

# BEIGHTON WITH MOULTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 7.30pm at Beighton Village Hall

Present: Joe Wright, Ivan Cator, Valerie Mack, Sophie Young, Kate Ashcroft, Edgar Matthews, Allan Wright, Jessica Jennings (Clerk)

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

## 1. Attendance:

Apologies: None

## 2 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations: None

## 3 Public Forum

### 3.1 County Councillor's Report – Lana Hemsall

- Lord Dannet will be hosting a 3 hour Scrutiny meeting on the Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance which can be watched on Norfolk County Council's You Tube, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 10.00 am. Anglian Water will also be in attendance.
- Lana asked to know whether the Parish Council was interested in having Electric Vehicle charging points and suggested that if the PC were not in a rush to get them installed and could wait until the next financial year, she might be able to cover the entire cost.

*(It was pointed out that this issue was to be discussed at this meeting – Item 7.2 on Agenda)*

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

- There are currently two grants available:
  - Broadland Landowner Tree Planting Grant
  - Warm Spaces Grant (available to communities where people can't afford to keep warm at home and can come to a public building, such as a Village Hall, to keep warm. The grant awards up to £300.
- The next Town and Parish Council Forum meeting is on 28th November at 1.00pm. All councillors encouraged to attend.
- The Horizon Building is now owned jointly by South Norfolk Council and Broadland District Council, with approximately £2.5million being saved on the purchase price.
- Annual savings on running costs will be approximately £300,000 per annum which will have a positive effect on the Council's finances.
- On 7<sup>th</sup> November, South Norfolk House will close and staff will move to Thorpe Lodge. In the first quarter of 2023, all staff will move to the Horizon Building.
- Food waste bins have now been rolled out to all households in Broadland, with collections carried out by Veolia. Replacement bin liners will be provided free of charge from Broadland DC by leaving a note out with the bin.
- Looking to reduce Carbon Footprint by 84% and eventually become Carbon Neutral.

### 3.3 Village Hall Report – Ed Matthews

- The new floor in the Hall has started to lift in places due to damp. The person who put the floor down will be coming back to look at it.
- The kitchen is being fitted with new units but the plumbing is yet to be completed.
- Bingo (on every second Sunday) continues to generate a good income. So far, it has brought in approximately £1,254.
- A Quiz night has been organised for the 18<sup>th</sup> November.
- There are signs of dry rot on the gable end at the front of the Hall, as well as under the stage.
- There is a need for some major work to be carried out at the Hall.
- The Village Hall Committee thanked the Parish Council for the money they have donated towards the Hall.

## 4 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 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:

- A CIL payment of £245.29 has been paid into the PC's account from Broadland District Council, and also the 2<sup>nd</sup> Precept Instalment of £3,567.
- An additional item to be added to the Agenda: 7.6, Moulton War Memorial, to discuss the new quote for work needed to be done.

## 5 **Correspondence of Note**

Norfolk ALC – Share Certificate - certificate received to show that the Parish Council owns an equal part of the co-op along with other member councils.

Email from Village Hall Chairman - detailed the condition of the structure and fabric of the Hall, along with the need to apply for grants and to establish ownership of the Hall. (To go on next Agenda)

## 6 **Planning**

20221608 – Erection of Timber Storage Cabin (Retrospective), New Barn Cottage, Chapel Road, Beighton.

PC discussed and approved but only with the condition that the use is for storage only and not used as accommodation or a workplace.

## 7 **Finance**

Balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> September £15,543.94

Payments made:

Jessica Jennings	Zoom Fee (Oct, Nov, Dec)	£ 21.60
Jessica Jennings	Clerk's Fees (October)	£ 207.00
Jessica Jennings	Clerk's Fees (November)	£ 207.00

HMRC	October - Nil Return	£ 0.00
Royal British Legion	Wreaths x 2	£ 60.00
Norfolk Pension Fund	Clerk's Pension (Oct/Nov/Dec)	£ 174.93
Jessica Jennings	Back Pay (April to Nov)	£ 147.00 *
Moulton St Mary Church	Grass Cutting Donation	£ 380.00
Beighton Church	Grass Cutting Donation	£ 380.00
Jessica Jennings	Clerk's Fees (December)	£ 224.36 **

*\*\*New NJC Pay Rates, applicable from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 \*Back Pay at New Rate from April 2022 to November 2022*

**Total: £ 1,801.89**

Payments received:

Lloyds Bank	Interest	£ 5.14
Broadland District Council	CIL Payment	£ 245.29

**Total: £ 250.43**

Outstanding Payment:

Beighton Village Hall	Meeting Hire (July & Nov)	£ 38.00
Bank Balance as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December		£13,992.48
(Outstanding Payment)		£ 38.00)
Business Account Balance		£13,584.43
<b>TOTAL FUNDS:</b>		<b>£27,538.91</b>

## 8 Items for Discussion

### 8.1 Draft Budget / Precept

The Clerk presented the Draft Budget for 2023/24 which was discussed and agreed, with the following recommendations:

- Cancel the subscriptions to Community Action Norfolk (CAN), currently £30 p.a. and to Zoom, currently £86 p.a. as neither are utilised.

Councillors unanimously agreed not to increase the Precept as the Parish Council has a good amount in savings and reserves.

### 8.2 Electric Vehicle Charging Points

The possibility of installing EVCP's at the Village Hall was discussed, with detailed information having been sent round to Councillors in advance of the meeting and also questions asking for parishioners' views put onto both the Facebook Page and the Website. It had been explained that there would be ongoing running costs for the Parish Council and for a minimum of 5 years after installation.

Parishioners and Councillors were both in agreement that:

- Electric vehicles are expensive and there are very few in the parish.
- Those who do have them would be more likely to charge them at home than go to the Village Hall.
- People passing through the village are unlikely to stop and charge at the Hall.

- There are other things that should be focussed on first before considering these.  
Clerk to inform NCC that there is no interest at present.

8.3 Churchyard Grass Cutting – to discuss and agree amount to donate towards grass cutting at Beighton and Moulton churches.

- Councillors agreed to donate £380 to each church (total of £760), which is the same as in 2021.
- Ivan Cater noted that although the churchyard at Beighton looks very good, there have been some complaints about where the grass cuttings are being put, as they are piled up high and encourage rats are close to the boundary of neighbouring properties.

8.4 Village Hall Grass Cutting – to discuss grass cutting costs and how they should be paid for (carried forward from July's Meeting)

- Each cut is approx. £70.
- Between 6 to 8 cuts per year, amounting to approx. £400 p.a.
- Councillors had mixed views on whether the Parish Council should financially support the Village Hall but all agreed that the grass cutting costs should be reviewed annually and that this year the Parish Council will pay half the cost.
- Village Hall Committee to send an invoice to the Parish Council.

8.5 Moulton St Mary War Memorial

- A new quote for repair work needed to be carried out on the War Memorial, provided by Nick Hindle Stonemasons, was put to the Parish Council for consideration.
- To clean the memorial, including the cross, bases, concrete base and kerbing, and to clean letters, recutting where necessary, and enamel in black, and repoint any joints where necessary:
- £2,752 plus VAT at 20%
- Councillors unanimously agreed to meet the cost in full, having recognised that it is important to keep it in good condition and also as it is owned by the Parish Council.

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

- Flooding at Moulton, near The Vicarage needs reporting to Highways.
- Stone Corner – two large potholes, report to Highways.
- Village Hall – ownership and files.
- Village Hall – general condition of building.

With no more business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8.40 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 7.30 pm, Beighton Village Hall

Signed:

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