

BEIGHTON WITH MOULTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 11th July 2023, 7.30 pm at Beighton Village Hall

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

1. Attendance:

Apologies: Cllrs Sophie Young, Ivan Cator, Valerie Mack

Absent: County Cllr Lana Hempsall

2 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations:

None

3 Public Forum

3.2 District Councillor's Report – Grant Nurden

- Grant thanked the residents of Beighton and Moulton St Mary for electing him to office.
- He apologised for not having been able to attend the Parish Council AGM or the Village Meeting but he had a Broadland District Council commitment that he had to attend.
- There is a new Administration in charge at BDC, composed of a Partnership of Labour, Liberal Democrats and the Green Party; the leading party is the Liberal Democrats. Cllr Sue Holland is the Policy and Strategy and is the leader of the Liberal Democrats.
- The proposed Gypsy and Travellers site at North Burlingham has now been completely removed from consideration as a potential site but other sites have been put forward instead (not in the Marshes Ward) in South Norfolk and other Wards.
- Members grants (of the Cabinet) was £500 p.a. but it is to rise to £1,000 p.a. Grant would like to be able to spend £1,000 in each of the 4 parishes he looks after over the next 4 years.
- He, once again, encouraged PC members to join in the Town and Parish Council Forum as they are informative and have a lot of information about grants and what is available.

3.3 Village Hall Report – Ed Matthews

- Bingo is currently the only supported event taking place at the Village Hall.
- The Committee was hoping to hold a village fete over the Summer but no-one was available, or willing, to help organise this. This was not put out to the village and it was agreed that a date needs to be decided on a long way in advance and put out to the village in advance to request volunteers and for the date to be noted. The Committee will consider holding a fete in 2024 instead.
- Although there is a Committee, it is not clear as to who the Trustees are. Cllr Allan Wright (also a member of the Village Hall Committee) referred to a (generic) document that details the Trustees process and talked about identifying an official custodian who would hold the title deeds, which is often the Parish Council. He is looking to research this further and bring it back to the PC at a future date. He confirmed that Cllr Valerie Mack was still waiting for the

survey to be done and also stated that there would be a cost involved in getting any paperwork done which might involve a request to the PC for assistance.

- Grant Nurden suggested speaking to the Communities Team at BDC for support with the survey costs etc.

3.4 Public Participation

- Mike Spinks notified the PC that the SAM2 was not flashing on Southwood Road and mentioned that it might be better if it was moved closer to World's End, as no-one is going at 30mph at its current position. Cllr Alan Wright said that where it currently is, the trees are possibly interfering with its ability to be triggered. It was also mentioned that on High Road, which is a 40mph limit, the lorries are doing over that.
- (Clerk to look into this)

4 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th 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

- Cllr Kate Ashcroft asked Grant Nurden what the likelihood of the Postwick Park and Ride reopening was? GN responded that Lana Hemsall was trying very hard to get it reopened but there were issues with funding, as it was making a loss for the Council.

4.3 Clerk's Report:

- The Clerk reported that the footpath sign at Beighton Church to direct people through the churchyard to meet the footpath is now in place. This was put in by Highways at no cost to the Parish Council.
- The missing sign for World's End has been reported to BDC who have confirmed that they will replace it but it could take up to 2 months to do so.
- Norfolk ALC wanted confirmation of who would be the BPC representative for the next 4 years. Cllr Allan Wright confirmed that he would no longer like to continue as representative for BPC as it is time consuming and not of much value to the PC. No one else was interested in taking this on.
- SAM2 posts were installed at Moulton St Mary on 29th March. Branches at Southwood Road location need to be trimmed back. Clerk to contact Roy Payne if necessary.
- SAM2 data collection – clerk requested data sent to her for filing and forwarding to Police if necessary. Cllr Alan Wright suggested that Clerk would need software installed on laptop to be able to perform analytics on the data in a presentable way.
- Tri-Anglia Lingwood Triathlon, Sunday 24th September. Information for this has been put on Website and Facebook page, as the routes include both Beighton and Moulton St Mary.

5 **Correspondence of Note**

Broadland District Council Customer Experience Survey

6 Planning

None received.

7 Finance

Balance as at 31st May £10,504.15

Payments made:

Jessica Jennings	Clerk's Fees (June)	£ 186.56
Norfolk Pension Fund	Clerk's Pension (June)	£ 60.88
HMRC	Tax (June)	£ 37.80
Norfolk Pension Fund	Clerk's Pension (July)	£ 60.88
Jessica Jennings	Clerk's Fees (July)	£ 186.56
HMRC	Tax (July)	£ 38.00
Beighton Village Hall	Meeting Hire (July)	£ 19.00
	Total:	£ 589.68

Payments received:

Lloyds Bank	Interest (June)	£ 8.65
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	Total:	£ 17.88

Bank Balance as at 31 st March	£ 9,932.35
Business Account Balance	£13,584.43
TOTAL FUNDS:	£23,516.78

8 Items for Discussion

8.1 Circular Memorial Bench in memory of Queen Elizabeth / King Charles's Coronation – to go round Princess Diana's memorial tree at Beighton

Councillors reviewed examples of circular benches, as presented by the Clerk, having previously agreed that they would like to install a memorial bench. The Street Furniture Application Form from Highways was signed in advance of any future submission.

Examples provided by the Clerk ranged in price from £900 for an Oak and Hazel Tree Seat up to £2,535 for a Teak Tree Seat. These had been presented to show examples of style, material and price. Cllr Joe Wright said that it would be nice to be able to have Community input and workmanship to make a bespoke bench and suggested that both Jamie Mack and Isaac Wright were asked to consider this.

Councillors agreed that it should be made with a metal frame and a wooden seat, designed so that it would not trap water, and be longer lasting. Cllr Kate Ashcroft said that part of the tree would need be trimmed back to allow for a seat to be put in place.

Joe Wright to contact Jamie Mack and Isaac Wright.

Clerk to find out if CIL money could be used to pay for this.

8.2 Village Hall Noticeboard at front of Hall on roadside

Councillors considered its current bad state of repair and that it needed to be either refurbished or replaced. Cllr Allan Wright had done a preliminary pricing of this and, based on the posts being alright still, for a lockable outdoor use noticeboard of 1m x 700mm it would be approximately £360 including VAT

Clerk to find out if this could come under CIL money also.

9 Items for Next Agenda / Information:

- Land at Village Hall – bollards in carpark & possible replacement.

With no more business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8.22 pm

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 12th September 2023, 7.30 pm, Beighton Village Hall

Signed:

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