

**24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023**

**The monthly meeting** was held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm

In attendance: Mr R Leighton (RL) Vice-Chair, Mrs A Binns (AB), Mr J Leggett (JLg), Mr L Ready (LR) Mrs A Shepherd (AS), Mr A Thomas (AT), Mr F Eagle (FE), 12 Members of the Public & the Clerk Jean Sangster. In the absence of the Chairperson RL took the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Ketteringham (AK) due to holiday, Mr K Collins (KC) due to family illness, Mrs J Lusher (JL) No transport available.

The minutes of last meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022 had been circulated and were passed and signed.

There were no additional Declarations of Interest.

Mr Rhys Pearce was also in attendance to update on ICS Coaching and the setting up of a Sports Hub in Ashill. He informed that they will be putting out a questionnaire at the School and there is sponsorship from companies available. The Chairman asked what facilities would be needed. This would include changing facilities, toilets and use of kitchen to supply drinks. This will all have to be discussed with Community Centre and he hoped later there could be floodlighting so training could take place through the winter. FE stated that there are grants available at the moment.

## **REPORT FROM DISCTRICT /COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

FE advised that he has purchased 2 Holly Trees for each of the parishes in his area. Also that Breckland Council Tax will mean an increase of £4-95 on a Band D property but this is still lowest in area.

The submission of sites for Local Plan is now closed and next stage is discussion on these.

The County Council will be increasing their Council Tax by 4.99% with 2% Social Care.

He went on to explain the new rules being introduced for electing the Leader of the County Council who would be elected by Public if the County Deal which has been agreed in principle with the Government. goes ahead.

He is now a Cabinet Member for Growing the Economy and Chair congratulated him on this appointment.

Questions were asked regarding the filling of grit bins and he advised that this was now in process of being carried out. Levelling-Up money, Business Rates and the effect on Council Tax was also discussed. The Chairman thanked FE for his attendance.

## **OPEN TO PUBLIC**

Various potholes were reported and these will be sent to Highways.

Thanks were expressed to volunteer litter pickers, to Council for getting finger posts installed and rail across ditch on footpath 5.

However the bridge across ditch in Uphall Lane needs to be checked but not sure if this is responsibility of land owner. Gate still closed across Uphall Lane.

## **MEETING CONTINUED**

### **Matters arising from last meeting**

**Highways** – Pothole in Hale Road near bus stop will be reported again with photo. Also report pothole o/s 23 Dunnetts Close.

Result of Partnership Scheme funding will not be known until March.

Footpath matters raised by Public will be followed up.

Resident in Green Lane has reported flooding again and this has been sent to Highways

**Play Equipment** – Monthly check carried out. Cleaning of equipment will be carried out in Spring. Suggested that rubber matting used under new swings could be suitable to place under roundabout and old swings and this will be investigated.

Annual Inspection of equipment will be carried out on 21<sup>st</sup> March at 10.00am.

**Police** – Nothing to report.

**Speedwatch** – Mr Street had circulated the figures collected from the SAM2 and following discussion it was agreed that his suggestions should be followed and new rota will be drawn up. He also advised that there is now a Speedwatch Team at Necton which he had assisted with. The Ashill Team will resume sessions with 3 a week intended to be held. It was also advised that water is getting into the SAM2 and Clerk will report this to Westcotec.

**Footpaths** – The Clerk was asked to write letter of thanks to Highways for completing the task of installing finger posts and way markers.

**Community Centre** – Chair had requested that a grit bin be sited at Community Centre so that car park and drive can be made safe during bad weather. This prompted the suggestion that more bins be sited around the village and sites will be looked into.

**Ashill Estate** – Discussed later.

**Jubilee Trees**.- RL had collected these and when AK returns these will be planted

**Wayland Partnership** – Minutes of meeting received. There are several empty offices available to rent. The Partnership has received a Warm Space grant and the Men's Shed is going well. The flooding problems in Saham Toney have been reported and AW is looking at ways of preventing surface water going into system.

Coronation Grants from Breckland are now live. Closing date 24 February. Future plans for Wayland Chamber of Commerce were presented which includes working on New Directory. Various matters were raised from village reps present. The question of contributions from these was raised and reported that some have donated.

**Community Resilience/Emergency Plan** – Nothing further to report at present time.

**Barrel – Horns Corner** – Still awaiting confirmation of responsibility.

**Food Bus** – There has been problems with vehicle so not been available for last few weeks.

**Presentation Evening** – Clerk has booked hall from 5.00pm to get set up and all welcome at 6.00pm for tea/coffee and cakes. Presentation at 6.30pm with monthly meeting following at 7.30pm.

**Elections May 2023** – Adverts are in place. Also noted that photo ID will be required at time of voting. Anyone who does not have this can apply to Breckland for details.

**Coronation Celebrations** – Agreed to advertise for suggestions.

**Defibrillator** – Notified that this requires maintenance and will have to be removed for a few days. Clerk to arrange.

**Swift Tower** – Clerk has received invoice for this and will apply to County Council for reimbursement from FE fund. It was agreed that this should be sited on small Green opposite where cottages stand as this is where they used to nest.

**Litter Pickers** – It was agreed to purchase HighVis macs and this will be done once prices have been obtained.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Newsletters from NorfolkALC & Healthwatch Norfolk News circulated to Members.

Also News of support for Energy Bill.

Quotes for maintenance of Playing Field and Limes & Acacia for 2023 were received from Groundscape for total of £2525.00 for Comm Centre and £1200.00 for Limes & Acacia and from TTSR for £1784.57 for Comm Centre and £833.28 for Limes & Acacia. This was discussed and proposed by JLg seconded by AT that TTSR be awarded the contract for 2023. This was agreed.

**CHANCES** – This is a project set up by voluntary organisations to help unemployed or people unable to work to get into work.

**Norfolk & Waveney MIND** – Offer of help to community with any existing suicide bereavement group or discuss help raise awareness of suicide prevention. Details available from Clerk.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **Decisions**

**3PL/2022/1318/VAR** on Condition 3 on 3PL/2022/0666/VAR to remove trees, proposed hedges omitted and wall to be replaced with fencing. Returned with concerns and request that removed trees be replaced. This had now been granted but no stipulation made that trees should be replaced.

**3PL/2022/1371/HOU** - Proposed alterations to include a single storey swimming pool extension, new rear porch and access to enclosed courtyard at Uphall Grange. Returned with majority of Members having no objections but some concerns expressed that this could turn into a business enterprise.

**3PL/2022/1429/HOU** - Part replacement of the two storey dwelling with single storey annexe extension, ancillary accommodation to the main house with new pitched roof abutting/adjoining the gable end of original building. Returned with no objections.

**3PL/2023/0007/HOU** - Block up the existing front door & cladding the front and side elevations in slate grey cedar cement boarding at 35 Cressingham Road. Discussed and to be returned with No objections.

**3PL/2023/0034/HOU** - Proposed new garden room to replace fire damaged conservatory at 14 The Oaks. Discussed and to be returned with No objections.

**FINANCE**

**(a) Accounts**

The following accounts were passed for payment proposed by JLg seconded by AB :

**PAID Direct Debit** - SWALEC payment for Power supply Dec. £315-86

**Accounts due for payment for JANUARY 2023:-**

K & M Lighting Services Maint St Lights Jan.	£150-00
Mrs J Pickard Play field Warden Jan.	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Jan. + 17.5hrs ) Expenses Jan.	£ 84.00
Peakboxes (Lester Hartmann T.A) Supply of Swift Tower (to be reimbursed by NCC)	£3500-00

9. (b) Current A/C details circulated.

(c) Update on Investments.

**THE MEETING WAS AGAIN OPEN TO PUBLIC**

Query raised re Waymarker.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

State of pavements in Church St. and Watton Road reported to Breckland.

Parking problems in Church St. to be passed to Police

Sleepers for bridge to be investigated.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING –TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE following the Presentation by Breckland.**

**This Meeting Closed at 9.45pm following the passing of the following resolution :-**

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC**

**“That under Section 100(A) (4) of Local Government Act 1972, the Press & Public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on Grounds that it includes the likely disclosure of confidential information”.**

**To Discuss** - Allotment Site,

**Signed**

**Date**

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