

# BEIGHTON AND MOULTON ST. MARY

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 14th May 2019 at Beighton Village Hall

### Present:

Parish councillors Ivan Cator (Chair), Brian Iles (County Councillor- part), Grant Nurden (District Councillor - part) and nineteen residents.

1. Apologies  
None.
2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 8th May 2018  
These were agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.
3. Matters Arising from these Minutes  
The Speedwatch group need a new Co-ordinator. Anyone interested can contact the Clerk or Ed Matthews.
4. Police Report  
A police report has been received by the Parish Clerk. There were 8 crimes recorded for Beighton over the year, and none for Moulton St Mary. These were: Harrassment (domestic related), Malicious Communications, Assault without injury, Public Order, Burglary, Criminal Damage to vehicle, Burglary and Possession of Cannabis (A47).
5. Parish Council Chairman's Report – Ivan Cator  
The Parish Council meets in Beighton Village Hall on the second Tuesday in May, July, September, November, January and March, with additional meetings if necessary. All agendas and minutes are put up on the boards in Moulton and Beighton and on the website.

All Residents are most welcome to attend and there is always an opportunity to raise any issues that cause concern. Such matters may be added to the meeting agenda for consideration by the Parish Council by contacting the Clerk. The Council also has a Facebook page – great for staying in touch.

The number of Parish Councillors remains at a full complement of 7 in total following the recent contested election and the first meeting of the newly convened Council will follow this meeting.

I must offer my thanks to Peter Howell for all of his hard work as a Councillor during his tenure and welcome our three new Councillors. We also lost Carol Philips and Alex Read during the last year, both of whom worked very hard on behalf of the village and are missed.



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Contact details for all councillors are on the notice boards in both villages and on our website. Pauline James retired as our parish clerk after many years fabulous service, and I welcome Sarah Hunt as her replacement. Pauline will be missed.

Sarah's contact details are on the website and noticeboards.

As always, our thanks go to Brian Iles (Norfolk County Council) and Grant Nurden - - (Broadland District Council) who regularly attend our Parish Council meetings and keep us informed of any County and District matters that affect the residents of our villages.

The Parish Council pays a subscription to membership of Norfolk RCC's Thinking Fuel oil buying scheme which can offer savings on the purchase of heating oil. Orders are taken on the first working day of every month. Everyone pays the same price per litre regardless of how much they order and there is no obligation to buy. This is available to all residents in our villages and further information is available on our website.

During the last year a No Cold Calling Zone has been set up in Beighton, which has proved very successful.

A new dog bin has been installed, and the grit bin filled.

Speedwatch continues in the village – if anyone would like to volunteer as a co-ordinator please do get in touch.

The Council is consulted on all planning applications within the Parish.

#### 6. County Council Matters - Brian Iles

The Council lost a leader at the beginning of the year, the ex leader of Broadland Mr Andrew Proctor is now the new leader of the Council.

The Council is changing back to a cabinet system. There have been senior staff losses, hopefully current interviews will enable recruitment.

2010/11 and 2018/19 the government funding into Norfolk County Council has reduced by 204 million pounds. The revenue support grant will fall from 39 million to zero by 2020/21. The Council has made savings of 364million including efficiency savings of 246m during this time.

As a consequence the Council has increased the Norfolk Co Co share of Council tax by 2.99% this year.

Key budget points:

409 million pound net revenue budget.

Norfolk Council's portion of band D will be £1,362.24 from April.

Savings to be made of 31.6million in 2019/20 rising to a total of 79.4million over the next three years.

Increases from April: 6m for social services and 14.5m for looked after children.

Infrastructure: In Nov 2018 12.694m received from the government to spend on road maintenance. To date 125,000 square metres of wornout highway surface renewed and replaced with 26,600 tonnes of Asphalt.

Plans to create 'Norwich Western Link' and improve travel between the A47 and the NDR – now called Broadland Northway.

Construction is due to start in 2022.

Norfolk is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> out of 28 similar councils for performance in a National Survey.

The third river crossing at Great Yarmouth; awarded 98m out of 120m towards the cost of the project.

11m allocated to Broadband improvement. 92% of homes and businesses have speeds of 24Mb/second.

A survey into mobile phone access across the county has been commissioned.

200 sites have been highlighted as needing extra attention.

Caring for Children: A new early childhood family service has been set up to help isolated children and families with help and advice, increased support and easier access to information and help.

Some services are moving into libraries, nurseries and community centres alongside 15 new service bases.

Special School Places: 120m in special needs March 1019 and a government grant of 17m to build a new 170 place school in the county serving young people from 3 – 19 with special needs.

Plans for 500 places in 4 new schools.

Plans for specialist bases at mainstream schools.

An investment of 4.8m has been made. The first is in Great Yarmouth at the site of Alderman Swindell School. New houses for care leavers open after a 5m investment.

The first of 11 homes opened this year. Norfolk Co Co has worked with young people to make sure accommodation meets their needs. There will be 25-30 beds across 11 houses.

Adult Social Care: Life connections work directly with people to help them communicate.

Services include: Outreach, promoting volunteering, asset mapping and issues such as transport and technology.

Carers charter launched on 30<sup>th</sup> November to help people understand their rights and improve their lives. These initiatives save the public purse billions of pounds: 29m investment in housing with care.

This year NCC announced an investment of 29m to deliver 3000 extra homes for older people over the next 10 years.

Requirements are for 2842 homes by 2028.

#### 7. District Council Matters – Grant Nurden

The past year has seen some changes at Broadland District Council, primarily due to it agreeing to a roadmap for collaborative working with South Norfolk District Council. The council, based at 'The House' in Long Stratton is similar in many respects to BDC and also focuses on delivering high quality services to residents. Both Councils will retain their autonomy, each making decisions in the interests of its residents.

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The significant change for both Councils has been the establishment of a single officer team working across both authorities to deliver these services. The process started with the appointment of Trevor Holden as Joint Managing Director on 2 Jan this year. The senior management structure was agreed and certain of the appointments of Director and Assistant Director were confirmed at special meetings held late in April this year. There are still further appointments to be made which will be done in the coming months.

For the eleventh year running Broadland has collected the most Council tax, with 99% of the total amount due collected by the end of March 2018. With such a high collection rate it means that more services can be protected, Council tax increases can be kept as low as possible and everybody is treated fairly.

The Council is leading the Norfolk league table when it comes to recycling.

Thanks to continued investment in new technology and dedication by the residents, official figures published put Broadland on 48.8%, this has dropped from 50.9% but they still top the league.

The council plans to go 'plastic free' over the next few years. Staff at the council offices bring in their own cups for tea and coffee, thus removing the need for single use plastic cups being dispensed by drinks machines.

Broadland is also at the forefront of tackling fuel poverty. The Council has been successful in bidding for more than £3million in funding that will be used over the next two years to help households. The Norfolk Warm Homes Fund is led by Broadland and will help those in poor health and vulnerable people in their homes, some of which may be cold and damp.

The Council introduced new safeguarding policies and training in relation to Licensed Private Vehicle drivers. Many existing drivers and new applicants have attended Safeguarding training, which promotes the effective welfare and safety of Taxi users. The Licensing Committee recently received their first application to license an electric vehicle as a taxi, part of a new green taxi company.

Broadland is the best area in Norfolk for food safety. Nearly 98% of all food businesses have been visited and rated. Broadland is 46 places ahead of any other district in Norfolk. The council work with businesses to improve standards as well as enforcing them.

The Council runs a 'choices' programme to help those who have been out of work for a longer period the chance to improve their employment chances by boosting confidence and learning new skills. The programme offers a personal approach to getting people back into work or into volunteering, applying for jobs with a new CV and work experience.

The Council runs a well-respected handyperson service to help with most small jobs around the home. Aimed primarily at Broadland residents aged 65+, with low cost repairs in the home or garden.

A lack of response from Broadland was raised concerning local flytipping – details to be forwarded to Cllr Nurden.

8. Parish Council financial report and accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

The income and expenditure details will be available on the website. The Council has finished the 2018/19 year with £17,453 in the bank, which is a good balance for a small council.

9. Report from the Village Hall Committee.

The village hall has had a favourable year. Works undertaken have included: New guttering, the rear end wall has been refactored, trees around the back border have been taken care of, pipes within the hall have been lagged for insurance purposes, soffit boards have been replaced. The hedge has been cut alongside the car park and thanks were extended to Mrs Mary Hannant. The noticeboard at the front has been cleared and further works are planned to repair this area. Bookings are steady, but the extensive maintenance undertaken in the last year has depleted the reserves and any support from the village is appreciated. The bingo is proving to be very successful once again.

10. Presentation from Ruth Davies – Freethorpe First Responders.

Ruth was unable to attend, but the clerk had received a report – to be added into the minutes and uploaded to the website but not read to the meeting:

It's been a busy year since I have taken on the Co-ordinators role for Freethorpe First Responders and decided to train to be a Community First Responder myself after seeing what these wonderful team of volunteers do in our local villages. They give up their personal time, day and night to help people in life threatening situations.

Both myself and my partner Billy completed our training in September 2018, and have personally been out to over 20 call outs since then ourselves. It's amazing just by walking into the room how the stress levels drop with the patient and others within the household which can make a lot of difference. We are still getting use to waking up trying to dress quickly which can be a challenge when coming around from a deep sleep. I have the clothes laid out in a specific order otherwise I am sure I would end up going to a patient with my pyjama bottoms on still!

Our team of seven Community First Responders have been out to various people from young toddlers to the elderly with high temperatures, breathing issues to cardiac arrests, which in most cases, we have had positive outcomes totalling 87 call outs for the year, 18 more than last year. For both Beighton and Moulton we had 5 in total.

Beighton Village Hall defibrillator is looked after by David Phillips who regularly checks the cabinet. The defib failed in August 2018 and a replacement has been organised.

Moulton Garden Centre defibrillator is checked monthly by myself; 1 set of pads were replaced in January 2019 and the other in April 2019 as expired. All consumables for Moulton are covered by Freethorpe First Responder Group.

The other Defibrillators in local villages are situated at: -

Halvergate Village Hall

Cantley Village Hall

Reedham Village Hall

Reedham Riverside

Freethorpe Pavilion on the playing field

We would not have been able to continue our volunteer work without the support of

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the general public. We have received donations through our box in the Freethorpe Village shop, a lovely couple in Cantley who kindly sell various bits and pieces in their front garden and have also received money in lieu of flowers, when a parishioner has passed away.

We are continuing to arrange for Junior First Aid Training in two of the local schools for year 6 children. The best young First Aider receives a shield in memory of

Liam Smith who tragically died at an early age whilst a pupil at Reedham School.

We are actively seeking new volunteers for the local villages so anyone interested please do contact me by email [free.resp@gmail.com](mailto:free.resp@gmail.com)

Clerk to email for reassurance that the Village Hall Defibrillator is still being checked – volunteer is available if necessary.

11. Parishioners' Forum - for residents to raise any concerns or questions  
None raised.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed: