

# BEIGHTON WITH MOULTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 7.30pm at Beighton Village Hall

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

Grant Nurden (District Councillor) + 3 Parishioners

## 1. Attendance:

Apologies: Sophie Young, Lana Hemsall (County Councillor)

## 2 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations:

None

## 3 Public Forum

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

- Proposed Gypsy / Traveller site – Lana is pushing to get Highways to put in their response to Consultation. The deadline for submitting responses has been extended to the 20<sup>th</sup> March.
- Lingwood Parish Council held a meeting regarding the proposed site, which Grant attended and where he stated his opposition to the site. He spoke to one parishioner there who had wanted to see the proposal go to a full judicial review and for there to be active opposition. There was a lot of strong opposition at the meeting.
- At the District Council meeting in February, BDC got new vice chairman, who has taken over from Sue Pratton; Cllr Ken Killey.
- Progress is being made on Beighton pit: it is currently with BDC at the moment and they are waiting to hear what valuation will be put on transferring it. It should get transferred to the Parish Council, as representatives of the community. Grant would like to see it benefitting the community as a whole, not just one particular group.

### 3.3 Village Hall Report – Ed Matthews

- Ed had spoken to the insurance company who asked for a certificate for wiring in the Village Hall. This couldn't be found, as it had been sent to the previous insurers who had lost it. The last electrics test expired in October 2019. Tests are meant to take place every 5 years
- A quote for testing & inspection was obtained which was for £720. The electrician said all current wiring would need to be removed as it was outdated and superseded by new specs.
- The fact Hall is wood with a metal roof increases the risk from lightning strike / fire. The new panels which have been put in have got arc protection. and each circuit has now got individual RCD's etc.
- Ed, with his knowledge and experience as an electrician, was able to do the re-wiring and did so over 3 weeks, saving the Village Hall a lot of money. The work has been inspected by Malcolm Whittaker (Electrician) who confirmed that the electrics comply with current regulations.
- Allan Wright suggested that, when all the costs have come in, that the Parish Council could consider going 50/50. To go on a future Agenda when got all the figures.

- Bingo has started again, with 2 having taken place since Christmas. Each one made a profit of £74.
- Peter Howell stated that the Defibrillator needs new pads and that the 1<sup>st</sup> April is the deadline for providing these. He has arranged with Community Heartbeat Trust to receive some and the invoice to be sent to the Parish Council to pay. The cost will be £62. Pads need replacing every 2 years due to the gel inside them deteriorating. Also, if the defibrillator is ever used, pads need replacing straight away.

### 3.4 Public Participation

None

## 4 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 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:

- The Clerk confirmed the locations for the SAM2, with 3 in Beighton (Southwood Road, High Road x 2) and 2 in Moulton St Mary (both on Morley Road). She reminded the meeting that each site had to meet strict criteria and be approved by Highways.
- Village Hall ownership – ongoing in trying to find out information. To go on next meeting's Agenda.
- Reminded the PC of the upcoming King's Coronation and if they might have any plans for holding an event.
- Kent Solicitors, Acle, had contacted the Clerk to say they were in possession of title deeds to Poor Lands, which will need collecting as they are closing. Joe Wright has signed a letter authorising the Clerk to collect these.

## 5 **Correspondence of Note**

Age UK letter outlining their role in supporting elderly in local communities and asking for a donation. (See 8.1)

## 6 **Planning**

None received.

## 7 **Finance**

Balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> January £13,679.93

Payments made:

Norfolk Pension Fund	Clerk's Pension (Jan)	£	61.93
Broadland District Council	Dog Bins	£	237.12
HMRC	Tax	£	11.60
Beighton Village Hall	Meeting Hire (Feb)	£	19.00
Norfolk Pension Fund	Clerk's Pension (Feb)	£	61.93

Westcotec Ltd	SAM 2	£ 4,242.00
A L Shearing	Playingfield Rent	£ 192.50
Nick Hindle Stonemason	War Memorial (Moulton)	£ 1,650.00
Jessica Jennings	Clerk's Fees (Feb)	£ 226.36
HMRC	Tax (March)	£ 3.80
Norfolk Pension Fund	Clerk's Pension (March)	£ 61.93
Village Hall	Meeting Hire (March)	£ 19.00
J M IT Services	Lap Top Repair	£ 135.00
Community Heartbeat	Defib Pads (replacement)	£ 79.20
Jessica Jennings	Clerk's Fees (March)	£ 226.36
<b>Total:</b>		<b>£ 7,227.73</b>

Payments received:

Lloyds Bank	Interest (Feb)	£ 6.92
Lloyds Bank	Interest (March)	£ 6.40
Norfolk County Council	SAM2 (PP Scheme)	£ 1,767.50
<b>Total:</b>		<b>£ 1,780.82</b>

Bank Balance as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March	£ 8,233.02
Business Account Balance	£13,584.43
<b>TOTAL FUNDS:</b>	<b>£21,817.45</b>

## 8 Items for Discussion

### 8.1 Age UK – Request for Donation

All Councillors agreed to make a donation of £60.00. Clerk to arrange.

### 8.2 Elections – District and Parish, May 4<sup>th</sup> 2023.

The timeline for elections was discussed, with the Clerk confirming the process and date by which nomination papers needed to be completed and handed in to BDC. Clerk arranged to collect nomination and deliver to BDC Elections Office. Details of nomination process and Elections in general to be advertised on the Website, Facebook Page and noticeboards.

### 8.2 Finances

The Clerk highlighted the expenditure of the Parish Council and reminded them of some of the larger expenditures they had made: War Memorial at Moulton (£1,650 – part payment), Jubilee Celebrations (£441.60, Marquee Hire), Village Hall donations (£565.00) and the SAM2 (£2,121 – 50% of the Parish Partnership Scheme) and encouraged them to be mindful of future expenditure and the need to preserve funds where possible.

## 9 Items for Next Agenda / Information:

- Village Hall Ownership

With no more business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8.15 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 7.30 pm, Beighton Village Hall

Signed:

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