

BEIGHTON WITH MOULTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 11th January 2022, 7.30 pm at Beighton Village Hall

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

Plus Grant Nurden (District Councillor) + 9 Parishioners

1. Attendance:

Apologies received and accepted from Val Mack and Lana Hempsall (County Councillor)

2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** Allan Wright and Edgar Matthews declared an interest in item 8.1 Village Hall, as they are both on the Village Hall Committee.

3. Public Forum

3.1 District Councillor's Report – Grant Nurden

The Cabinet meeting was held in December and agreed the following:

- A District-wide food waste collection service will start in October 2022
- The proposed changes to the Housing Allocation Policy were approved and it was agreed to review it on an annual basis.
- The positive environmental impacts resulting from the Council providing match funding of up to £50,000 p.a. to support the use of 100% Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil in the delivery of the Strategic Environmental Services Contract from April 2022 were noted.
- The setting of Fixed Penalty Notice charge levels for specified environmental and anti-social behaviour offences was agreed. Proceeds of paid penalty charges will be reinvested in the respective service area's revenue expenditure budgets to support further service delivery.
- Street Naming and Numbering charges from 1st April will be introduced. The adoption of the policy will come into effect on 1st April. These are new charges and will be borne by the property developers and property owners who want to change their property to a name or number.
- Monitoring fees for Section 106 agreements were agreed to be adopted from 1st April. These will be borne by the property developers.
- Full details of all of the above can be found on BDC's website.
- The budget for the next financial year is expected to show no increase in BDC's portion of the Council Tax bill. This is due to BDC and SNC merging and working collaboratively.

3.2 Village Hall Report – Ed Matthews

- Ed Matthews reported that the Village Hall had held 2 Bingo nights in December. After expenses (Bingo books, prizes etc), they generated profits of £61.52 and £261 respectively.

- Maintenance and repairs are a high priority and include issues with the apex and coping of the roof, grass growing around the edge of the building causing damp and necessitating putting in a French drain all round.
- The front hedge and fence need attention – the hedge is growing into the overhead wires again.
- The lighting and heating systems need to be looked at.

3.3 Peter Howell, Speedwatch

- There has been no interest or response to the Speedwatch call for volunteers so Peter is retiring and returning all the equipment.
- He reiterated that the 3 main things the Village Hall needs are new lighting, new heating and repaint work. He requested that the Parish Council consider giving the committee some money towards them.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2021 were agreed to be a true and accurate account and it was resolved that the Chairman sign them.

4.2 Matters Arising:

4.3 Clerk's Report, bullet point 3 – Kate Ashcroft requested that Churchwarden be corrected to 'PCC Treasurer / Secretary'.

4.3 Clerk's Report

- Invoice received from Broadland DC for emptying the Dog/Litter Bin at the Village Hall for £189.80 which has been paid by bank transfer on 2nd January.
- Clerk still waiting to get confirmation from Highways of details of the sign needed to go up outside the church regarding access to the public footpath behind the church.
- The Parish Partnership Scheme application for a SAM2 speed awareness sign has been sent in to Norfolk CC. Notification of success or not will be sent to PC in March.

5. **Correspondence of Note**

- East Anglia's Children's Hospices – request for a donation to help bereaved parents. Councillors agreed to make a donation of £75. Clerk to action.
- Broadland DC – cessation of Beighton Gun Club being able to use Beighton Pit for Clay Shoots. Councillors were disappointed that this has happened, especially after 40 years of use in this way. Grant Nurden explained that insurance had been an issue and that there was a lot of shooting litter. He said the site would now be available for anyone in the Parish to use for recreation. Broadland DC had wanted to bring it into line with all other common land under their authority.

6. **Planning – None to discuss**

7. Finance

Balance as at 1st November £ 14,044.39

Payments made:

Norfolk Pension	November	£ 51.08
Jessica Jennings	Clerk's Fees (November)	£ 195.42
HMRC	November Nil Return	£ 0.00
Beighton Village Hall	Meeting Hire (November)	£ 19.00
Jessica Jennings	Zoom Fee (November)	£ 7.20
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreaths x 2	£ 60.00
Norfolk Pension	December	£ 51.08
Jessica Jennings	Clerk's Fees (December)	£ 192.42
HMRC	December Nil Return	£ 0.00:
Jessica Jennings	Zoom Fee (December)	£ 7.20
Total:		£ 583.40

Payments approved at meeting (outstanding):

Beighton Village Hall	Meeting Hire (January)	£ 19.00
Jessica Jennings	Clerk's Fees (January)	£ 195.42
Broadland D.C.	Dog / Litter Bin Emptying	£ 189.80
Jessica Jennings	Zoom Fee (January)	£ 7.20
Total:		£ 411.42

Payments received:

Lloyds Bank	Interest	£ 0.22
Total:		£ 0.22

Bank Balance as at 1 st January	£13,461.21
Outstanding Payments	£ 411.42
(Receipts	£ 0.22)
Projected Treasurers Account Balance	£13,049.79
Business Account Balance	£13,584.43
TOTAL FUNDS:	£26,634.22

8. Items for Discussion

8.1 Village Hall - to discuss the financial situation and if/how the Parish Council could help. Councillors considered the Budget and approved it.

Councillors acknowledged the various issues that the Village Hall faces. Grant Nurden put forward that he has a Members' Fund of £500 which can be used for buying equipment. He would be

prepared to donate that to the Village Hall Committee for use for buying equipment on submission of an application from them.

It was suggested that the kitchen be upgraded as it was dated an off-putting to potential hirers. However, it was pointed out that there were many stringent regulations surrounding kitchens that are used for hire. Also, that it was currently an unaffordable financial commitment and that, eventually, if the hall was to be rebuilt, it would be premature. If the Hall will eventually be completely rebuilt, it would be not be in anyone's interest to invest too much money in it now if it's eventually going to be demolished.

It was agreed that the Village Hall Committee should look for and apply for any grants that were available. Grant suggested they speak to Broadland DC 's Community Team and ask them about Business Support Grants etc.

The Clerk explained that there was scope for a Section 137 grant application to be made, which makes use of Precept money. CIL money is also available and the Clerk has had confirmation for using it for spend on heating, lighting, and décor as being acceptable within its spending criteria.

Allan Wright proposed a grant of £400 from CIL money to go towards heating, lighting and/or paintwork. All Councillors in agreement. Clerk to action. All receipts to be kept and filed by Village Hall Committee Treasurer (Allan Wright).

8.2 Highways Issues

Clerk requested any Highways issues that need attention so a list can be compiled and sent off to Highways to address. The following issues were noted as needing attention:

Location	Issue
World's End, Beighton	Sign & Post stolen. Replacements needed.
Hopewell Gardens	'Children Crossing' sign obscured by tree and needs trimming back.
Ash Tree Road, Moulton	Flooding – ditch needs digging out, side being eroded by traffic.
Ash Tree Road / Sandy Lane	Suggested that signage needed to say 'unsuitable for HGV's'
Acle Road (near Red Barn)	Sign knocked over and lying on its side.
Acle Road (on way to Acle)	Pot hole on bend.
Ash Tree Farm, Ash Tree Road	Large pot hole near entrance.
High Road	Ongoing flooding issues – report as before.
Moulton Church / Barns	Large pot hole near church / entrance to barn.

Clerk to take photos and send to Highways.

8.3 Queen's Platinum Jubilee – to discuss how to mark the Jubilee

Celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee will run from 2nd to 5th June. It was agreed that the Parish should do something to mark this occasion.

It was suggested and agreed that the Village Hall Committee and the Parochial Church Council should organise it as a joint venture and use the Hall and the Church and green. The idea of a fete of some kind was put forward.

Councillors agreed to fund a marquee – this would allow for any events to take place regardless of weather. Kate Ashcroft to ask if Acle Church’s marquee could be loaned out and Allan Wright to look into costs of hiring a large marquee.

Any updates will be reported at the next PC meeting.

8.4 Noticeboard

Clerk reported that the Parish Council’s noticeboard outside the Village Hall comes open, even though it’s been locked. Two parishioners had reported this to the Clerk to say the doors were wide open and all notices wet. In windy weather, the glass in the doors could break.

Ivan Cator kindly offered to fix it. Clerk to drop key round to him.

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

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

- Queen’s Jubilee update

With no more business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8.30 pm

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 8th March 2022, 7.30 pm, Beighton Village Hall

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J. Wright (Chairman) Date: