

BEIGHTON AND MOULTON ST. MARY

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 10th May 2022 at Beighton Village Hall & Zoom

Present:

Parish councillors: Joe Wright (Chair), Valerie Mack, Allan Wright, Ed Matthews, Ivan Cator, Sophie Young, Lana Hemsall (County Councillor), Grant Nurden (District Councillor - part) and 4 residents.

1. Apologies

Kate Ashcroft

2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 11th May 2021

Agreed and signed by Chairman

3. Matters Arising from these Minutes

None

4. Chairman's Report 2022

- Parish Council meetings continue to be held on the second Tuesday of the month on a bimonthly basis, from January of each year.
- There is always an opportunity for Parishioners to raise issues.
- Lana Hemsall has replaced Brian Iles as County Councillor and both she and Grant Nurden, District Councillor attend the meetings where possible. Their support is much appreciated.
- The Parish Council continues to work hard for the villages and reports any Highways issues, such as potholes or broken signs, to the relevant County or District department.
- A successful Parish Partnership Scheme application will see the purchase of a SAM2 (Speed Awareness Monitor) which it is hoped will have a positive impact on speeding drivers in the Parish.
- Due to a lack of interest and support, the Community Speedwatch group has had to disband but thanks to Peter Howell for having organised it over the years.

5. County Councillor's Report – Lana Hemsall

- Lana apologised for not having been able to attend as many previous meetings as she would have liked and said she will be more in attendance in the future.
- Covid restrictions in place had made visiting parishes difficult at times and also different.
- Work at Norfolk County Council continued as normally as possible but funding for Covid has now been withdrawn with the lifting of restrictions.
- Some of the surplus staff, as a result of this, are being let go.
- The Budget has increased and NCC chose to raise the Council Tax but at a level below what would require a referendum. This increase reflects the increase in

the cost of living, especially with the effects of war in Ukraine and increased fuel, energy and food prices.

- She is interested in environmental and sustainable transport and has recommended Beighton Parish Council for two electric vehicle charging points. There would be some ongoing costs but various costings would need to be looked at.
- Reedham will have charging points fitted and act as a test run for them. Acle will also have some at the Recreation Centre.
- Lana was concerned that rural parishes have a tendency to be left behind and she would like to help out with her allocation of funds.

Allan Wright asked what type of charging point would be provided. Lana replied that it would be a 'fast' charger, which would mean that the electricity supply to the Village Hall would have to be at a certain level.

- Lana encouraged parishioners to get in touch with her if they needed to ask any questions or had any issues they wanted to raise. Her contact details are on the NCC website.

6. District Councillor's Report – Grant Nurden

- Grant said that Covid was still an issue but that people are adapting to the new changes and, with the restrictions lifted, in-person meetings are taking place again.
- Also this year, the Council was awarded the Armed Forces Gold Standard, work at the Broadland Food Innovation Centre started and house building started at St Giles Park.
- The One Team (Council staff) continue to look after the community and businesses and, since the start of the Pandemic, has paid out £104 million in grants to businesses in Broadland and South Norfolk as a way of supporting them. They have also done work to support the NHS.
- A joint website (between BDC and SNDC) has now been launched and the various systems used by both councils have started to be aligned. Accommodation is being looked at to house both councils in one place.
- The waste contract has been awarded to Veolia who provide a good quality service.
- The new business plan was signed off with the 2022/23 budget showing a zero percent increase in Broadland's share of the Council Tax bill.
- There is still a lot that needs to be done and things that will significantly impact the community, such as the Levelling Up White Paper, Planning Reform, Implementation of the Environmental Bill and Local Government Finance Review.

7. Parish Council financial report and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022.

- The income and expenditure details will be available on the website. The Council has finished the 2021/22 year with £25,738.15 in the bank.

8. Village Hall Report – Ed Matthews

- Bingo is becoming a regular feature, with it being held every 2 weeks. It has been a good way of raising much needed funds for the Hall:

- March	£82.25
- April	£89.50 & £134.50
- May	£110.00
- Jubilee Celebrations on 4th June will include 3 marquees, a burger van, ice cream van, activities, stocks with wet sponges and other fun things.
- Receipts for the items bought with the £400 donated by the Parish Council will be given to the Clerk to allow for VAT reclaim. Expenditure includes: LED lights, more lights to the back of the stage, upgraded heaters, painting the ceiling, re-doing the floor (which was a gift donation from Shirley Crosby)
- The Village Hall Committee are trying to get the Hall into a better condition where it will be ‘fit for purpose’ and would like to see the Community use it as much as possible.

9. Parishioners’ Forum – for residents to raise any concerns or questions

- Peter Howell asked the Parish Council to give a grant for the grass cutting at the Village Hall playing field, as it needs to be cut a few times a year, costing approximately £200 a year (roughly £65 a cut).
- It was suggested that this was discussed in the Parish Council’s AGM.
- Peter Howell also mentioned that there were some out of date notices and posts on the Website and wondered if these could be deleted. The Clerk responded that she would look at this.
- The broken road sign for Acle Road was mentioned as it needs repairing or replacing. Clerk to raise with BDC.
- The SAM2 was also raised, in terms of when it would be ready.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed:

Date:

