

BEIGHTON WITH MOULTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2022, 8.15pm at Beighton Village Hall

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

Plus Lana Hemsall (County Councillor), Grant Nurden (District Councillor) + 4 Parishioners

1. Attendance:

Apologies received and accepted from Kathleen Ashcroft

2 Election of Chairman

Joe Wright stood down as Chairman. Val Mack nominated Joe Wright as Chairman, with Allan Wright seconding. All voted in favour of Joe Wright, who accepted.

3 Election of Vice Chairman

Val Mack nominated Sophie Young, with Ivan Cator seconding. All voted in favour and Sophie Young accepted.

4 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

Edgar Matthews and Allan Wright declared an interest in Agenda Item 10.2, The Village Hall, Request for Financial Help. (See Item 8.2 on the Minutes)

5 Public Forum

5.1 District Councillor's Report – Grant Nurden

- There will be a meeting on Thursday 12th May to decide on the accommodation for Broadland District Council and South Norfolk Council.
- Town and Council Parish Forums take place regularly, via Zoom, and serve as a useful way of getting to understand better what Parish Councils can do.
- Grant confirmed that Beighton Village Hall has applied to him for his annual grant to help update the hall's kitchen. He will be able to inform them soon as to whether it has been approved or not.
- Grant has spoken to some of the members of Beighton Pit Gun Club and also to the Director of Place. There is a proposal to transfer the ownership of it to the Parish Council so that it remains within Community ownership but is taken out of Common Land and Broadland DC's ownership. This would allow shooting to take place. The funding would be put up by an interested individual and would not be at any cost to the Parish Council.

Peter Howell commented that there were not many grants that the Village Hall could apply for as their income is less than £5,000. Grant responded that there are charities who can fund other

charities and also suggested asking other Parish Councils where funding comes from for Village Halls. Clerk to enquire.

6 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2022 were agreed to be a true and accurate account and it was resolved that the Chairman sign them.

6.2 Matters Arising: None

7 Planning

20220542 7 Hopewell Gardens, Beighton

Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension.

No objections raised. Clerk to inform Broadland District Council

8 Finance

Balance as at 1st March £12,477.40

Payments made:

Jessica Jennings	Clerk's Fees (March)	£ 195.42
HMRC	March Nil Return	£ 0.00
Norfolk Pension Fund	Clerk's Pension (Jan)	£ 51.08
Norfolk Pension Fund	Clerks Pension (Feb)	£ 51.08
Beighton Village Hall	Meeting Hire (March)	£ 19.00
Jessica Jennings	Zoom Fee (March)	£ 7.20
HMRC	April Nil Return	£ 0.00
Jessica Jennings	Zoom Fee (April)	£ 7.20

Total: £ 330.98

Payments approved at meeting (outstanding):

Jessica Jennings	Clerk's Fees (April)	£ 207.84
Norfolk Pension Fund	Clerk's Pension (March)	£ 51.08
Jessica Jennings	Clerk's Fees (May)	£ 207.00
Jessica Jennings	Clerk's Back-Pay	£ 185.12
Beighton Village Hall	Meeting Hire (May)	£ 19.00
Norfolk ALC	Annual Subscription	£ 164.20
Jessica Jennings	Zoom Fee (May)	£ 7.20
Norfolk Pension Fund	(April)	£ 55.66
Beighton Village Hall	Grant	£ 565.00
BHIB Ltd	Annual Insurance Premium	£ 242.49

Total: £ 1,704.59

Payments received:

Lloyds Bank	Interest	£ 0.32
Broadland D.C.	Precept 1 st Instalment	£ 3,567.00

Total: £3,567.32

Bank Balance as at 1 st May	£15,713.64
Outstanding Payments	£ 1,704.59
(Receipts	£ 3,567.32)
Projected Treasurers Account Balance	£14,009.15
Business Account Balance	£13,584.43
TOTAL FUNDS:	£27,593.58

9 Items for Discussion

9.1 Annual Accounts – Certificate of Exemption

Councillors acknowledged that as both the Parish Council's gross income and gross expenditure were less than £25,000 that they qualify for exemption. The Exemption Certificate was therefore signed.

9.2 Village Hall – request for financial help

Allan Wright and Edgar Matthews had declared an interest in this Agenda Item, as both are on the Village Hall Committee, but put forward their reasons why the Village Hall were asking for financial help:

- They thanked the Parish Council for the £400 grant they have already given them, for work already carried out and gave the Clerk the receipts, in order to claim back the VAT.
- The Village Hall Committee would like a further grant from the Parish Council to cover the grass cutting, which is done 4 times a year at a cost of £65 per cut. However, with the Jubilee celebrations coming up, a further 2 cuts are needed.
- The hot water heater in the kitchen needs replacing as the existing one is faulty. This would be at a cost of £120.
- A steel security cabinet for hall equipment that can't be stored under the stage, due to damp, at a cost of £145. This has already been bought by the Village Hall but they would like a grant from the Parish Council to include that cost too.
- The kitchen flooring needs replacing, with heavy duty vinyl flooring at a cost of £16/sqm which, at 12sqm, would be £200 + fitting of £100.
- The total cost of works listed above is approx. £900.

Councillors discussed these requests and considered whether this was a one off request or whether there would be continuous requests. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would give the Village Hall Committee £565 to cover the cost of the items in the kitchen (Hot water heater, £120, Flooring, £300 and also cover the cost of the steel security cabinet, £145) Clerk to transfer £565 to the Village Hall bank account.

It was also agreed that the grass cutting costs would be considered separately at a future PC meeting.

9.3 War Memorial, Moulton St Mary – to consider quote from Abbey Memorials

This was also discussed at the meeting on 8th March and carried forward for further consideration. The quote put forward by Abbey Memorials is very expensive. Clerk been unable to find any documentation regarding a similar request for a donation towards the War Memorial at Moulton St Mary, which was thought to have been in about 2014.

Ed Matthews and Allan Wright had been to look at the memorial and confirmed that it was very weathered in its current state. They suggested that another, cheaper alternative be looked at such as a new 'facia' that could be carved with the names and put over the existing writing, rather than re-chisel. It was agreed to discuss with Jayne Smith and for an alternative price to be got and then discuss again at the next meeting.

9.4 Meeting Dates for 2022/23

These were confirmed and handed out to Councillors. The same pattern of every 2nd Tuesday in the months of May, July, September, November, January and March will continue.

9.5 Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Update

There will be bunting and banners, and it will be advertised and publicized widely with posters and on Facebook and the Website.

There will be 3 marquees, and activities including Tug of War, Stocks, Splat the Rat, dancing and singing. Strawberry teas will be available.

There will be a raffle, with many very good prizes which have been donated by local businesses, including Cantley Sugar Factory who have given £200 (£100 will be included as Raffle prize and £100 as a Bingo prize).

Funds raised will be split equally between the Parish and the Church

Councillors discussed whether a tree could be planted in the Sandhole. It was also suggested that a circular bench be constructed around the existing tree (in memory of Princess Diana) on the triangle outside Beighton Church. Clerk to contact Highways to ask if this would be possible.

10 Items for Next Agenda / Information:

- Tree near triangle and near wires – needs trimming back. JW to arrange.

With no more business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8.00 pm

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 12th July 2022, 7.30 pm, Beighton Village Hall

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J. Wright (Chairman) Date: