**BEIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**BEIGHTON AND MOULTON ST. MARY**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Beighton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 12th September 2017 in Beighton Village Hall at 8.00pm**

**Present:**

Carol Phillips (Chairman)

Alex Fegan Read (Vice-Chairman)

Ivan Cator, Peter Howell, Ed Matthews and Joe Wright.

Parish clerk Pauline James

District Councillor Grant Nurden and nine members of the public

Grant Nurden

**Public Forum:**

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| 1. | The Police website shows: April: no crimes, May: 1 crime anti-social behaviour Morley Road and June: no crimes. |
| 2. | District Councillor’s Report: Grant Nurden reported on BDC’s community grants, the garden waste contract, and Norwich Airport’s Masterplan consultation. |
| 3. | Village Hall Report: new outside lights have been installed. |
| 4. | Parishioners:   1. There was a request for some play equipment in the village, possibly at the playing field. The councillors explained that the playing field is rented, and not owned by the Parish Council. There was some discussion about whether some cheaper equipment could be installed at the field, on a short-term arrangement. |
| 5. | Councillors:  i) There was a report that various contractors had attempted to dig up the road for the Broadband connection; and inefficient use of resources.   1. The clerk was asked to report an uneven trench just in Chapel Road. 2. Carol Phillips gave a report on the Community Speedwatch group; the sessions have resulted in many letters being sent to drivers breaking the speed limit and one driver was visited by the Police. If enough drivers are reported in a month, then the police send an enforcement officer to carry out speed checks. More volunteers are needed to keep the group going and to share the shifts. |
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**Declarations of interest in item on the agenda and any requests for dispensations:**

Ed Matthews and Peter Howell are on the village hall committee.

**Apologies:**

Val Mack

County Councillor Brian Iles

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting dated 11th July 2017 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Carol Phillips as Chairman of the Parish Council.

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

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| 1. | The grit bin and dog bin were relocated to make room for the Broadband cabinet. |
| 2. | Letters of thanks were received for the grants towards upkeep of Moulton and Beighton churchyards. |

**Correspondence:**

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| 1. | There was a request for a grant for repairs at Beighton Church. The PCC has re-applied for grant funding. After some discussion it was agreed to suggest that the PCC asks for funding for a specific item towards the church as a social centre, rather than just for money to be added into a large pot for the whole project. |
| 2. | Peter Howell and Ed Matthews reported that the committee is obtaining estimates for new flooring in the village hall. |
| 3. | The Audit of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2017 has been completed without comment and has been posted on the website. There is no fee for the external audit because of the small size of the Council. It was noted that the audit of the accounts for the five years from 2018 will be done by PKF Littlejohn LLP. |
| 4. | The Broads Authority sent a copy of its Broads Plan 2017. |
| 5. | The Campaign to Protect Natural England has asked councils to contact their MP to ask that legislation is put in place to protect the natural environment. The CPRE have published their Vision for Norfolk. The clerk will write to Keith Simpson. |

**Treasurer’s Report:**  £

Balance b/f at 11th July 2017 658.24

**Receipts:**

Bank interest – 2 months 1.30

Transfer from savings 200.00

**Payments:**

Herbie Smith – various works 167.96

HMRC – September PAYE 29.00

HMRC – October PAYE 29.00

Clerk’s fee and expenses s.o. 100.00

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balance 53.71

Beighton Village Hall – room hire 18.00

Norfolk Pension Fund – September 41.32

Norfolk Pension Fund – October 41.32

Acle PC – share of expenses 2 months 23.94

A L Shearing – rent of playing field 151.25

SLCC – conference 25.00

Balance c/f at 12th September 2017 79.04

Deposit Account – general reserves 6,004.19

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

Total Monies 14,663.47

The above payments were authorised.

**Planning:**

1. **Plans received between meetings:  
   i) Mr Mandishona, 34 Chapel Road – change dormer window (20171382)** – the councillors had no objections to the plans.

**No Cold Calling Zone:**

Several forms have been completed so far, from Chapel Road, Southwood Road, Carn Close and High Road.

**Former phone Box:**

Shelves have been put in for a book swap.

The clerk reported that BT have confirmed that the contract is valid despite it stating that it is for a red phone box

**Any Other Business:**

1. Broadland District Council are offering free crocus bulbs to residents.
2. Items for the next agenda: none.

3. The next meeting is on Tuesday, 14th November 2017 at 8.00pm in the village hall:

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.55 pm.

Signed............................................................ Dated: 14th November 2017

Chairman