

BEIGHTON WITH MOULTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2023, 7.30pm at Beighton Village Hall

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

Plus Lana Hemsall (County Councillor), Grant Nurden (District Councillor) + 8 Parishioners

1. Attendance:

Apologies: Sophie Young, Valerie Mack

2 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations:

Edgar Matthews and Allan Wright for Item 8.2 regarding the Village Hall, as both are members of the Village Hall Committee and, in the event of a vote, would not be allowed to take part in the vote.

3 Public Forum

3.1 County Councillor's Report – Lana Hemsall

- The County Council is working to try and get a better funding deal for Norfolk, as Norfolk has been underfunded for a long time.
- There will be some Governance changes.
- Lana acknowledged that the Parish Council is not currently interested in installing Electric Vehicle Charging Points. She will look at what the money that could have been allocated to this could be spent on instead.

3.2 District Councillor's Report – Grant Nurden

- Grant promoted the Bin App for Broadland as a very useful tool in letting people know all about each Bin collection date and encouraged people to download it.
- Electrical items can be put out next to the recycling bins, as can batteries.
- Broadland News carries information on how to keep warm this Winter on the last page.
- He proposed that Beighton Parish Council considers working with Reedham / Cantley / Freethorpe / Halvergate and Acle Parish Councils to get together to work on local issues that affect all the parishes.
- Broadland District Council's share of the Council Tax bill has not increased for 2023/24.

3.3 Village Hall Report – Peter Howell

- Peter thanked the Parish Council for its support for the Village Hall and for the cash donations that allowed the heating system to be upgraded, along with paying for the grass to be cut and the hire of the marquee during the Jubilee celebrations.
- He stressed that the Village Hall Committee has never asked the Parish Council to take over the ownership of the Hall or to be responsible for future funding.

- He did stress the importance of establishing ownership of the Hall, as without it, it makes applying for grants and funding, such as Lottery funding, impossible as proof of ownership is needed.
- The Bingo nights continue to be a good draw and are well supported and good fundraisers. The Christmas Bingo made a profit of £203. In the last year, the total profit from Bingo nights is £2,000.
- Mike Spinks also thanked the Parish Council for their financial help.

3.4 Public Participation

- David Charles (Parishioner) asked Grant Nurden what he knew about the proposed Travellers' Site, which would be located under the fly-over of the new road at The White House junction on the A47 at Burlingham.
- Lana responded that the proposed site is between Lingwood and Beighton Parishes and that Gypsy and Travellers' sites are part of the Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP).
- She confirmed that Cabinet had only resolved today (10th January) to go to Public Consultation about all proposed sites.
- Information will be put onto the GNLP site and she will send details to the Clerk (via Grant) so that it can be advertised.
- All concerns should be put in responses to the Council.

4 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 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:

- Clerk confirmed that various Highways matters had been reported to Highways, including:
 - Broken Acle Road sign near the Red Barn: new stand needed and possibly new plate. Contractor to assess.
 - Faded Road signs on Church Hill / Sandy Lane: Contractor to assess and replace with new plates if necessary.
 - Stone Corner potholes: to be filled in.
 - Flooding on bend near The Vicarage, Moulton: inspected, gully blocked, will be cleaned and jetted to clear pipework.
 - Footpath at Beighton Church: Highways to put a sign up but not been done. Clerk to chase again.
- National Joint Council (NJC) National Clerk Pay Award confirmed, starting from 1st April 2022, with payment to be back dated. Pay award of £1,925 for 35 hours per week. Increase to Parish Clerk's pay based on 4 hours per week is £1.06 per hour (£37.019 per week, divided by 35 (full time) = £1.058 = £1.06 per hour increase. New hourly rate is now £12.11, which is £210 per month.
- Information Commissioners Office – annual renewal fee of £35 due by direct debit on 17th January.

5 Correspondence of Note

Norfolk & Waveney Mind	- Jay Harrison, Suicide Prevention Facilitator – provides support to communities that may benefit from such help.
Broadland Bin Collection App	- Launched on 19 th December 2022. Provides all information on collection dates and what can go in each bin.

6 Planning

None received.

7 Finance

Balance as at 31st December £13,992.48

Payments made:

Beighton Village Hall	Meeting Hire (July & Nov)	£	38.00
Beighton Village Hall	Meeting Hire (Jan)	£	19.00
ICO	Annual Registration Fee	£	35.00
Jessica Jennings	Clerk's Fees (January)	£	226.36
	Total:	£	318.36

Payments received:

Lloyds Bank	Interest	£	5.81
	Total:	£	5.81

Bank Balance as at 31 st January	£13,679.93
Business Account Balance	£13,584.43
TOTAL FUNDS:	£27,264.36

8 Items for Discussion

8.1 Village Hall Ownership – To determine who currently owns the Village Hall

There is currently no definitive documentation to say who the owner is. The Clerk has been through all the existing files which mention the Village Hall and, although deeds are mentioned, when they were purportedly filed with Barclays Bank in Acle in the 1966, having been returned to the Bank by English, Poll and Durrant Solicitors, there is nothing currently in existence detailing who the actual owner is.

Councillors agreed for Clerk to ask Val Mack (who was not present at this meeting) if she has any documentation pertaining to ownership, as her family own the land at the Village Hall and, if not, that the Clerk should contact the Land Registry and put in a formal search.

8.2 Village Hall – General Condition of the Building

This was not discussed as it was felt it had already been covered in previous meetings and it was well understood that the fabric of the building is in poor condition and a lot of money would need to be spent to bring it up to a decent standard. Until ownership is established, no grants can be applied for and no proper work can take place to improve its condition.

9 Items for Next Agenda / Information:

- Proposed Travellers / Gypsy site – PC to start drafting a letter in response to the Public Consultation.
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With no more business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8.10 pm

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 14th March 2023, 7.30 pm, Bighton Village Hall

Signed:

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