**ASHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

The October meeting was held on Tuesday 23rd, in the Community Centre.

At the beginning of the meeting the County Councillor gave his report. More places for children with special needs will be provided in Norfolk.

**HIGHWAYS** – Breckland had confirmed that no action will be taken with regard to providing a pathway near The Glebe. A BT inspection chamber near the bus shelter on the Green which needs repair will be reported.

**PLAY EQUIPMENT** – Had been inspected and is in good order.

**PLAYING FIELD** – Discussion took place regarding installing CCTV. Further enquiries regarding lighting and cost will be investigated.

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

**POLICE –**There were seven reported crimes in August.

**FOOTPATHS –** The County Councillor will be asked to supply more finger posts**.**

**STORAGE CONTAINERS–**The electricity supply is now connected.

**SPEEDWATCH -** Sessions are now heldonce a week**.** At the last two sessions 16 drivers were recorded exceeding the limit. There are now 11 volunteers and 2 in training operating the scheme.

**COMMUNITY CENTRE** – The Chairman of the Management Committee gave his report. During November and December the Community Centre will be one of the charities supported by the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme at the Watton branch.

**ALLOTMENTS** – There are two un-used plots, the holders will be contacted and asked if they still require them.

**COMMUNITY GARDEN –** At the AGM held recently the Vice Chairman stood down. No members of the public attended the meeting and unless more interest is shown the scheme may have to be disbanded.

**OLD ALLOTMENT CLOSE –** Saffron Housing to be contacted to meet with the Parish Council and Police regarding problems.

**LIGHTING OF THE BEACON TO COMMEMORATE THE END OF WW1 -**  Mrs Thomas updated the meeting on the proposed ‘Tommy’ On Remembrance Sunday 11th November the Ashill Harmony will be singing at the morning service in church at 9.30 a.m. During the day the Archive Group will hold an exhibition in the Call-in. At 6.30 p.m. the ’Tommy’ will be dedicated, and Ashill Harmony will sing. At 7 p.m. the beacon will be lit. The Church bells will ring at 7.05. This is to co-inside with the National Celebration arranged by Bruno Peek.

**TREE IN CHURCHYARD –** The Ash Tree which has Ash-die-back, on the south side of the church will be felled as it may be a danger to road users.

**TELEPHONE BOX –** It was suggested that footpath maps and possibly a short village history be put in the box. The Archive group will be contacted.

**PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT –** A resident who has CCTV showed the council by I-pad what quality of image she gets with equipment she has installed at her property. Objections to the planning application to be discussed later at the meeting by the council regarding the building plot on Watton Road, was discussed. Overhanging Trees and bushes at the junction of Church Street and the Watton Road were reported. Residents of the Woodlands are requested to cut-back any bushes overhanging the footpath.

**PLANNING -** The Council objected to the applications for 8 dwellings in Dunnetts Close, changes to the re-dundant garage at the back of Holmere House and a dwelling at Cutbush Farm, Common Road. There were no objections to the amended plans for the plot on the Watton Road, and also for the amended plans for 1 house and later 2 more at Reeves Farm, providing the footpath is extended and street lighting installed at both sites.

Also no objections for the single storey front extension and two storey rear extension at 7 The Mere. Since the last meeting the application at the Brick Kiln Caravan Park had been approved by Breckland Council.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS -** It was suggested that perhaps a height restriction bar at the entrance to the Community Centre may help solve problems. It was also noted that cars are being parked overnight at the Centre. Following a number of burglaries of work-shop equipment residents are urged to be vigilant and ensure all outbuildings are secure.

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