

ASHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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27th SEPTEMBER 2022

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday 27th SEPTEMBER 2022 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm.

In attendance: Mr A Ketteringham (AK) Chair, Mr R Leighton (RL) Vice-Chair, Mr K Collins (KC), Mr J Leggett (JLg), Mrs A Binns (AB), Mrs J Lusher (JL), Mr L Ready (LR), Mr .A Thomas (AT), 9 Members of the Public & the Clerk Jean Sangster.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs A Shepherd (AS), No reason given.

The minutes of last meeting held on 23rd August 2022 had been circulated and were passed and signed.

There were no additional Declarations of Interest.

There were no reports from County/District Council as Mr Eagle was unable to attend.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Various queries raised again re footpaths and maps. AK had spoken with owner re gates in Uphall Lane.

The Chairman informed that the £50-00 (paid by Trustees) will be distributed in the next week along with hampers and the victims of fire will be offered one more chance to collect whatever they need from the storage unit in Swaffham. The Trustees and Parish Council then suggest that this is passed onto other Charities and he asked how the Public present felt about this. They all agreed that this was the correct action and once this has been carried out then it will be publicised who this went to.

He also advised that there is still money being donated but it is hoped that this will all be paid out by Christmas.

MEETING CONTINUED

Matters arising from last meeting

Civility & Respect PLEDGE

The Council was invited to sign up to this Pledge to enable the demonstration that they are committed to standing up to poor behaviour.

The commitments were then read out and it was proposed by RL seconded by JLg that this be adopted. All agreed.

Highways – All potholes had been dealt with apart from the one at junction of Ch. St/Watton Rd. which will now be reported. Also Clerk to query the hump in road at entrance to Watton Road Orchard as this has never been dealt with.

The meeting with Mr Jack Griffiths Highways Engineer was very positive and he will be providing details and a quote for gates to be installed at entrance to village. Council also asked if possible to extend the 30mph limit in Watton Road to near Horns Corner and the 40mph limit in Swaffham Road to beyond the Recycling Centre. Mr Griffiths to investigate both of these but funding may have to come from Mr Eagle's Community Road Safety Fund and he will be approached on this matter.

The request for the kerb to be lowered on pavement opposite the Community Centre entrance to allow for wheelchair users etc to cross more safely, will be investigated.

The Clerk had raised the question of who to contact re Public Rights of Way and Mr Griffiths will pass this on for person to contact her.

Play Equipment – Monthly check carried out. Bench still loose and will be dealt with. Several pieces of equipment in need of painting, the surround of roundabout is now breaking up, nets on hoops on the MUGA have come loose. Agreed to get a working party together to carry out this work along with removing swings. Grant applied for new swings. Prices to be obtained for safety surfacing.

Playing Field – Crack in driveway has been repaired.

Police – We no longer get a monthly report from SNT and Clerk was asked to write to them.

Speedwatch – No further problems with SAM2.

Footpaths – Permissive Path. This runs from next Seaview, Hale Road to Common on land owned by Holme Hale Farms and they have requested the Parish Council sign an Agreement to make a contribution towards the cutting of this path. It was agreed by all that this should be signed and first payment made. Concerns expressed re the development next to Seaview and the access to this path. This will be monitored.

Community Centre – It was confirmed that it is the intention to hold a Fete next year. The repairs have been carried out but in recent rain storm it was found that the roof was still leaking and contractors are to return.

Ashill Estate – Still no update but Clerk has written again to ask about purchasing land.

Car Scheme – The Clerk has received several replies to her letter and unfortunately there are very few drivers that wish to continue and of those there is only one who would carry out journeys to hospitals. It was agreed to request for help in Ashlink with any suggestions to get this running.

Notice Board for Community Centre – Question of access to new board at Community Centre and it was agreed that JLg and Clerk hold keys.

Jubilee Trees - It was agreed that when these are collected in January some could be offered to the people who lost their gardens.

Dunnetts Close Development – No response but noted that some dwellings are already occupied.

Wayland Partnership – Meeting postponed.

Allotment Rents – One holder has expressed concern about the rent increase but Clerk explained that this was agreed last October and all holders were notified. Clerk to reply.

Community Resilience/Emergency Plan – Meeting arranged for Tuesday 4th October 2022 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm. Clerk to invite Police Inspector to attend as he had shown an interest. Advert for Ashlink.

Hedge in Dunnetts Close – Victory has now had this cut back.

Flagship Land in Dunnetts Close – The Clerk had received very little information from Flagship and could not find this on Land Registry so wait result of Auction.

Website – Clerk had checked with County Assoc. that it is alright to have other organisations included on the website and this must be kept separate from the Parish Council. Thanks expressed to Mr Long for all his hard work and time for getting this set up again.

Ashlink – Mr & Mrs Long have indicated in the magazine that they wish to give up running this but have had no response from anyone to take this on. After explaining the situation KC offered to help out with collection and delivery of magazines and Mr Long thanked him and said that he would think this over.

There had been no response for a Letting Officer or a co-ordinator for Car Scheme.

CORRESPONDENCE

Newsletters from NorfolkALC circulated to Members.

Healthwatch Norfolk News – circulated.

Wellbeing Newsletter re Warm Places Warm Spaces to be forwarded to Call-In.

Notification of closure of Hale Road from 3rd to 5th Oct.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No Applications this month.

Local Plan Update includes the areas of land in village submitted for consideration for development in the Review. 2 sites to west of new bungalows opposite Millfield, 2 sites in Swaffham Road at The Hollies, one additional site to north of the site being developed in Hale Road at present & the Allotment site. However Breckland have extended the submission date so this could be added to. It is noted that Clayland has included the provision of allotment site within their submission for development of site nearest Hale Road but AK pointed out that this is not the only site for allotments that is being considered.

ACCOUNTS

Account Paid Direct Debit - SWALEC payment for Power supply AUG £297.09.

The following accounts due for payment for SEPTEMBER 2022 were passed proposed by JL seconded by AT:-

K & M Lighting Services Maint. St Lights Sept.	£150-03
Mrs J Pickard Play field Warden Sept.)	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Sept.+ 17hrs)	
Expenses Sept.	£139.52
Mr R Leighton Reimburse for 4 Dog Signs	£ 38-64
Mr J Leggett Reimburse for postcrete	£ 12-80
Ashill Community Centre Hire Hall Jul. Aug.x 2. Sept.	£ 64-00
Holme Hale Farms Grant towards Permissive Path	£145-67

Current account Details had been circulated to Members together with copy of Bank Statement. These were agreed.

Report regarding Investment meeting was circulated and the proposals put forward.

This was to reinvest the £50,000 from the closed Hodge Bank together with £25,000 from Close Bros, which will be closed and an additional £10,000 from Barclays Business Account making a total of £85,000 which would be invested with United Trust Bank.

It was proposed by KC seconded by AB that this be carried out and all present agreed. Also agreed that Signatories should be Chairperson, Vice-Chair and RFO.

THE MEETING WAS AGAIN OPEN TO PUBLIC

Concerns that lorries entering Dunnetts Close do not have enough turning space and request that splay widened.

Pothole in lane next Call-In to be reported.

Overgrown brambles at Common to be dealt with by Trustees.

Parking in Church Street is becoming dangerous with cars not leaving any room for pedestrians on pavement. A suggestion was made that perhaps when allotment site sold the Parish Council could provide a car park. This was not thought to be permissible with public funds.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Complaint received that Defibrillator at Call-In was not listed when call put through for code. Clerk to check the Circuit.

Request from PTA for Parish Council to enter a scarecrow in competition on 24th – 28th October. AT to sort this out.

AK reported that street lights are not being checked and important that this is carried out now that evenings are dark. Rota's to be placed on website.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING –TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 25th OCTOBER 2022 AT 7.30PM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Meeting Closed at 9.55pm

Signed

Date
