**BEIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**BEIGHTON AND MOULTON ST. MARY**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Beighton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 10th January 2017 in Beighton Village Hall at 8.00pm**

**Present:**

Carol Phillips (Chairman)

Alex Fegan Read (Vice-Chairman)

Val Mack, Ivan Cator, Ed Matthews, Peter Howell and Joe Wright

Parish clerk Pauline James

District Councillor Grant Nurden

Four members of the public

**Public Forum:**

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| 1 | **Police Report** – one crime was reported in November, in Chapel Road. |
| 2 | **County Councillor’s Report** – None |
| 3 | **District Councillor’s Report –** Grant Nurden gave a report: The devolution proposal was withdrawn but Broadland District Council is looking into working more closely with other local authorities. |
| 4 | **Village Hall Report** – None. |
| 5 | **Parishioners:**   1. There was a complaint about traffic speeds on Sandy Lane. The road is used as a short-cut to Freethorpe and Reedham. 2. Residents reported that they are unhappy with Sunday beet deliveries as the lorries start early in the morning. The clerk was asked to request proof of the need to open on Sundays. Also to request a residents’ meeting with factory representatives. Residents reported that early lorry movements have continued. |
| 6 | **Councillors:**   1. Ivan Cator reported on successful charity fundraising at Moulton Garden Centre and thanked customers for their support. |

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

None.

**Apologies:**

County Councillor Brian Iles.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting dated 8th November 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 Police will not consider installing a traffic camera on High Road, because of the cost, but also stated that cameras are only installed in areas with a high incidence of traffic accidents.
2. Broadland District Council stated that they do not investigate noise from road traffic.
3. The clerk was asked to contact British Sugar to ask if residents could attend their annual Residents Evening. They replied that this event is for Cantley and Limpenhoe residents and that the event is to update residents on the factory’s performance, the company’s charitable donations and the peregrine falcons which are on the site.
4. Norfolk County Council said that they no longer fund changes to existing speed limits or traffic calming measures because of a reduction in funding from central government.
5. British Sugar sent a report; the current campaign is expected to end on 24th January. Speed checks have been carried out, as well as checks on what times lorries start arriving in the village.
6. The clerk reported on the engagement meeting with the Acle area Police.
7. Norfolk County Council has refused the suggestion of a trod (unmade pathway) on High Road from the junction with Chapel Road to the roadway up to the church because of concerns for pedestrian safety and likely high cost of the works.
8. The local Royal British Legion sent a letter of thanks for the Council’s recent donation.

**Correspondence:**

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| 1. | Payments include the annual £10 subscription to BADCOG (Blofield and District Conservation Group). The volunteers do conservation work at several sites locally, including Moulton Pit Wood, where they have introduced native trees and shrubs to land which was previously a slurry pit from the sugar factory. |
| 2. | Residents were reminded that Beighton is a member of the Community Action Norfolk bulk buying scheme for oil. |
| 3. | Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd has awarded contracts for the external audit of parish councils for the 5 years from 1st March 2017. This was noted. |

**Treasurer’s Report:**  £

Balance b/f at 8th November 2016 144.14

**Receipts:**

Interest received 1.23

Transfer from savings account 600.00

**Payments:**

Clerk’s fee and expenses s.o. 100.00

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balance 55.89

HMRC – PAYE January 27.80

HMRC – PAYE February 27.80

Beighton Village Hall – room hire 17.00

Norfolk Pension Fund – January 38.94

Norfolk Pension Fund – February 38.94

Acle PC – share of expenses 2 months 43.00

BADCOG subs 10.00

Info Commission – Data Protection 35.00

Balance c/f at 10th January 2017 251.00

Deposit Account – general reserves 5,604.19

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

Total Monies 14,435.43

The above payments were authorised.

**Planning:**

1. The Greater Norwich Local Plan Call for Sites took place over summer 2016. This is where landowners, developers and other interested parties are able to submit parcels of land for consideration by the Greater Norwich authorities.

One site was put forward in Beighton; 1.42 hectares, off Southwood Road, with a proposal for approximately 36 dwellings. (Carol Phillips and Alex Fegan Read declared an interest as they both own properties adjacent to this site). After some discussion it was agreed to object to this proposal as it was felt that 36 dwellings would be too many for the site.

1. Between meetings, an application was received for **Mr & Mrs Key, Lyndhurst Farm, Southwood Road** – conversion of three agricultural barns into holiday accommodation, new access and detached leisure building (20161949). The councillors had no objections to the plans. Broadland District Council went on to approve the plans.

**Village Signs:**NCC have said that the method of fixing needs to be decided, and the location checked for underground utilities. Only approved contractors can work beside the highway. The production of the signs is continuing.

**Noticeboard:**

A 2-bay noticeboard would cost in excess of £1,000. It was agreed not to proceed with this at present.

**Phone Box:**

The price to adopt the phone box is £1. The Council would need to get permission from Broadland District Council to use the kiosk for other purposes. BT will supply electricity at buyer’s cost only as far as the regional electricity company fusebox for the operation of an 8-watt lightbulb or similar. The seller can disconnect after giving notice. The buyer cannot connect to unmetered supply without permission. It was agreed to proceed with this, to use the phone box for a community noticeboard. The clerk will contact BDC do discuss change of use.

**Budget:**

The clerk presented the draft budget for the year to 31st March 2018. It was agreed to increase the precept by £350 to £6,290, which equates to an average of £36.50 for a Band D home, for the year. The clerk’s salary increases by 47 pence per hour to scale point 25, £11.77 per hour, for 3 hours per week.

**Any Other Business:**

1. More applications for Community Speedwatch are being checked. As soon as six people have been approved, the training will be done and the monitoring of vehicle speeds will start.

**The next meeting is on Tuesday, 14th March 2017, at 8.00pm**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.05 pm.

Signed............................................................ Dated: 14th March 2017

Chairman