

# BEIGHTON WITH MOULTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 7.30 pm at Beighton Village Hall

Present: Joseph Wright (Chairman), Ivan Cator, Valerie Mack, Kathleen Ashcroft, Sophie Young, Edgar Matthews, Allan Wright, Jessica Jennings (Clerk)

Plus Grant Nurden (District Councillor) + 6 Parishioners

## 1. Attendance:

Apologies received and accepted from Lana Hemsall, County Councillor

## 2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None

## 3. Public Forum

### 3.1 District Councillor's Report – Grant Nurden

- Grant reported that the Food Innovation Centre at Eaton has got the go ahead and construction work started at the end of July.
- The contract for the Waste Removal Service will be awarded to an, as yet unannounced, provider in October, when the provider's details will be made public.
- A food waste collection service is being considered and if it is agreed it should come into effect in 2022. This idea stems from the Government's proposal for all District Councils to offer this service within the next 2 to 3 years.
- Grant has £75 of his Member's Grant to award. If any organisation is looking for some equipment, then Grant would be happy to help out. Any requests should be made before the end of December.

### 3.2 Village Hall Report – Ed Matthews

- The Village Hall now has a new Committee
- Jill Sickle will be stepping down as Treasurer.
- They are hoping to re-start activities at the Village Hall as soon as possible and to bring in some much-needed revenue.

### 3.3 Parishioners Comments

- Concerns were raised about the speed of traffic on Southwood Road and how the majority of cars appear to be over the speed limit. One car hit a cat in August and didn't bother to stop.
- Parishioner had spoken to Highways and told them speeds were excessive and that a speed camera was needed. As well as the danger to animals, there is a potentially significant danger to pedestrians, cyclists and children.
- Another Parishioner had spoken to Acle Police but was told there was a lack of personnel available to do anything much that was constructive. Although the Community Speedwatch exists in Beighton Parish it doesn't have much clout. Cars travel so fast that the number plates can't be read.

- Speeding occurs at all times of the day, all week. Unfortunately, the majority of those speeding are likely to be residents of the Parish. It is a problem that is already a real issue and it's felt that it's getting a lot worse.
- Peter Howell (Community Speedwatch Coordinator) explained that there had been 13 members on the Speedwatch Committee but since Covid there are now only 2 people who are prepared to continue. Whilst out carrying out speed checks, the volunteers have been subject to abuse from drivers.
- Although the Speedwatch signs can be effective for the duration of the speed check session, as soon as the signs are removed, drivers revert to high speeds again.
- Peter appealed for new members of Community Speedwatch and said if anyone wanted to join to contact him by the end of October, before he returns the equipment.

#### **4. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were agreed to be a true and accurate account and it was resolved that the Chairman sign them.

##### 4.2 Matters Arising:

- The footpath between the Village Hall and the steps at Lingwood Road is very overgrown again. Requested that Clerk contact Highways again to cut back.

##### 4.3 Clerk's Report

- Clerk reported that she had received an email from Dan Green, Site General Manager, at British Sugar answering the points raised by parishioners sent in an email. Clerk to put these on the Website and to invite Dan Green to the next PC meeting so that parishioners get the chance to question him in person regarding any concerns they may have over the next Campaign .
- Clerk still waiting to hear from Ali Pridmore, Senior Community Protection Officer, regarding the rubbish at Apple Tree Corner.
- Footpath at Beighton Church – Clerk has emailed Highways to request that clearer signage is put in place to make it clear that access to the footpath behind the church is through the churchyard (and not over private property as is happening now).
- Clerk has applied to Norfolk ALC Wellbeing for the Commemorative Token for Community Spirit in the face of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Parish Council to decide if they would like to just receive it or to have it officially presented at a meeting.
- Clerk has transferred £380 to both Moulton Church and Beighton Church towards their grass cutting costs.

#### **5. Correspondence of Note**

- Norfolk ALC Wellbeing – application to receive token to commemorate community spirit in the face of Covid-19 pandemic. Forwarded to Councillors – Clerk has applied.
- Norfolk ALC Wellbeing – invitation to join the Norfolk Parish Movement for an Offshore Transmission Network (OTN) Review and consequent damage caused by cabling connections. Forwarded to Councillors for information and consideration. Councillors agreed to put this on November's Agenda.

- Broadland & South Norfolk Accommodation Review – request for feedback. Councillors had received this for information. Agreed that their preference would be for the Planning Team to remain in Thorpe Lodge and, if possible, that general accommodation should remain at the existing offices at Thorpe Lodge.
- Broadland District Council – information about organising litter picks, including associated regulations. Forwarded to Councillors for information. Agreed not to pursue.

## 6. Planning – None to discuss

Applications received since last meeting:

20211392 – 1 Acle Road, Moulton St Mary, Single Storey side and rear extension

20211515 – Church Farm, Church Hill, Beighton, Change of use from personal art studio and workshop to holiday let.

No objections raised. Clerk responded accordingly.

## 7. Finance

7.1 The following payments were agreed:

Norfolk Pension Fund	August / September	£	100.40	
Jessica Jennings	August / September Wages	£	384.84	
HMRC	August / September Nil Return	£	0.00	
Beighton Village Hall	May Meeting Hire	£	19.00	
Jessica Jennings	Zoom Licence Fee (September)	£	7.20	Standing Order
Jessica Jennings	Clerk's Expenses (Mileage)	£	14.40	
Moulton Church	Grant for Grass Cutting	£	380.00	
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	<b>Total:</b>		<b>£ 1,285.84</b>	

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Receipts:

Lloyds Bank	Interest	£	0.24
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Bank Balance as at 24 <sup>th</sup> September	£6,489.12
Outstanding Payments	£ 14.40
(Receipts	£ 0.24)
Business Account Balance	£13,584.43
<b>TOTAL FUNDS:</b>	<b>£20,059.15</b>

## 8. Items for Discussion

8.1 Speeding in Parish – Councillors discussed the issue of speeding in the Parish and considered the points raised in the Public Participation part of the meeting.

- Peter Howell commented that the Community Speedwatch team, over 18 months of monitoring, had only caught 2 sugarbeet lorries speeding and that the problem is with cars. The highest speed recorded on High Road was 96mph.
- The monitoring process has to capture the following information: Registration number, vehicle make and the colour.
- The Clerk explained that Highways would not install a Speed Camera of the type that takes a photo and issues a penalty, and that any suggestion from Highways for a Speed Monitor would be for a SAM2 (Speed Awareness Monitor) which flashes up your speed (up to a maximum number, beyond which it flashes the message 'Slow Down').
- Speed cameras that issue penalties are Road Safety Cameras and fall under a scheme introduced by the Department of Transport in 2001 to reduce the incidence and severity of road traffic collisions. The partnership is mainly led by the Police and enforcement is used by issuing 'Notice of Intended Prosecutions' to any vehicles exceeding speed limits.
- The Police are responsible for enforcing speed limits.
- Norfolk has 25 fixed cameras in the whole county.
- The Clerk also explained how a SAM2 can be purchased through Norfolk County Council's Parish Partnership Scheme where NCC pay 50% and the Parish Council 50%.
- There are certain criteria that have to be met in order to be able to install a SAM2 which include any monitoring site being within 100 mts of the speed limit boundary on a road, it must be on a straight piece of road to allow the SAM2 to pick up and record the speed and it must be on a road with a speed limit denoted by a speed sign.
- Sites to place poles on which to mount the SAM2 would have to be approved by Highways and Westcotec (who manufacture the SAM2). There are strict rules about how long a SAM2 may stay in one location before having to be moved to a different one.
- As each SAM2 is calibrated to a speed limit in advance of purchasing it, if it were to be used on Southwood Road and Morley Road, it would have to be calibrated to 30mph and would therefore not be able to be used on High Road (which has its own speed monitor anyway).
- Moulton St Mary has many bends and would be unsuitable for a sign for the main road going through it. Morley Road could be a suitable place to have a SAM2.
- Data from the SAM2 can be downloaded so patterns of speed behaviour can be seen. Grant Nurden advised that Freethorpe PC used their data to identify peaks and asked the Police to come out at those times to carry out speed checks.
- Councillors discussed and agreed that the Clerk should i) request that Roy Payne from Westcotec come out to assess suitability for a SAM2 on roads in the Parish and ii) apply to Norfolk County Council's next Parish Partnership Scheme for a SAM2 if found to be suitable.

8.2 Tree Warden – Karen Angel, to explain her role as Tree Warden. Karen explained that she would like to get more trees and hedges in Beighton. These would be likely to have to go on farmers' land but she would be able to help the farmers and requested their phone numbers so that she can contact them (Val Mack to provide numbers). Karen would be able to help get any grants that may be available for any land that the Parish Council owned. She also added that tree and hedge lined streets and roads help to slow traffic, absorb noise and help wildlife.

8.3 Local Members Highway Funding – Councillors were asked to consider potential areas of spend of the fund that could benefit Beighton and Moulton St Mary. Fund is limited and at discretion of County Councillor. It was agreed to ask Lana about the possibility of getting charging points for electric cars installed. Clerk to enquire.

8.4 CIL Money & General Funds – Councillors to consider any potential appropriate spend in the Parish of CIL money awarded to the Parish Council and also of general funds. It was suggested that some could be given to the Village Hall to help with repainting, replacing heaters and lights and making it more hospitable. Clerk to enquire.

8.4 Operation London Bridge – Location for Copper Beech. Carried forward.

**9. Items for Next Agenda / Information:**

- Invite Dan Green, British Sugar, to the next meeting.

With no more business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8.35 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 7.30 pm, Beighton Village Hall

Signed:

..... J. Wright (Chairman) Date: .....