***ASHILL PARISH COUNCIL 1049.***

5th JANUARY 2021

This was a virtual meeting using Zoom.

This meeting of the Council replaced the December 2020 one and was held on Tuesday 5th JANUARY 2021 at 7.30pm.

Councillors present : Mr R Leighton (RL) Chair, Mr A Ketterigham (AK)Vice-Chair, Mrs J Lusher (JL), Mrs A Shephard(AS), Mr K Collins (KC) Mr J Leggett (JLg), Mr L Ready(LR, Mr A Thomas(AT). Also in attendance Jean Sangster Clerk & Mr F Eagle (FE) District/County Councillor

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs M Forsyth (MF).

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The minutes of the meeting held on 24.11.20 had been circulated, read and passed and will be signed when normal meetings recommence.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCLLOR

Mr Eagle informed that the Government has announced further grant money up to £9000 per application for businesses dependent on Rateable Value.

He also reported that the Avian Flu outbreak is worst for a number of years and all keepers of fowls should be aware that there are restrictions issued by DEFRA and Public Health England. Notices have been displayed at allotments.

The Government changes to Local Plan were felt to be of no benefit to local Councils and that as long as village and District Council continue to work together there would be no problems.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC – no public in attendance.

MATTERS ARISING

Highways – Flooding still a problem near Womack House.

Report state of signage at crossroads in Sth Pickenham, state of footway and fence opposite entrance to Glebe and state of footway from Church to Uphall Lane.

SAM2 sign – A complaint re positioning of SAM2 and queries re various rules regarding the siting of this had been received and RL had advised that this will be discussed at meeting at end of January.

Play Equipment – All checked. Under Government Lockdown the MUGA, Tennis Court and Fitness equipment should be taken out of use but Play Area can be used so Disclaimer will be put up again.

Playing Field – Reported that moles have returned and RL will deal with these.

Police – PC Paula Gilluley hopes to set up virtual meeting in the future. To be arranged.

The concerns raised by residents near the Green before Christmas were dealt with promptly thanks to PC Jo Higgins, Beat Manager.

Speedwatch – Report circulated.

Litter Bin – This has been delivered and will be put in place at the weekend.

Community Centre – BOWLS. Arrange to discuss siting as RL has people lined up to help get this under way.

Car Scheme – Clerk has received questionnaire from Breckland for future funding. As we still have half the grant fund from last year unused we may have to return this if Scheme is unable to restart dependent on restrictions. It was agreed that Clerk will contact all the drivers in next few weeks to see if they are still willing to volunteer as drivers in the future and to ask if there are any new drivers willing to enlist they should contact Clerk.

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Street Lighting – Agreed to look into cost of replacing with LED lights and discuss at Annual Parish Meeting the possibility of turning some lights off at night.

CORRESPONDENCE

All notifications from the Norfolk ALC had been forwarded to Members.

RL has been put forward to represent Parishes on Norfolk ALC Executive.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2020/1220/EU - The Well Christian Centre, Swaffham Road. Withdrawn

3PL/2020/1322/HOU – 14 The Oaks – Approved.

3PL/2020/1393/F - Creation of a new agricultural access to serve land on the west side of

Watton Road, Woodlands Fruit Farm. Returned with no objections.

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| 3PL/2020/1394/F -Creation of a new residential access to serve Woodlands Orchard (house) on the  west side Watton Road for Woodlands Fruit Farm. Returned with no objections.   |  | | --- | |  |   **DISCUSSED**  3PL/2020/1398/HOU – Application for Two Storey rear extension at 5 The Mere Hale Road to be returned with no objections.  3PL/2020/1494/F – Revised for single dwelling West of Dragonfly Lodge, Watton Road. To be returned with objections due to over development & that area in question should remain as garden for The Firs as original stated. Concern that if this application is granted it will only get extended in the future as had happened with all the other dwellings on the site. This was proposed by AK seconded by AS and agreed 7 votes to 1 but RL wished to add his comment again that Planning Department had totally ignored all our previous concerns on the development of this whole area.  **ACCOUNTS**  The following accounts had been authorised for payment in December by ALL members :-  SSE SWALEC Direct Debit for November Power £282.02  K & M Lighting Services Maint St Lights Dec. 127-19  Mrs J Pickard Play field Warden Dec. ) Undisclosed  Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Dec. + 17.5hrs )  Expenses Dec. 75-65  HMRC PAYE Oct.Nov.Dec. 552-49  BROXAP Ltd Supply New Litter Bin 369-54  LexisNexis Supply Admin Book 119-99  **BUDGET**  Copies of all up to date accounts had been circulated along with the draft Budget for 2021/2022.  Various questions were raised and after much discussion it was proposed by RL seconded by LR that the Precept should be increased by £3,000 to £25,575. This was agreed by all Members.  Any Other Business  Flooding problems to dwellings reported and FE advised that these should be reported on <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/safety/floods/report-a-flood> as they will be registered and have an impact on future developments.  Clerk to request that Highways get drains cleared.  The Chairman of Trustees advised that in these difficult times if there is anyone needs help they should contact Trustees.  The meeting closed at 8.55pm  **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 26th JANUARY 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom.**    **Signed………………………………………………..Date…………………………………….**   |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | |  |  | |  |

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