

# **ASHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **25th OCTOBER 2016**

A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 25th OCTOBER 2016 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm.

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

Apologies for absence received from and Mr K Collins due to illness.

## **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – There were none.

This meeting was also attended by Kodie Griffiths who is interested in setting up a football team for the village assisted by Sean McCarthy. They have both attended appropriate courses and have first aid qualifications. He outlined his plans which were very comprehensive and the Members were all very impressed and said they hoped this would come to fruition as would be very good for the village and that the Parish Council would do all they could to assist. The only drawback is the fact that there are no changing rooms available at present in the Community Centre as the Committee had allowed these to be used for storage by the Cubs and St John's. This will be looked into and the Chairman thanked Mr Griffiths for coming along and congratulated him on his presentation.

The Minutes of Meeting held on 27th September 2016 were read, passed and signed as correct.

## **MATTERS ARISING**

**HIGHWAYS** - Follow up from Mr Jacklin re TROD for Swaffham Road. He still has concerns re piping the last 30 metres due to the drainage and permission would have to be obtained from Environment Agency. He has agreed in principle to the Parish applying for Partnership funding for a TROD from Grange Lane to entrance of chicken farm. However the Clerk was asked to contact Mr Jacklin again to ask him to meet Members to clarify the position over last 30metres.

It was also agreed to contact Mr Bunning who owns the land adjacent Watton Road re verge.

The Clerk had received an email from Mr Dufton of Church Street who wished Highways to impose a restriction on lorries using this route. The Clerk had sent this on to Highways and they had replied that there is no money available for such schemes at the present time. However Mr Ready pointed out that the overhanging trees on Woodlands side of Church Street are hanging so low that when the lorries and buses drive through branches are continually being broken off and there is a danger that someone is going to get hurt. Clerk to request that Mr Jacklin look at this when we meet.

Clerk also to report potholes all along western edge of Hale Road from top of Fairholme Close to Reeves Farm and Mrs Lusher had actually fallen into one of these and hurt her ankle. Also report pothole at entrance to Woodlands.

**PLAY EQUIPMENT** – Monthly check will be carried out shortly. The Clerk informed that she had contacted Breckland Council re Planning permission for MUGA and had been informed that the Council will need to submit an application for this. She had contacted Sovereign to ask if they can draw up the plans but they have been of little assistance so Clerk will try to find someone to do this.

**PLAYING FIELD** - Mr Simon Peacock has informed that he should be able to start installing the fencing after 11th November. Quote received for repairs to tennis court , new gate and moving of seats to allow for fencing. This was discussed later.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – Mrs Forsyth reported the following :- The Tourism Conference was held at Broomhall with several speakers.

October 26th see the launch of 'Gull Stones and Cuckoos' at the Watton Library. This is a book from a project, Rural Writes, a partnership between Norfolk Library and Information Service, Words & Women and supported by Arts Council England.

Men's Shed - After long search this is to be held in ATC Training Hall in Church Walk.

There will be a Social area and outside area for practice of carpentry, metalwork etc. Charge £2-00 to attend.

Info re Fareshare (a new national charity) Local Tesco will be donating food from 7th November for distribution to non-profit groups.

POLICE - Crime Report for August shows anti-social behaviour in or near DC, 1 other theft in or near Lewis Close, 1 violence/sexual offence in or near Fir Park. (includes offences against a person such as common assaults, GBH & Sexual Offence).

Response from Lorne Green that all matters raised are Policing matters so passed onto them.

Have requested further Crime Prevention Report be carried out.

Further acts of vandalism have been carried out in village - the bus shelter on Green has had glass panel kicked out and various cars have been damaged and there have been attempted break-ins. All to be reported to PCSO Bailey and copy to Lorne Green.

FOOTPATHS - The Clerk has found a link to Norfolk website which could provide a means to producing footpath map for the village to display on a notice board and website.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - Mrs Lusher reported that 4 sessions held which resulted in 8 drivers travelling between 35-43mph. The Anglian Water work through the village does seem to be calming traffic coming from Holme Hale.

The September return shows a total of 19 drivers received letters from Police with 4 of these being village residents.

Mrs Lusher is pleased to report that 2 more volunteers have come forward to join team and paperwork and training is in progress.

COMMUNITY CENTRE - The Clerk informed that the work for the bollard lighting should be carried out on 27th October .

Mr Ready informed that the templates for marking the car park are on order.

It was agreed to obtain quotes for CCTV and a friend of Mr Ready in the business of CCTV will look them over to assure that we only have what would be necessary.

LYCH GATE - Mr Ketteringham informed that since last meeting he has had 2 independent builders look this over. Both stated that as made of 'green oak' this is how it goes but it is not unstable and to remake would mean taking the structure apart. It was pointed out that PRONTO should have made joints bigger. Mr Ketteringham has spoken with members of PCC and they have agreed that Parish Council should get remedial work carried out with Mr Hyde. This was proposed by Mr Ketteringham seconded by Mrs Helsby and that must ensure that bigger bolts are used which should be square headed to match rest and have washer on back. All agreed and Mr Ketteringham to liaise with Mr Hyde who is willing to do work free of charge. Mr Ketteringham will also speak with Vicar re Dedication.

SAXON GREEN - The Clerk has returned all signed docs and information to Solicitor but has heard nothing further.

LOCAL PLAN - .Members had attended the session at Watton Sports Centre but nothing seems to have changed. The Clerk had sent in a map of the suggested 'preffered sites' and we were assured that this will be looked at. Mr Sharpe informed that the final Plan should be presented to Inspector at beginning of next year.

He also informed that the Clayland application for outline for 7 dwellings will go before Committee on 14th November but was concerned that we had already sent in further objections and a request that Committee are made aware of the changes we would like to see to Local Plan to remove the site, had not gone down well with him as he felt that we had just given them extra ammunition to pass this as recommended by Officer dealing with this.

ALLOTMENTS - A report of the meeting held with allotment holders is attached to these minutes for reference. Members agreed that the request for spraying of un-let plots be looked into along with the installation of a further 3 water taps placed at each corner. It was proposed by Mr Ketteringham seconded by Mrs Forsyth that quotes for spraying be obtained from Mr Peacock & Mr Frost for work in March, June, Sept. All agreed. Also as Mr Harris is carrying out remedial work to ditch at top entrance to allow Highways to jet pipe from opposite side of road, Mr Ketteringham will ask him to provide a quote for installing pipes and taps. Further quote will be obtained from Mr Peacock.

As allotment holders were adamant that the Council had not spent money on this site over the last few years, the Clerk was asked to produce accounts for last 10years.

WEBSITE - Mr Sayer had informed that he wished to give up the running of site and that Parish Council would have to run their own but on reflection he decided that he would allow the domain to stay for the Parish Council if they paid the fee. It was therefore proposed by Mr Ready seconded by Mr Blackman that this be paid. The Council is looking into linking in with Norfolk Association who have just installed a new site.

LEASE FOR GAS REDUCTION STATION - This is now being dealt with by Ian Holdsworth Chartered Surveyors.

THE GLEBE - The Clerk had advised the Listed Buildings Officer at Breckland Council and it is understood that inspections have been carried out.

#### ANY OTHER MATTERS

COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME -Mrs Christine Warne has informed that she will be giving up as co-ordinator from next January. The Chairman and Clerk had felt that It was important to get an advert in Ashlink as soon as possible so had done this. However this had upset Mrs Enid Turner who still feels that this is the AVA Car Scheme and that it was up to them to find a replacement. The Scheme has in fact been run by the Parish Council for many years and the agreement with Breckland is signed by us.

The Chairman feels that whoever takes over this task will have to establish their own routine for phone calls.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Norfolk ALC - Newsletter. AGM on Sat. 26th November at East Tuddenham Village Hall.

Mrs Helsby expressed an interest in attending.

Norfolk ALC - Training Programme. (Mr Blackman is booked to go on WordPress training 8th Nov.)

Breckland - Update on smoke-free areas. Posters available.

Breckland - Town & Parish Forum - Thurs 8th Dec. Elizabeth House.

Bruno Peek re 11th Nov **2018**. Clerk was asked to Register Ashill Beacon.

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

Mrs Rix having attended a Local Plan meeting at Dereham was very concerned that the Parish Council had not objected more on being a Service Centre and that a Transport Study for District had not been given more consideration. With all the proposed development in Dereham the access to Town is already congested. The Chairman informed her that the Council had done their best regarding the Service Centre but had met all the criteria necessary but Mrs Rix felt that shop should not have been included and that there are not 22 businesses employing people.

A query on the Clayland application was answered by Mr Sharpe that this is only a recommendation from the Officer and would be decided by Committee.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**3PL/2016/1241/HOU**

Application from Mrs S Quyn 49 Millfield for extension & conversion of existing garage to Granny Annexe. Discussed and no objections.

**3PL/2016/1258/F**

Application from Ashill VC Primary School for single storey extension to extend School hall, kitchen & office accommodation. Discussed and no objections.

**3PL/2016/0829/F**

Application from Mr & Mrs Young Hill House to convert garage to dwelling has been refused

**FINANCE**

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

**Paid from last month :**

<b>Car Scheme 18 drivers</b>	<b>£579.38</b>
<b>Mazars Audit Fee</b>	<b>£360-00</b>
K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Oct	£120-13
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Sept.	£210-85
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages Oct	Undisclosed
Expenses Oct.	£99-85
Norfolk County Council Rent Ashill Estate	£850-00
NORSE Maint Limes & Acacia Oct	£94-88
Luke Property Services Replacing Picnic Tables	£210-00
Mrs J Lusher Travel Expenses for Speedwatch Meeting	£9-45
Ashill Comm Centre Donation 137 Feed-in Tariff	£227-81
James Marshall Strimming at Comm. Centre Oct	£50-00 )
Ashill PCC 2/3rd Upkeep Churchyard	£266-67 )

Although Invoices not yet rec'd both included for payment during next month.

**BUDGET AND PROPOSED EXPENDITURE**

The Clerk presented a list of projects that are in hand and being considered and asked where the Council wished the money to be allocated for these so that she knows how much will have to come from Budget for 2017/2018.

It was agreed the following :-

Bollard Lighting and Fencing as new are classed as capital expenditure and can therefore be paid for out of land sale.

Tennis Court Repairs will have to be paid for from interest.

Planning application for MUGA and new Play Equipment are capital expenditure.

CCTV will be looked at in Feb. 2017.

TRODS whichever one is decided upon will depend if Partnership money obtained.

Allotment Work will be looked at further and discussed next month.

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**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The following matters were raised :-

Mrs Helsby reported that she had booked provisional dates to discuss further Best Kept Village/Britain in Bloom. It was felt that his should wait until Jan. or Feb. and contact Gardening Club.

Her information that she had apologised to Mrs Turner ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL met with dismay as Chairman felt that there was NOTHING to apologise for but Mrs Helsby said that many of the drivers felt they were AVA drivers and if they weren't they would not continue.

Trees on Limes - Following inspection Mr Blackbourne to be asked to cut back lower branches.

A request received for a seat to be placed near duck pond to be passed to Trustees.

Mr Leggett is attempting to repair bus shelter.

A request for permission to repaint telephone box in Church Street to be passed to BT.

Following further dumping of rubbish by bottle banks, the Clerk requested permission to place notice on Banks requesting rubbish is taken to Swaffham Road Recycling site.

Dog fouling around play equipment to be monitored.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.30pm in Community Centre.**

**The meeting closed at 9.50pm.**