eight members of the public

In the absence of Carol Phillips and Alex Fegan Read, Joe Wright was appointed to chair the meeting.

**Public Forum:**

**1. Police Report** – no crimes have been reported in Moulton St Mary or Beighton since May 2016.

**2. County Councillor’s Report –** Brian Iles gave a report; discussions continue about possible devolution. The proposal is for £25m per year over 30 years to support economic growth, develop local infrastructure and jobs, £130m over 5 years to support the building of new homes and £225m over 4 years for transport. These funds would be shared over Norfolk and Suffolk but, whereas all the district councils in Suffolk are interested in the scheme, only Broadland, South Norfolk and Kings Lynn councils are considering the proposal. A mayor would have to be elected as part of the scheme.

**3. District Councillor’s Report –** Grant Nurden gave a report: Broadland District Council supports devolution and will continue to consider the proposal. BDC has recently agreed to invite tenders for the garden waste collection. Work has started on the setting of the budget for 17/18.

**4. Village Hall Report –** nothing to report.

**5. Parishioners:**

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| 5.1 | There was a request for village events to be better advertised. It was noted that the Parish Council’s website (beightonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk) and facebook page includes local events but it was suggested that more noticeboards would benefit residents. |
| 5.2 | Complaints were repeated about the poor visibility for cars exiting Chapel Road due to the hedge to the north. This has been reported to Norfolk County Council Highways. |
| 5.3 | Residents repeated their concerns about drivers speeding through Beighton on High Road, despite the flashing speed sign. County Councillor Brian Iles was asked to find out the costs of a fixed speed camera. The road is also noisy, with sunken manhole covers. |

**6. Councillors** – nothing to raise.

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

None.

**Apologies:**

Carol Phillips (Chairman)

Alex Fegan Read (Vice-chairman)

Val Mack

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting dated 13th September 2016 were agreed to be correct and were signed by Joe Wright on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

1. Five residents have completed their paperwork to set up a new Community Speedwatch group. One more volunteer is needed.

2. A report from British Sugar was read out; Copies of letters of objection to Sunday opening had been received from Cantley and Woodbastwick Parish Councils. The clerk was asked to copy correspondence to the parish council’s website.

3. Norfolk County Council website confirms that it is responsible for the maintenance of surfaces of rights of way, including the control of vegetation. Budget reductions mean that NCC is reacting to reports of overgrown paths, rather than cutting them routinely. Residents were asked to report any vegetation that needs cutting.

4. Details had been received of NCC ownership of the verges in front of All Saints Church and this was passed on to the Parochial Church Council.

**Correspondence:**

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| 1. | BT plans to remove the public payphone at the junction of Chapel Road with High Road; no calls were made from this phone over the past 12 months. The councillors had no objections to the phone being removed but there was some interest in keeping the phone box, perhaps to be used to display posters for local events. The clerk will find out more. The purchase of a new noticeboard for Beighton will also be considered, although it was noted that there is a noticeboard for parish council news on the wall of the village hall and a noticeboard on the verge outside the village hall for village notices. |
| 2. | A resident’s complaint about drivers speeding on Southwood Road has been sent on to NCC for their comments. |
| 3. | Better Broadband for Norfolk reported that the cabinet in Beighton should be connected next summer. |
| 4. | The Broads Authority will be consulting on their Local Plan from December to February. The Authority is currently consulting on their Broads Plan 2017. |
| 5. | Councillors were invited to attend an engagement meeting with the Acle area Police on Monday, 5th December at 7.00pm at Acle Methodist Hall. |
| 6. | The clerk has asked BDC for an update on projects in the local area using the Green Infrastructure Levy monies. |
| 7. | BDC has asked for villages to nominate a volunteer tree warden. This will be advertised on the parish council’s website. |

**Treasurer’s Report:**  £

Balance b/f at 13th September 2016 367.15

**Receipts:**

Interest received 1.08

Broadland DC – 2nd half precept 2,950.50

UK Power Networks – wayleaves 68.22

Transfer from savings account 200.00

**Payments:**

Transfer to savings account 2,950.50

Clerk’s fee and expenses s.o. 100.00

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balance 58.03

HMRC – PAYE November 27.80

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Beighton Village Hall – room hire 17.00

Norfolk Pension Fund – November 38.94

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Poors Charity – repay wayleaves 68.22

Acle PC – share of expenses 2 months 15.58

Balance c/f at 8th November 2016 144.14

Deposit Account – general reserves 6,204.19

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

Total Monies 14,928.57

The above payments were authorised.

**Planning:**

Decisions by **Broadland District Council**:

1. **Plot adjacent The Poplars, Acle Road** – conversion of existing outbuilding to form one new dwelling (20161277) – refusal. The site is outside the development boundary. BDC’s policy only permits the conversion of buildings to residential where the building is capable of conversion without substantial alteration. The building is considered to be in a dilapidated condition. The level of work is considered to be the equivalent of building a new dwelling in the countryside. Highways also objected to the inadequate visibility splays at the entrance to the property.

**Village Signs:**Peter Howell gave reported on a meeting with Jamie Mack, who is designing the signs. The purchase of specialist software had been authorised. The designs should be with the manufacturers before Christmas. The clerk has applied to Norfolk County Council for permission to site the signs, one on the verge on High Road, Beighton, near to the phone box, and one on the verge on Acle Road, Moulton, near to the post box.

**Provision of a trod (unmade pathway) on High Road from the junction with Chapel Road to the roadway up to the church:**

Residents whose properties are adjacent to the east side of High Road spoke of their concerns about the safety on anyone using a pathway adjacent to the road. No correspondence had been received from Norfolk County Council about whether a path is possible at this location, and there is no indication of cost at this stage.

**Any Other Business:**

Residents were invited to attend a short Remembrance Service on Sunday, 13th November at 12.45pm.

**The next meeting is on Tuesday, 10th January 2017, at 8.00pm**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.35 pm.

Signed............................................................ Dated: 10th January 2017

Chairman