

## **857. 23rd AUGUST 2016**

A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 23rd AUGUST 2016 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:- Mr A Ketteringham - Vice-Chairman Mrs M Forsyth, Mrs M Helsby, Mrs J Lusher, Mr M Blackman, Mr J Leggett & Mr L Ready. Also in attendance Mr F Sharpe District Councillor.

Apologies for absence received from Mr R Leighton and Mr K Collins both on holiday and Mr I Monson.

In the absence of the Chairman Mr A Ketteringham took the Chair.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were none.

The Minutes of Meeting held on 26th JULY 2016 were read, passed and signed as correct.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

HIGHWAYS - Notification of work carried out by Rangers in June.

Acknowledgement of last months problems.

Clerk had tried to arrange meeting with Mr Jacklin re TRODS but to date he has not contacted her. With regard to this, a letter from concerned resident was received regarding people walking in road to FOL.

Noted that 20mph signs are now installed but the one in Watton Road has had to be sited outside nos 1-2 Fir Park due to gas main on other side of road and is a solar activated sign as no power connection at this point.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Monthly check carried out. Noted that a post on boundary is broken and Mr Leggett offered to replace this. The step on multi-play still needs attention. Quotes to be obtained for painting of benches/seats, goal posts and still to get quote for repairs to slide.

PLAYING FIELD - Following our complaints re service from NORSE the Clerk has received notification that the next 1/2yr bill will be reduced by £180-62.

Request from Sport England for details of amenities on site.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – Mrs Forsyth reported the following :- The Photographic display was extremely good.

The 10th anniversary exhibition ‘Anything Goes’ runs until 24th September.

The Health & Wellbeing marquee at Wayland Show was well supported.

The ‘Men’s Shed’ project has now formed a committee and is looking for premises. At present they meet in St Mary’s Church room on 1st Wed. in month.

The new Project Worker Pamela Morgan announced the launch of community project ‘Growing Together’ with the hope of bringing people together to plant and tidy ‘unloved’ areas in the community. Grants available for projects to be voted on.

POLICE - Crime Report - No crimes recorded by Police for Ashill during June. However garden vandalism on property on Millfield has been reported recently.

FOOTPATHS - Nothing to report.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - Mrs Lusher reported that 5 sessions had been held and 35 drivers had been reported. The return for July shows that a total of 25 drivers received letters (3 were village residents).

Unfortunately 2 members of the team have decided to leave so Mrs Lusher is looking for more volunteers.

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COMMUNITY CENTRE - The Clerk is awaiting a quote for connection of driveway lighting to pole. A large amount of 'fly-tipping' had been carried out on car park and this was reported to Breckland and notice placed in Ashlink.

LYCH GATE - Still no guarantee letter. At this point the Chairman asked Mr Wright, a member of PCC to give some information. He explained that the PCC were not happy to have this rededicated until remedial work had been carried out. He suggested that we contact the Insurance company that paid for the work and ask them to inspect the Lych Gate with a view to enforcing repairs as PCC are not satisfied with workmanship. It was agreed by Members that this action should be taken.

SAXON GREEN - This matter was discussed in camera due to confidentiality.

LOCAL PLAN - A further meeting had been attended as Councillors were in disagreement with some of the facts presented especially regarding employment in the Parish and the preferred sites.

There will be an open consultation from 19th September to 31st October when the Public can have their say on this plan. There will be drop -in sessions at 5 market towns to view the plan.

DEFIBRILLATOR BOX - The new box has now been installed and the new access number given to Ambulance Service. Thanks to Mr Blackman for organising this.

MAINTENANCE- Clerk had not received any names for this but Mr Leggett offered to have his details on file.

ALLOTMENTS - Much discussion took place regarding the School Piece site and it was proposed by Mr Ketteringham seconded by Mr Ready that the northern end that has permission to sell should be registered on Local Plan for the future development (not to develop or sell at present time). This was agreed.

A letter from the Norfolk County Farms. The New Estates Manager is requesting details of all holdings. It was proposed by Mr Ready seconded by Mr Leggett that Clerk provide information and ask if Norfolk County Council will now consider selling Ashill Estate to the Parish Council. This was agreed with Mr Ketteringham taking no part as he is tenant.

#### ANY OTHER MATTERS

CAR SCHEME - The Clerk had received a request from Saham Toney Parish Clerk for our help with transport as their only driver has given up and the new recruit is not yet in place. It was agreed that the ONE person that needs transport at the present time can be accommodated and Breckland Council will cover the costs for this.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Ashill Welfare Trustees advising that Mr Ketteringham's 4 year appointment is due for renewal/review. It was proposed by Mrs Helsby seconded by Mrs Forsyth that Mr Ketteringham continue to represent the Council.

Following the death of Mr Jack Sears there is a vacancy for another Trustee and Mr Ketteringham asked that if anyone is interested in becoming a Trustee to give their name to the Clerk Mrs Seager. He pointed out that all matters are confidential and there are strict rules on the spending of money.

Norfolk ALC Newsletters x 4. These have been sent to all Councillors. The questionnaires listed will be replied to by the Clerk.

Norfolk Parish Training & Support - List of courses for Autumn

Breckland Council - Voluntary Code for Smoke-free Areas. Result of Poster Competition.

Ashill School had taken part in this and one child in 5 -11 age group was a runner-up.

Breckland Council - Information requested re groups for over 60's in Parish. Clerk to reply. Post Office Local Public Consultation regarding proposals to restore mobile services to local communities. Ends 16th Sept. Questionnaire online need to quote code Ashill - 50047099. Proposed to visit Ashill on Tuesday mornings 9.00 - 10.00.

CAB Appeal. Request for annual donation and notice of AGM on 7th September at 7.30pm. It was proposed by Mr Leggett that under Section 137 a donation of £75-00 be given. This was seconded by Mrs Helsby. All agreed.

Letter from resident in Fairholme Close re Japanese Knotweed. Clerk to check if this is notifiable but this maybe a dispute between neighbours.

Request from Megan Colley re weekly boot camp/circuit training at Comm Centre.

Members felt that this should be encouraged but check if she is charging that she has her own Insurance cover.

Signpost Magazine.

**AT THIS POINT THE CHAIRMAN INVITED QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Mr Sharpe District Councillor reported** that the outline planning application for The Willows has been granted but there will be further consultation once detailed plans are received. It has been stipulated that only bungalows will be allowed to back onto Fairholme Close.

The Application for site next Community Centre was refused as Planners do not wish the western side of Hale Road to be developed.

Mr Sharpe pointed out that as this was shown on Local Plan as a preferred site there is now a case for this to be removed. He also explained that if this plan goes to Appeal and is won then the applicant does not have to comply with 106 Agreement so there would be no money for School or play equipment.

He also informed that Breckland Council has a meeting with Anglian Water in the next week to discuss the state of sewers throughout the District and he will put forward our concerns.

Mr Wright was concerned that the diversion signs recently in Holme Hale were useless and did not indicate where road was actually closed.

Mrs Hardy reported that Acacia Avenue was not receiving a postal delivery each day and Clerk will report this.

Concerns expressed regarding the blocking of sewer in Dunnetts Close & Millfield and request for details of data for number of visits made to be requested from AW.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**3PL/2016/1005/F & 3PL/2016/1006/VAR**

Both the above for Mr A Fell for change of use of land and revised entrance with new garage at Old Hall Farm were discussed and no objections raised. (Previous application granted for 6 dwellings on site and Clerk to check if any 106 agreement was proposed).

**Letter and docs re Appeal for Bennetts** - Breckland has now apologised for error that this was submitted in Parish Council name.

**ACCOUNTS**

**The following accounts due for AUGUST were passed for payment proposed by Mrs Forsyth seconded by Mrs Helsby :-**

**PAID - Car Scheme Jun + Jul x 18 Drivers                    £581-98**

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Aug.	£120-13
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Jul.	£217-87
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages Aug.	Undisclosed
Expenses Aug.	£75.40
NORSE Maintenance Limes + Acacia Aug.	£94-85
James Marshall Strimming at Comm. Centre Jul	£50-00
Ashill PCC 2/3rd Upkeep Churchyard Jul + Aug.	£266-67
R Halsey Electrical Replace Defibrillator Box	£30-00
Ashill Comm. Centre Donation 137 Feed-In Tariff	£245-06
Anglian Water Suply to Allotments	£36-99
Purchase of new Defibrillator Box	Invoice due.
CAB Donation under Section 137	£717-00
	£75-00

**Current A/C details had been given to Members.**

**A Discussion re Interest from Investment A/C's & Future Investments followed and it was proposed by Mr Ready seconded by Mrs Forsyth that these should remain with current Bank & Building Societies as recommended by our Financial Advisor as there is very little interest being paid at the present time. All agreed.**

**The Interest from these accounts stands at £7767-83 to date.**

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs Lusher asked if Trustees were going to clear the rubbish from along side of pond and Mr Ketteringham informed that this is in hand and reeds will be cut back and sprayed in Spring. Also that hedges on Green are to be cut shortly.

The Clerk informed that the site next to The Firs has been rented out to Anglian Water for the storage of their equipment whilst the new mains water pipe is installed through the village.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2016** at 7.30pm in Comm. Centre.

#### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC**

**The following resolution :-**

**"That under Section 100(A) (4) of Local Government Act 1972, the Press & Public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on Grounds that it includes the likely disclosure of confidential information" was passed To Discuss Section 106 Money for Saxon Green.**

**The meeting closed at 9.55pm.**