

BEIGHTON WITH MOULTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 12th July 2022, 7.30pm at Beighton Village Hall

Present: Ivan Cator, 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 Joe Wright, Kate Ashcroft, Val Mack and Sophie Young.

NB In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Ivan Cator was nominated to chair the meeting.

2 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations:

Ed Matthews and Allan Wright declared an interest in Item 7.4, Village Hall Grass Cutting.

3 Public Forum

3.1 County Councillor's Report – Lana Hemsall

- The North Western Link is likely to become a planning application and is available to view on the NCC Website. The application went to Cabinet, was not called in, so will go to Council for approval.
- The Website details how the environmental factors, such as protected habitats, will be managed as part of the project.
- The original cost of the project was £190m but with the current world situation and increasing prices, the cost has increased to £254m. It is hoped the Department for Transport will pay a considerable amount. Although the increase is large, the road is considered to be important with benefits.
- With the increase in the number of electric cars on the road, the majority of the Member's Grant is being used for EV Charging points. Lana would like to see the rural areas included for these.
- Reedham will be getting some EV Charging points in the next few months, as will Acle Recreation Centre. She will send a quote for the installation cost of an EV Charging point.

3.2 District Councillor's Report – Grant Nurden

- The Horizon Building on Broadland Business Park has been purchased to house both Broadland District Council and South Norfolk Council now that they have amalgamated to become one team.
- The funding for the purchase has come from the Councils' reserves so won't affect Council Tax bills. It will also improve the efficiency of the Councils in the short and long term, such as maintenance costs which will now only apply to one building.
- John Fisher is the new Chairman of Broadland District Council.

3.3 Village Hall Report – Allan Wright

- At the AGM the Committee stood down but all were re-elected to the same positions.
- Ed Matthews is still the Chairman.
- The Bingo nights have been very successful in raising funds.
- Money given to the Village Hall Committee by the Parish Council has been used to get a kitchen water heater and a security cabinet fitted.
- The Village Hall now has a letter box and it has been agreed that it will come under post code NR1 3LA.
- The Committee is looking for clarity on the Title Deeds; it looks as though Shearings had allocated the ground for the erection of the Village Hall but there is nothing to this effect in the Title Deeds. The Committee to contact the Land Registry.
- Clarity of ownership is needed in order to be able to raise funds.
- A sign is needed for the Village Hall to identify the building as such, as at the moment people don't immediately know it is a Village Hall.
- The Committee are looking at letters that can be put into a frame that will stand out against the black cladding.
- The noticeboard also has no name on it to show that it is the Parish Council's and that it advertises Parish Council business. It is in need of replacing – the Village Hall Committee will get some quotes for the cost of a replacement and pass them to the Parish Council.
- Mike to email Clerk details of the new Committee.

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.

4 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2022 were agreed to be a true and accurate account and it was resolved that the Chairman sign them.

4.2 Matters Arising: None

5 **Planning**

None

6 **Finance**

Balance as at 1st May £15,713.64

Payments made:

Jessica Jennings	Clerk's Fees (April)	£ 207.84
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HMRC	April & May Nil Return	£ 0.00
Norfolk Pension Fund	Clerk's Pension (March)	£ 51.08
Norfolk Pension Fund	Clerks Pension (April)	£ 55.66
Bighton Village Hall	Meeting Hire (May)	£ 19.00
Jessica Jennings	Zoom Fee (May)	£ 7.20

Beighton Village Hall	Grant (Section 137)	£	565.00
BHIB Ltd	Annual Insurance Premium	£	242.49
Norfolk ALC	Annual Subscription	£	164.20
Jessica Jennings	Clerk's Back-Pay (2021-22) *	£	185.12
Norfolk Pension Fund	Clerk's Pension (May & June)	£	113.00
Jessica Jennings	Zoom Fee (June)	£	7.20
Jessica Jennings	Clerk's Fees (June)	£	207.00
Broadland District Council	Dog Bin Fee (Dec Invoice)	£	189.80
Inside Out Marquee	Marquee Hire (Jubilee)	£	441.60
Jessica Jennings	Zoom Fee (July)	£	7.20
Jessica Jennings	Clerk's Fees (July)	£	207.00

**New NJC Pay Rates, applicable from 1st April 2021*

Total: £ 2,877.39

Payments received:

Lloyds Bank	Interest	£	0.34
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Total: £ 0.34

Outstanding Payment:

Beighton Village Hall	Meeting Hire (July)	£	19.00
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Bank Balance as at 22 nd July	£12,836.59
(Outstanding Payment)	£ 19.00)
Business Account Balance	£13,584.43
TOTAL FUNDS:	£26,402.02

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 Highways Issues

Councillors identified the following:

- Ash Tree Road – Kissing Cross, large pot hole.
- Beighton High Road – opposite the Acle Road sign, overgrown hedge needs to be cut back.
- High Road – flooding issues; blocked drains affecting properties (from concrete that was poured down them years ago) which need to be investigated fully by Highways.

7.2 SAM 2 – Memorandum of Understanding

- Memorandum of Understanding read and signed by Ivan Cator, to send to NCC to release funds.

7.3 SAM 2 – Logistics

- Ed Matthews volunteered to take on the responsibility of moving the SAM 2 around its various locations and for downloading the data from it.

- Preferred option for downloading data is Android Bluetooth. Clerk to check with Westcotec (the SAM2 manufacturers) about training support to be given to Ed to show him how to do this.

7.4 Village Hall – Grass Cutting – to discuss costs and how it should be paid for.

- It was decided to carry this forward to the next Agenda as both Ed Matthews and Allan Wright are on the Village Hall Committee and would have a vested interest if this was discussed with only one other Parish Councillor present.

7.5 Parish Council Funds – to acknowledge total balance of funds

- The balance of funds in the Parish Council Bank Accounts (£27,250.00) was acknowledged.
- The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that Section 137 spend of the Local Governance Act for this financial year is set at £8.82 per elector which equates to approx. £3,000.
- The amount set for the Precept should be a figure that covers the running costs of the Parish Council for the year.

8 Items for Next Agenda / Information:

- Village Hall Grass Cutting

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

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

Signed:

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