***ASHILL PARISH COUNCIL 1124.***

**28th FEBRUARY 2023**

**The monthly meeting** was held on Tuesday 28th FEBRUARY 2023 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm

In attendance: Mr A Ketteringham (AK) Chairman, Mr K Collins (KC), Mr J Leggett(JLg), Mrs J Lusher(JL), Mrs A Shepherd(AS), Mr A Thomas (AT), Mr F Eagle, 14 Members of the Public & the Clerk Jean Sangster.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R Leighton (RL) due to other commitments, Mrs A Binns (AB)due to other commitments. Mr L Ready (LR) due to family commitments.

The minutes of last meeting held on 24th January 2023 had been circulated and were passed and signed.

Before this meeting commenced the Parish Council had provided Tea/Coffee and cakes for residents and then welcomed the Chairman of Breckland Council, Councillor Mr Mike Nairn who presented a Plaque to the village for the resilience shown by everyone following the fire last July. He thanked all those who had been involved and said this had prompted Breckland to introduce Emergency Plans for each village. This is something that Ashill is already working on.

AK thanked Mr Nairn and all those who were in attendance. Thanks expressed to the ladies who helped with refreshments.

There were no additional Declarations of Interest.

**REPORT FROM DISCTRICT /COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

FE reported again on the consultation being carried out at the moment on Norfolk County Deal and requested that public take part in this and express their views as this could mean more money for the County.

The Swift Tower should arrive by end of March and this will be sited on small green near Pond.

He advised that his Budget has been increased for next year to £11000-00 but this has to be shared between the 28 Parishes in his Ward.

AK thanked FE for his attendance.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

The matter of ditch in Cress. Rd. was raised as this has been dug but soil left on verge. AK explained that this is being dealt with and grups dug out again.

The question of signs for Permissive paths was raised and this will be discussed with owner of land.

The foot-bridge in Uphall Lane is still to be investigated.

The owner of the Old Barn in Watton Road explained the position regarding the planning application he had submitted and this was discussed later.

**MEETING CONTINUED**

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

**Highways** – Pothole in Hale Road near bus stop had been dealt with and the one reported in Dunnetts Close is to be repaired. The state of pavement in Ch. St. reported to Breckland will be attended to.

The resident in Green Lane had now sent email regarding the flooding and the result of inspection.

This problem appears to come from the ditch in Old Allotment Close due to grid being removed so it was agreed to contact the Maintenance Company who are responsible for the site.

**Play Equipment** – Monthly check carried out. Cleaning of equipment will be arranged with volunteers.

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

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**Playing Field** – The football team has now formed a Committee and have requested a Lease for the field. The Clerk pointed out that this is a public area so cannot be leased but an Agreement could be made and this will be dealt with. They will also require changing rooms and this is something to discuss with Comm. Centre Committee regarding the container storage.

Jubilee Trees have been planted on Field and also on The Green.

Request received to park cars at Comm. Centre for Search and Rescue Dog Training around village. Clerk to reply with stipulations.

**Police** – Next SNAP meeting is to be held on Tuesday 6th April 2023 at Nth. Pickenham Village Hall at 7.00pm . Public welcome to attend.

**Speedwatch** – Mr Street had circulated the figures collected from the SAM2 and the sessions he had held. The SAM2 is at present with Westcotec for repairs.

**Footpaths** **–** It was agreed to put a reminder in Ashlink to ask dog walkers to dispose of their dog poo bags responsibly and not leave on the footpaths. Provision of further dog bins to be investigated

**Community Centre –** Chair of C.C.reported that there had been vandalism again with guttering being knocked down. The Committee has authorised the use of small hall for free for Welfare Assessments when food bus comes on a Wednesday. Request that people support this or this service will be removed. The Secretary of Comm. Centre requested permission for Dog Show on Playing Field at the Fete in Sept. This was agreed

**Ashill Estate** – Discussed later.

**Jubilee Trees**.- AK reported that the planting had gone really well and thanked everyone for their support. The trees planted on Green can be sponsored and anyone wishing to look after a tree should contact the Clerk to Trustees who has a plan drawn up for allocating.

**Wayland Partnership** – It was proposed by JLg seconded by JL that a donation under Section137 of £100-00 be given to assist with the running of the Partnership.

**Community Resilience/Emergency Plan** – It was agreed to hold a separate meeting of the Working Party, Members of Parish Council and people from key organisations to agree a format to take forward. Mr Long felt that this should be as soon as possible and dates and venue to be sought.

**Barrel – Horns Corner –** Council has been advised that this was vandalised and it will not be replaced at the present time.

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

**Coronation Celebrations** – The Comm. Centre will be holding a Disco on evening of Coronation

and field and Centre available for hire on Sunday and Monday.

**Defibrillator** – This has now been repaired and is back in use.

**Swift Tower –** The Clerk queried ownership of this. As it is to be placed on Trustees land this will be covered by their Insurance and placed on their Asset Register**.**

**Litter Pickers** – The Clerk had purchased 10 High-Vis macs and these will be distributed to Pickers.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Newsletters from NorfolkALC & Healthwatch Norfolk News circulated to Members.

NorfolkALC – Consultation on County Deal. FE had requested that as many people

possible complete this with their views.

NorfolkALC – Coronation and Funding

Warning re Parish.Uk website

Nomination for Buckingham Palace Garden Party. The Clerk had put

forward AK’s name to go into draw.

Breckland Council Community Enabler – Request for visit re New Swings Grant.

Healthwatch Norfolk – Dentist Issues

Breckland – Fraud Services – Now joined with other Councils.

AGE UK Norfolk – Request for donation. This was discussed and refused.

Clerks & CouncilsDirect to be kept on file.

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**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Decisions**

**3PL/2022/0699/HOU** - Demolition of garage and erection of single storey rear/side

extension and rendering of existing dwelling at 53 Millfield has been **approved.**

**3PL/2022/1429/HOU** – Replacements and changes to The Old Post House, Goose Green,

The Green approved

**3PL/2023/0034/HOU –** 14 The Oaks Replacement of Conservatory with Garden Room

approved

**3PL/2023/0007/HOU** for Blocking up the existing front door at 35 Cressingham Rd.

( Note : Application was to include CLADDING but this was withdrawn as Breckland

advised Applicant that this would not be granted. )

**DISCUSSED**

**3PL/2023/0118/HOU -** Single and Two Storey Extensions including balcony on

rear elevation plus internal alterations at The Old Barn Watton Road. To be returned with

no objections.

**FINANCE**

**A) Accounts**

**PAID** **Direct Debit -** SWALEC payment for Power supply Jan. £278-31

T**he following accounts due for payment for FEBRUARY 2023 were**

**passed for payment proposed by KC seconded by JL:-**

K & M Lighting Services Maint St Lights Feb. £150-03

Mrs J Pickard Play field Warden Feb.) Undisclosed

Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Feb.. + 17hrs )

Expenses Feb £166-84

Reimburse for High Vis Macs £114.50

Anglian Water Business Supply to Allots. £12-16

AVA Hire of Call-In for Emergency Plan Meeting £16-00

Donation Section 137 Wayland Partnership £100-00

(The Clerk explained that she had received an invoice from AW for over £200-00

but on checking the meter no water had been used since previous invoice so is only

paying standing charge and has queried this with AW).

**B)** Current A/C Details circulated to all Members.

**C)** Report on Finance

**THE MEETING WAS AGAIN OPEN TO PUBLIC**

Following information that Barclays Bank in Watton is to close in May, the Churchwarden advised that a Cash Card would be required for us to pay-in cash at PO so this will be looked into.

One resident felt that the St. John’s and Cubs should not be charged for storage.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Potholes and verge in Dunnetts Close to be reported.

The damage to pavement and road outside Milton Lodge Fir Park caused by developers will be reported.

Concerns raised regarding the development next Sea View Hale Road are being followed up due to question of ownership of part land to be used for car park for cottage cars.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** - To be held on Tuesday 11th APRIL 2023 at 7.30pm in Comm. Centre.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING –TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 28th MARCH 2023 IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE at 7.30pm.**

**This Meeting Closed at 9.40pm 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**