

BEIGHTON AND MOULTON ST. MARY

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 11th May 2021 at Beighton Village Hall & Zoom

Present:

Parish councillors: Joe Wright (Chair), Allan Wright, Ed Matthews, Ivan Cator, Kate Ashcroft, Sophie Young, Lana Hempsall (County Councillor), Grant Nurden (District Councillor - part) and 3 residents.

1. Apologies
None.
2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 21st May 2019
Agreed and signed by Chairman
3. Matters Arising from these Minutes
None
4. Chairman's Report
 - 2020 was a very different year from any previously experienced and Parish Council meetings have had to be carried out via Zoom. Dates and times have remained constant, being held on the 2nd Tuesday of May, July, September, November, January and March at 7.30pm.
 - Thanks go to Brian Iles, County Councillor, who attends regularly and always contributes with his detailed reports. However, he will be leaving us in due course and his replacement will be Lana Hempsall. Thanks also to Grant Nurden, District Councillor, for all his contributions and regular attendance at meetings.
 - We have applied to the Norfolk County Council Parish Partnership Scheme to re-do the path at Beighton Church as it is currently in a bad state and there have been some falls due to its uneven surface. We are hoping to get it tarmacked and, if we are successful in our application, we would only have to pay for 50% of the costs, with NCC picking up the other 50%.
 - Beighton Church has seen a lot of restoration work being carried out on it during 2020 and the Parish Council is pleased to have donated £1,695 to this, specifically to remove some of the pews and floor panments to allow for a communal area.
 - Dog fouling continues to be a very anti-social issue throughout the Parish and we would remind all dog owners to clear up after their dogs. We have requested new signs to put up in various places to encourage this. Litter is also becoming an issue, especially around the Village Hall car park so, once again, please clear up and put any rubbish in the bins provided.
5. County Councillor's Report – Lana Hempsall
 - Lana is excited to have been elected as the new County Councillor and her first meeting in this role will be the AGM at the Showground.
 - Once she has got used to the role she is looking forward to getting on.

6. District Council Matters – Grant Nurden

7. Parish Council financial report and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019.

- The income and expenditure details will be available on the website. The Council has finished the 2020/21 year with £17,848.50 in the bank.

8. Village Hall Report – Ed Matthews

- They are arranging to have their AGM in the Village Hall, with date and time yet to be confirmed.
- With Covid restrictions being relaxed, it is hoped to start having more activity in the Hall over the coming months.

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

Rodney Harris – raised his concerns over decimation of wildlife habitat and reduction in wildlife on Daubers Lane from the machines used to cut the hedges. He also said that the drainage channels were left blocked from with hedge cuttings and needed to be cleared. Joe Wright, Val Mack and Sophie Young responded that cutting and trimming needed to take place and, although it can look drastic, that regeneration will occur. All maintenance is carried out at the correct time. Farmers have been planting new hedgerows and this applies to Daubers Lane, which will help to encourage more wildlife. After any maintenance on hedges or ditches, the roads are swept up afterwards.

Rodney clarified that he felt this was still a problem.

The meeting closed at 8.12pm.

Signed:

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