

# ASHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018

A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in the Community Centre immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Councillors present:- Mr R Leighton – Chairman, Mr A Ketteringham - Vice-Chairman, Mrs M Forsyth, Mr K Collins, Mr J Leggett & Mr L Ready.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J Lusher due to illness, Mrs M Helsby due to illness & Mr M Blackman due to holiday.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were none.

The Minutes of Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were taken as read, passed and signed as correct.

## MATERS ARISING

HIGHWAYS - Reply received from Mr Jacklin that the surface dressing in Cressingham Road will be carried out later in year and minor problems will be dealt with by Rangers. Highways had informed that the broken sign in Cressingham road had been dealt with.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Check carried out. KC reported that seats need cleaning, grass needs cutting around small slide and matting under swings needs attention. The Annual ROSPA Inspection is to be carried out in June. Roundabout – Nearing completion. MUGA – work was well under way. Agreed to discuss at next meeting if there should be an official opening.

PLAYING FIELD – The Chairman is to contact Mr Marshall re strimming at Comm. Centre. RH has heard nothing more from Longham Football Team re use of field. The Electrician has made a start on installation of lighting to containers. RH has received a request from AVA regarding the possibility of using a container for storage. Clerk to find out how much Cubes are charged for storage. Clerk also to obtain quote for painting containers.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – MF reported that the Art room in Dragonfly Centre is to be rented out for use. Book Studio also to be rented out. The Happy Project is a great success and the Men's Shed meet 3 days per week.

POLICE – No crimes reported in Ashill in February.

FOOTPATHS – The Chairman is dealing with maps.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME – As JL is in hospital at the moment and could be for some time, the Clerk had contacted the Police co-ordinator and she had advised that the team should not try and run this themselves. It was agreed to review the situation in few weeks and meet the team to decide what could be done.

COMMUNITY CENTRE – Nothing further to report.

LYCH GATE – The missing tile is to be replaced. The bus shelter plaque will be fitted and JL is to quote for cleaning the bus shelters.

ALLOTMENTS - The Clerk has heard nothing further from the Allotment Association re permission to sell. The signed agreement from Cadent has now been received. Quote for hedge cutting – it was proposed to leave this until next winter. All agreed. Mr Tilley had sent email update on development but had not had time to get any drawings carried out for proposed allotment site.

The Clerk was asked to let Clayland know that children are getting onto the site through the hedge and back of site is not secure.

ASHILL ESTATE – As reported at Annual Meeting by Mr Eagle that NCC has decided not to sell any land, we await written confirmation that our request to purchase is no longer being considered.

COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME – Administrator reported that there is still a need for drivers.

TREES IN CHURCHYARD – Work now complete. Replant hedge in Autumn and broken headstone will be repaired. Consider replacing the trees that have been removed, perhaps elsewhere.

TRAINING AND DATA PROTECTION – The Norfolk ALC has now informed that they will appoint a DPO but there will be a cost involved and RL did not see that this is necessary. Clerk not happy about this and will find out more details for next meeting.

STREET LIGHT REPAIRS – The column and light are now in place and now have to wait for reconnection by UK Power Networks.  
The Clerk had received quote from E.ON and after discussion it was proposed by RL seconded by LR that we accept the quote for the 2year power supply. All agreed.

QUIZ RESULT – Parish Council Team came second.

OTHER MATTERS – Nothing to discuss.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

NorfolkALC – Weekly newsletter informs of new Model Standing Orders that needs to be looked at.

NorfolkALC – Update on Section 137 spending. £7-86 per Elector allowed.

NorfolkALC – Role of Norfolk Assoc. and National. Assoc.

Breckland – New World War One Heritage Fund.

Breckland – New Environmental Health Training & Consultancy set up. Contact [ehct@breckland-sholland.gov.uk](mailto:ehct@breckland-sholland.gov.uk)

Breckland –Review of local government ethical standards.

Breckland – Growing Communities Project.

Norfolk Age UK– Request for donation. Parish Council does not donate to this.

#### MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Resident of Fairholme Close informed that Japanese Knotweed is growing through from paddock to rear of his property and asked if the Council could do anything to help. He was advised to contact Breckland Environmental Health Department and Parish Council would also write.

Concern was expressed regarding the value put on the land for sale in Watton Road and it is questioned if this would have any effect on the value of the Allotment site. To this end it was suggested that Council look into selling off as plots rather than a building site for development and it was stressed that there should be more involvement from residents when it comes to selling this land as it was felt that when the Goose Green site was sold, most of the discussions took place in camera. The Chairman explained that as this had been put out for 'closed bids' this was the only way discussions could take place.

Concern re Glebe wall again raised.

Reported that children had been playing on the MUGA and climbing on containers.

Gullies blocked in Cressingham Road due to ditch blocking drain. Clerk will contact Mr Jacklin again re problems in Cressingham Road.

Resident of The Green reported that a tree has been removed from far side near new development and Trustees will investigate as permission had only been given for branches to be removed.



PLANNING

**3PL/2018/0287/CU** for Breckland Dog Training at The Hollies Swaffham Road for Change of use of section of barn and adjacent paddock from agricultural use to a dog training facility and a parking area. Discussed and agreed no objections.

**3PL/2018/0156/HOU** for Mr W Scott Willow Barn permission granted.

**3PL/2018/0270/HOU** – Application from Mr & Mrs H Chapman - granted

**3PL/2018/0166/LU** – Cert Law.Prop.use for Log Cabin at 4 Chapel Yard – granted.

FINANCE

**The Following Accounts Due for Payment for APRIL were passed proposed by MF seconded by JL :-**

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Apr.	£120-13
K & M Lighting Services Ltd New Column & Light for Acacia	£1197-26
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Mar.	£266-30
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages Apr.	Undisclosed
Clerk's Expenses Apr.	£93-87
G Blackburn removal of Trees in Church Yard	£2000-00
NCC Rent Ashill Estate	£850-00
Environment Agency Drainage Charge Ashill Estate	£14-24
<b>HAGS Installation of MUGA</b>	<b>£100,428-00</b>
Ashill & HH Garden Club Donation 137	£50-00
Ashill Community Garden Donation 137 (plants for barrels)	£50-00
NORSE Eastern Ltd Maint Acacia + Limes	£104-98
NORSE Eastern Ltd Spraying Tennis Court + CC	£15-54
Norfolk County Council New DBS check	£25-00

**It was agreed that the payment to HAGS for MUGA should not be paid until satisfied that all work completed and fences returned to original state.**

The payment to Community Garden was put on hold until amount clarified by MH.

- (b) **Current A/C details circulated.**
- (c) **AUDIT** – The Clerk gave details and Internal Audit is to be carried out first week of May by Mr Barber.
- (d) **Insurance Cover.** MUGA and containers will be included on renewal. Agreed not to include Street Lights.
- (e) **Clerk's Contract & Appraisal** – Discuss next month. Also to check if payments can be made by BACS as Barclays at Swaffham is closing as is Lloyds at Watton.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A request for tree stumps to be removed in Acacia Avenue will be looked into.

A query re Willows Hale Road development was raised as there must be a time limit on this for commencement.

Clerk to report drain cover in Watton Road.

**The next Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2018 at 7.30pm in Community Centre and is AGM.**

The meeting closed at 9.51pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_