BEIGHTON AND MOULTON ST. MARY

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 9th May 2017**

**at Beighton Village Hall**

**Present:**

Parish councillors Carol Phillips (Chairman), Alex Fegan Read (Vice-chairman), Ivan Cator, Peter Howell, Val Mack, Parish clerk Pauline James, Brian Iles (County Councillor), Grant Nurden (District Councillor), PC Ian Kennedy, Revd. Martin Greenland and 13 residents.

**Apologies**:

Parish councillors Ed Matthews and Joe Wright.

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of last year’s Annual Parish Meeting, on 10th May 2016 were read, agreed to be correct, and were signed by Carol Phillips, as Chairman of the meeting.

**Matters Arising:**

1. Freethorpe First Responders sent a report which was read out.
2. Details of the NCC ownership of verges near to All Saints Church were obtained, as requested, and passed on to the Parochial Church Council.

**Police Report:**

PC Ian Kennedy gave a report of four recorded crimes in the two villages over the past year. He confirmed that the Police carry out speed checks on High Road whenever possible. Ian offered to obtain some No Cold Calling stickers for residents.

Details of local crimes are available on Police.uk website.

**Parish Council Chairman’s Report:**

The Chairman’s Report had been delivered to every house in the village.

Matters raised included:

1. Highways matters – all issues raised with the parish council are passed on to Norfolk County Council but it was acknowledged that delays occur in repairs because of reduced budgets. NCC has stated that there is no budget for speed management issues.
2. Speedwatch – five volunteers are being vetted by the Police. A 6th person is required before the scheme can start.
3. Village signs – this has been a lengthy project but the signs have now been made, with just some welding to be done.

**Brian Iles (County Councillor):**

Brian Iles gave a report, which is appended to these minutes.

Brian Iles was thanked for his report.

**Grant Nurden (District Councillor):**

Grant Nurden gave a report: Broadland District Council has increased the council tax to pay for reductions in funding. The Council is working to support local businesses and inward investment for the area. Helping residents to stay fit and healthy is also a priority. Broadland has an excellent recycling rate of 50%. It remains a safe place to live and work. Dementia-friendly schemes are being set up around the district. Planning issues remain an issue for villages close to Norwich. The recent Call for Sites resulted in many pieces of land being put forward for consideration, including land in Beighton. BDC will consult on its preferred sites later in the year.

**Accounts:**

The Parish Clerk presented the Parish Council Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017. There were no questions on the accounts.

**Village Hall Committee:**

A report of the recent AGM was read out and has been published on the Parish Council’s website at http://beightonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/

**Parishioners’ Forum:**

1. Residents were reminded that the Parish Council has subscribed to a Community Oil Buying scheme on their behalf.
2. The Parochial Church Council gave a report: grants have been applied for, for repairs to the church roof. Various events have been planned to encourage people to visit the church. The Parish Council was asked to consider giving a grant to the Church towards the repairs. This will be on the agenda for the July meeting.
3. The Parish Council was also asked to consider giving a grant to the village hall for repairs to the flooring.
4. There was a request for signage on Sandy Lane to say that it is not suitable for HGVs.
5. It was noted that roundels had been due to be painted on High Road as part of the speed reduction measures paid for by Cantley Sugar factory.

There being no further questions or business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Chairman of the Parish Council.............................................. Dated: ............