

BEIGHTON WITH MOULTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 9th January 2024, 7.30 pm at Beighton Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Joe Wright, Valerie Mack, Sophie Young, Kate Ashcroft, Edgar Matthews, Jessica Jennings (Clerk) Grant Nurden, District Councillor

1. Attendance:

Apologies: None

Absent: Cllr Allan Wright, County Cllr Lana Hemsall

2 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations:

For Agenda Item 8.1 – Cllrs Alan Wright and Edgar Matthews, in their capacity as members of the Village Hall Committee, declared an interest should conversation regarding the Precept directly involve any Village Hall considerations.

3 Public Forum

3.2 District Councillor's Report – Grant Nurden

- Grant encouraged Councillors to attend the Town and Parish Council Forum meeting on 10th January, via Zoom. He said they give a lot of information about grants in the meetings, such as the Winter Warming scheme that the Village Hall might consider applying for.
- Grant had submitted two applications for funding, with one being successful.
- The Guides at Freethorpe have been successful in securing funding from the Keep it Going Scheme; Grant suggested this might be a useful grant for Beighton Village Hall Committee to apply to for funding.
- He also suggested looking on the Communities section of the B.D.C. Website for any other grants that could be considered for applying for.
- The Planning Assistant Director, Helen Mellors is due to retire, with Ben Burgess becoming her replacement. Ben used to be a Senior Planning Officer at BDC.
- Grant reminded Councillors of the Cluster Meeting on 17th January at Freethorpe Village Hall.

3.4 Public Participation

- The SAM2 post on Southwood Road was raised again with a request to move it further back and nearer to World's End.
- Flooding / surface water on the bend on High Road near to junction with Sandy Lane is still bad and causing traffic to move into centre of road to avoid which is dangerous due to oncoming traffic.
- Moulton roads are still getting very flooded when it rains. Ditches / drains need cleaning and digging out.
- Peter Howell asked if a microphone could be used for the PC meetings in order that Councillors can be heard more clearly.

4 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 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:

- Clerk reported that the Village Hall had asked that their price was amended to £15 an hour hire charge on the Website. Clerk confirmed with Mike Spinks in the meeting that the Parish Council will still pay £20 for its hire of the Hall for PC meetings.

5 Correspondence of Note

South Norfolk and Broadland District Council

Email regarding local Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) within both districts. New webpages have been created on the Planning page of Broadland and South Norfolk Councils website to help with quick and easy access to information regarding NSIPs.

Broadland District Council re Postwick Park and Ride Trial

The trial has now been extended to Easter 2024 and from 8th January it will stop at Thorpe Rail Station, Castle Meadow and Norwich bus station on the way into Norwich and then go out of city via Bracondale.

6 Planning

2023/ 3796

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Key

Location: Lyndhurst Farm, Southwood Road, Beighton NR13 3JL

Proposal: Single storey extension with mono-pitch and flat roof with balcony.

Councillors considered this application and had no objections. Clerk to inform BDC.

2023/3704

Applicant: Kelly Baker

Location: Field View, 31 Chapel Road, Beighton, NR13 3LF

Proposal: Single storey flat side extension

As the deadline for response to this application was before the meeting, this had already been considered in advance of the meeting and no objections were raised. Clerk informed BDC.

7 Finance

Balance as at 30th November £11,333.66

Payments made:

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| Jessica Jennings | Clerk's Fees (December) | £ 186.56 |
| HMRC | Tax (December) | £ 37.80 |
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| Norfolk Pension Fund | Clerk's Pension (Dec & Jan) | £ 121.76 |
| Broadland District Council | Dog Bins Annual Fee | £ 265.20 |
| Nick Hindle Stonemason | War Memorial, Moulton Church | £ 1,652.00* |
| I.C.O. | Annual Fee | £ 35.00 |

**2nd and final payment for work undertaken to restore the lettering on the war memorial and general repair at Moulton St Mary Church.*

Total: £ 2,525.68

Payments received:

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| Lloyds Bank | Interest (December) | £ 15.48 |
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Total: £ 29.51

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| Bank Balance as at 31 st January | £ 8,837.49 |
| Business Account Balance | £13,584.43 |
| TOTAL FUNDS: | £22,421.92 |

8 Items for Discussion

8.1.1 Precept 2024/25 – To finalise and agree the amount to be requested from Broadland District Council.

Councillors, having considered the difference in cost to each household if the Parish Council were to add the cost of the grass cutting at the Village Hall to the Precept, agreed to keep the Precept at the same amount as for 2023/24, i.e. £7,134.

(The difference, by adding on the £500 cost of grass cutting, would have equated to a Parish Share total of £41.72 for each Band D household, which would have been an increase of £2.74)

9 Items for Next Agenda / Information:

- Grass Cutting at Beighton Village Hall

With no more business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8.10 pm

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 12th March 2024, 7.30 pm, Beighton Village Hall

Signed:

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J. Wright (Chairman)

Date: