**ASHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

The November meeting of the Ashill Parish Council was held on Tuesday 28th November, in Ashill Community Centre.

**HIGHWAYS –** Repairs to the pavement in Dunnetts Close and The Firs will be carried out shortly. The request for extending the footway near The Glebe has been turned down due to the lack of space. Another request will be made for extending the path on the other side of the road. If Highways agree a grant application will be submitted. Highways will be asked to level the footway outside number 19 Dunnetts Close.

**PLAY EQUIPMENT AND PLAYING FIELD** – The play equipment is in good order except for a small amount of rust on the multi play. The Picnic tables have been damaged. The Roundabout has been removed for repair and hopefully will be completed by next spring. Moles are still causing a problem on the football pitch and therefore the football team are playing their matches at Hingham. A quote for providing a footpath to the containers was accepted. The tree warden had informed the clerk that 58 trees in the new copse are surviving but new guards and stakes are required for some of them.

**WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP –** Marcia Forsyth gave a report.

**POLICE REPORT** – There were 3 reported crimes in August. Recently a number of burglaries have taken place in the area. Another letter will be sent to the commissioner regarding future policing. Mrs Helsby gave a report on the meeting she attended recently.

**SPEEDWATCH** – Since the last meeting there have been 4 sessions with 34 drivers reported travelling over 35 mph. 13 of the drivers who received letters from the police live in Ashill. The Chairman thanked Mrs Lusher and the volunteers for operating the Speedwatch Scheme.

**COMMUNITY CENTRE –** Martin Blackman gave a report. Work is nearly complete on the re-decoration. He informed the meeting that the heating system may require replacing in the near future. The Chairman thanked the Community Centre Committee for taking down old posters once events had taken place; he said this was not the case with other organisations who leave the posters up.

**LYCHGATE** – wording for the plaque to be confirmed.

**ALLOTMENTS** – Before any further action can be taken the Clerk to write to the Secretary of State requesting permission to sell the existing allotments, if permission is given then new allotments would be provided.

**COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME –** Silver Social Project had asked if the car drivers could promote the forthcoming sessions. It was suggested perhaps a card could be provided to the drivers to display in their cars.

**TREES** – Work on trees at Acacia Avenue, The Limes and the Churchyard will be carried out shortly.

**COMMUNITY GARDEN –** a meeting to be held on the 9th December to sign the Constitution**.** A copy of the proposed plan for the garden has been passed to the Trustees.

**VEHICLE DAMAGE –** a Crime numberfor the damage to the street light in Acacia Avenue has been given and the police are investigating. The seat at the end of Cressingham Road has also been damaged by a vehicle.

**POSTAL SERVICES** – Problems with postal deliveries are still happening. A letter had been received to say these are being investigate, it was agreed to write again to the MP.

**LITTER PICK –** the annual litter pick will be held on2nd and 3rd of March 2018.

**COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS –** gave their reports. Mr Eagle the County Councillor confirmed that the bus subsidies are up for consultation. The trees in Church Street will be cut back. He put forward his suggestion for Ashill to run a pilot scheme for a local library should the mobile library be discontinued. Mr Sharpe the District councillor informed the meeting of the “Be Winter Ready” scheme.

**ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK –** A resident from Acacia Avenue requestedthat when work is carried out on the trees in Acacia Avenue that the low branches be removed to stop children from climbing the trees and causing a nuisance to residents.

**PLANNING** –There was no objections to an application for replacing a small porch with a larger one and fitting a new flue for a wood burner at 3 Green Farm Cottages, for an application by Clayland Homes for DOC re carriageway width due to restrictions re gas main, and for Bennett homes for permission to carry out work to Ash Tree overhanging new development on The Green.

**PRECEPT** – Following a vote it was agreed to keep this the same**.**

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS -** The Chairman said he was disappointed with the councillors attendance at the Remembrance Sunday Service and he hoped in future years more would attend.