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A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 26th APRIL 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 K Collins, Mr J Leggett, & Mr L Ready. Also in attendance Mr F Sharpe District Councillor, Mr I Monson County Councillor & 33 Members of the Public.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were

none.

The Minutes of Meeting held on 22nd March 2016 were read, passed and signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING

HIGHWAYS - Reply received from Mr Jacklin. Repairs to be carried out at Church Street junction and footway from Watton Road to Fir Park is programmed for patching. He had inspected the broken sign at entrance to village and agreed repairs to be carried out. Reported that this has already been done.

The Church Street footway is listed for treatment in April.

Confirmation from NCC that contractor has been instructed for installation of 20mph signs. Letter received from M P Dennis & Sons re verge cutting to inform that services have been reduced and if additional cutting is required to contact them but this will be charged to Parish.

Clerk to write again re potholes at Recycling Centre and pothole at crossroads in Sth Pickenham.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Monthly check carried out. Mr Collins and Mr Leggett are to pressure wash the play equipment. The goal posts need painting if they are not to be removed. The broken seat near tennis court will be removed and it was reported that the spikes on top of swings have gone missing and bar needs painting.

Discussion regarding the removal of goal posts - these are going to be very difficult to move so it was agreed to leave them in place and repair. Suggested that goal post at end of tennis court be removed and this will be inspected and five-a-side goals in cupboard will be checked.

ROSPA inspection notified for inspection in June.

Unfortunately we did not win the competition for another Tango seat.

PLAYING FIELD - Mr S Peacock had supplied quotes for repairs to tennis court and for fencing along front of play equipment from corner of tennis court to entrance field gate to include a small gate at tennis court end.

Cost of repairs to tennis court and install gate - £1050-00 + VAT

Cost of installing fencing and gate - £2015 + VAT

Clerk to apply for grant.

Thanks were expressed to Mr Fletcher for his continued service as tree warden and for looking after the copse 'Jubilee Wood' at top of playing field. He informed that most of the trees are showing signs of life.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – Mrs Forsyth informed there had not been another meeting so nothing further to report.

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POLICE - Crime Report - The Clerk had managed to obtain figures from website for Feb. These showed 1 crime of theft near Hale Road & 3 crimes of violence/sexual offences near The Green.

The Election of a new Crime Commissioner is next week and once in place the clerk is asked to write to express concerns re lack of Policing in village and crime reports.

FOOTPATHS - The Chairman had tried to contact NCC re the use of path through to Saham Waite by vehicle but had been unable to make contact.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - Mrs Lusher reported that 4 sessions had been held since last meeting at 3 different locations. As a result 38 drivers had been reported travelling over 35mph. One session held between 7.00 and 8.00am resulted in 13 recorded and another session held between 5.00 and 6.00pm resulted in 22 recorded - one vehicle was recorded in both sessions and a motor bike at 53mph. One car was recorded at 60mph. Mrs Lusher hopes to do another early morning session and now the evenings are lighter, more later ones.

COMMUNITY CENTRE - The Clerk had now received a quote from K & M Lighting Services for the installation of 3 Bollard lights in driveway. This will cost for 3 x LED lights and installation £ 4567.62 + VAT or for 3 x 50watt Son bollard lights and installation £4365-13 + VAT.

Members felt that this was rather expensive and it was agreed to ask Mr T Spilman and Mr R Spilman for a quote for digging trench from pole to end of hedge, lay cable and clip up wood pole and backfill. We could then purchase own bollards and ask K & M to connect.

LYCH GATE - Clerk had again contacted PRONTO and had been informed that they had sent information to Mr Hyde but he had still not made contact with us. They had explained that they expected the OAK to have shrunk but this is not the problem and it was agreed to arrange a meeting with Mr Hyde and PRONTO.

SAXON GREEN - The Chairman & Mr Sharpe had visited the access and the neighbours and had contacted Enforcement at Breckland who have visited the site and cannot find anything wrong so have closed the case. A further meeting is to be arranged and Highways are to inspect. The Chairman assured residents that the Parish Council are doing their best to get this matter resolved.

With regard to the footbridge to The Green, the Trustees have agreed not to be responsible for this so there will be no footbridge.

Clerk has not received confirmation of name as yet.

LOCAL PLAN - The Clerk had checked with Policy Team re further sites being registered since the map was received and reply states that any alternative sites submitted on consultation will be shown in next consultation period but they would not be seeking to allocate any sites in Ashill which fall outside the settlement hierarchy.

However the settlement boundary will not be agreed until summer/autumn and Local Plan unlikely to be adopted before next Feb.

CAR SCHEME - Clerk has not received any further information on how this is to be funded.

SCHOOL PIECE ALLOTMENTS - Clerk had now received a reply to our request for visit but Officer states that there are certain criteria that has to be met in regard to open space being developed. Should we want to pursue this we could submit a draft proposal as an enquiry and this will then be assessed.

It was suggested that the area be turned into a car park for School and Call-in and will be discussed further at next meeting.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS - This had proved to be a most successful evening, although extremely cold a large number of the Community had come along to join in. The Beacon lit well, stalls and choir all entertained with piper playing at end. The raffle organised by Parish Council raised £95-00. It was proposed by Mr Ketteringham seconded by Mr Blackman that this be used to cover the costs of the evening for St Johns and Piper. This was passed by 8 votes to 1.

NORFOLK RECORDS OFFICE - Clerk to query how easy it would be to access the documents once they were stored as just recently she has had to go through minutes to find out certain facts and would not want to have to spend hours at Norwich searching these.

ANGLIAN WATER - Reply received that the sewer blockages have been investigated and the fault has been rectified.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

A further letter had been received from Mr & Mrs Thomas requesting that the Clerk and Chairman should respond to their earlier request. The Chairman stated that the Council were awaiting Legal advice from the Norfolk Assoc.

CORRESPONDENCE

Norfolk ALC - Various items. Changes to Planning system - copies emailed to Councillors, Recruitment, Broadband and Training. Mr Ketteringham interested in attending the course of Charing Meetings.

Department for Communities & Local Government - response to petition re right of Parish Council to appeal planning decisions.

Brecks Community Engagement Officer - 'Wings over the Brecks' at High Lodge Forest Centre on 26th May at 4.00pm. Booking needed.

EACH - Ride for Life in Thetford Forest on 12th June.

Groundwork & Tesco funding for green spaces. This will be investigated further.

Came & Co - Newsletter and quote for Insurance for new year. Clerk & Chairman to go through Policy.

AT THIS POINT THE CHAIRMAN INVITED QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Sharpe District Councillor reported he had nothing further to add since the Annual Meeting.

Mr Ian Monson County Councillor reported that there is very little going on until after the Elections but devolution had been discussed to unite Norfolk, Suffolk & Cambs but Cambs not in favour but there will be further discussions with Districts voting and could end up being forced upon us. Mr Monson was informed that rubbish is still being left outside gate at Recycling Centre when closed. This should be resolved from 1st June when open again every day.

Public - Concerns and questions were raised regarding the two recent planning applications for development of site next Community Centre for 46 dwellings and outline for 22 dwellings at The Willows Hale Road. Reasons for objections were increase in traffic and speeding, overloaded sewer and ditches. These were raised by Mr Stowell, Mrs Rix, Mr Grimshaw & Mr Fletcher. The Head-teacher Mr Creasey informed that the School is very near capacity at the present time with limited space on the site to extend the building. Also other local Schools are full and families are being turned away. It was also pointed out that with the moving of patients from Watton Doctors last year, the other local surgeries are already full. The Chairman assured everyone that Parish Council would bring all these points to the Planning Department and asked people to send their own objections to Breckland Council.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2016/0151/HOU - Permission granted for Mr D Suttle.

3PL/2016/1476/F - Permission granted to Brick Kiln Farm Camping/Caravan Park.

Returned between meetings - **3PL/2016/0327/HOU - No objections** for

Mr & Mrs Linsdell 19 Cressingham Road for single storey side extension.

(3NM/2016/0032/NMA - Notice of minor amendment to dwelling passed for next Redmoor Cressingham Road).

3PL/2016/0363/F

Application for Clayland Homes(Ashill) Ltd - Land adjacent Comm. Centre Hale Road for residential development of 46 dwellings was discussed along with

3PL/2016/0427/O

Outline Application for Mr A Jackson The Willows Hale Road for residential development on land adjacent for 22 dwellings.

The Chairman pointed out that Ashill was not to be designated a Service Centre in the Local Plan and therefore the proportional increase imposed by these two developments would far outweigh other Service Centres. It was felt that only one access was necessary to the site adjacent the Comm. Centre and this led to concerns of how this would affect the use of Comm. Centre with dwellings proposed to back right onto boundary. This would lead to noise complaints and mean a serious disruption to amenities. The speeding traffic along the Hale Road was a real concern especially with an access to the Willows site with a restricted view to north.

Both of these applications are outside the settlement boundary and as had already been pointed out to Planning Department, Ashill residents did not wish this to be extended.

It was proposed by Mr Leighton seconded by Mr Leggett to object to both these applications and to have a more in depth discussion as to what else we can object to.

ACCOUNTS

The following accounts due for APRIL were passed for payment proposed by Mr Ketteringham seconded by Mrs Forsyth:-

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Apr.	£120-13
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages Apr.	Undisclosed
Expenses Apr.	£96-23
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Mar,	£212-00
Norfolk County Council Rent Ashill Estate	£850-00
Environment Agency Drainage charge Ashill Estate	£14-25
Norfolk ALC Annual Subscription	£251-34
Plowright Medical Centre Medical for car driver	£19-80

The Reserve Account will be discussed at next meeting.

DISCUSSION RE NEW ELECTRICITY CONTRACT

E.ON had advised of new supply costs and following the problems from last year in finding an alternative supplier it was agreed that this should only be signed for one year and new contractors sought for next year. This was due to fact that not notified that new contract due for renewal until week before.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk advised that Acacia and Limes had not yet been cut and will find out why. Also to report fly-tipping in Cress. Road.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 24th MAY 2016 at 7.30pm in Community Centre.

This is the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Council.