

BEIGHTON WITH MOULTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 9th November 2021, 7.30 pm at Beighton Village Hall

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

Plus Grant Nurden (District Councillor) + 9 Parishioners

1. Attendance:

Apologies received and accepted from Joseph Wright, Chairman

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None

3. Public Forum

3.1 District Councillor's Report – Grant Nurden

- A workshop and discussion has taken place regarding setting the Budget for 2022-23 which will be agreed at the February meeting.
- The results from the Accommodation Review should be made clear in the next few months.
- There are 2 new Green Party members on BDC.

3.2 Village Hall Report – Peter Howell / Members of the Village Hall Committee

- The Village Hall is in dire straits financially. They would like the Parish Council to consider giving them a donation to help keep them afloat with bills.
- Freethorpe PC gives an annual donation to their Village Hall of approx. £3,500.
- The Village Hall hasn't had an income at all, due to Covid. Its annual outgoings are £2,580. The electricity standing charge on its own is £160 before any actual usage. Electrical testing is £200, Grass cutting £420, cleaning £680, fire extinguisher service, £200, Water £50 and green bin charges £220. These costs are the 'fixed' costs only and don't include usage. On top of that is the cost of Insurance (no amount provided).
- They are looking to upgrade lighting / heating to be more energy efficient and to make the toilet lights PIR – the estimated cost of doing all of that is £371.80.
- Current income comes from hiring the hall out to a Martial Arts club and for band practice for Saxability but this is very small.
- The heating is paid for by a meter which hirers pay for by putting money in it but it's a very inefficient system.
- The loss of Shirley has resulted in a loss of extremely good fundraising ability.
- Grant Nurden suggested the Village Hall Committee apply for grants via Broadland District Council to see if they can access financial help.
- It was confirmed that the Village Hall had not applied for or received any grants during Covid even though they were available.

Councillors listened to these points and agreed the Village Hall will be an item on the next Agenda in January. Clerk also explained that making any donation would be subject to any rules that Parish Councils have to adhere to and there were strict guidelines surrounding donations.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

4.2 Matters Arising: None

4.3 Clerk's Report

- Clerk reported that the questions posed to an answers received from Dan Green, Site Manager at Cantley Sugarbeet Factory had been put on to the website. If the Clerk receives any response from parishioners with further issues not already mentioned, then Dan would be willing to attend a future PC meeting to discuss further.
- The complaints about the rubbish and general untidiness at Apple Tree Corner, Moulton St Mary, have been noted by BDC but a constructive response is yet to be received. Clerk to keep chasing.
- Foot path at Beighton Church. Raised in July's meeting, Clerk has contacted Highways. They will put a sign up to make it clearer where access to the path is but want to confirm the church is ok to have a sign near the entrance. Clerk to meet with Kate Ashcroft, Churchwarden, to discuss best placement. Clerk also asked Highways for more details of the type of sign they will provide, e.g. finger post or board with written information.
- Clerk has prepared the application for the Parish Partnership Scheme to get a SAM2 speed awareness monitor and will be meeting with Roy Payne from Westcotec, who manufacture and provide them.
- £4,670 of CIL money has been received into the PC's account but this needs to be ringfenced from the PC's total amount available to spend, in order to abide by the criteria of approved spend attached to CIL money.
- The 2nd instalment of the Precept has been paid into the PC's account.
- The Clerk advised that her pay is now being paid on a monthly basis rather than a bi-monthly basis.
- Remembrance Sunday – 2 wreaths have been ordered and delivered. Payment needs to be arranged - £60 (2 x £30) which the Clerk will pay by Bank Transfer.

5. Correspondence of Note

- Norfolk ALC – general information including access to a webinar on Norfolk County Council's Budget proposals to give PC's view. Forwarded to Councillors for information and to consider if they would like to contribute to the webinar.
- Broadland District Council – the second instalment of the precept has been received. For information only.
- Broadland District Council – CIL money has been received. For information only.

6. Planning – None to discuss

7. Finance

Balance as at 30th September £ 6,489.12

Payments made:

John Gallop	Internal Audit Fee	£ 125.00
Viking	Stationary Order	£ 46.20
Jessica Jennings	Zoom Licence Fee (October)	£ 7.20
A L Shearing	Playing Field Rent	£ 192.50
Norfolk Pension Fund	October (+ arrears of £3.52)	£ 54.60
Jessica Jennings	October Wages	£ 192.42
HMRC	October / November Nil Return	£ 0.00
Jessica Jennings	McAfee Security Refund	£ 49.99
Jessica Jennings	Clerk's Expenses – Mileage	£ 14.40
	Total:	£ 682.31

Payments received:

Broadland DC	Precept – 2 nd instalment	£ 3,567.00
Broadland DC	CIL Money	£ 4,670.46
Lloyds Bank	Interest	£ 0.12
	Total:	£ 8,237.58

Bank Balance as at 1 st November	£14,044.39
Outstanding Payments	£ 70.08
(Receipts)	£ 0.11)
Projected Treasurers Account Balance	£13,974.42
Business Account Balance	£13,584.43
TOTAL FUNDS:	£27,558.85

8. Items for Discussion

8.1 Draft Budget 2022/23 - to consider and approve the Budget for 2022/23
Councillors considered the Budget and approved it.

8.2 Precept 2022/23

Councillors considered the setting of the Precept for the next financial year and after some discussion agreed to keep it the same - £7,134.00

8.3 Local Members Highway Funding – Electric charging points for cars

Councillors were hoping to discuss the possibility of using the funding to acquire electric charging points for cars. In the absence of Lana, it was decided to carry this forward to a future agenda. Lana has emailed the Clerk to confirm that Beighton have been added to her list of possible recipients, depending on availability of funds.

8.4 Remembrance Sunday – Wreaths

Clerk asked Councillors to officially agree on the amount they would pay for the wreaths, given that the expected cost of each wreath is £30. Councillors agreed – Clerk to pay £60 to RBL via Bank Transfer.

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

9. Items for Next Agenda / Information:

- Village Hall
- Worlds End sign post and sign have been stolen. Clerk to inform BDC and ask for replacements.
- Fly tipping in layby on High Road, near Manor Farm.
- Hopewell Gardens – the sign for children crossing is obscured slightly by a tree. Clerk to inform Highways that visibility affected.

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

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 11th January 2022, 7.30 pm, Beighton Village Hall

Signed:

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