

ASHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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

All Councillors were in attendance with the Clerk and 7 members of the Public.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr G Long

The minutes of last meeting held on 28th February 2023 had been circulated and were passed and signed.

PC Paula Gilluley attended and answered questions regarding the parking at the School.

She advised that this is a problem at every School across the County and that the Police have very little power over this. These problems are now handled by NCC and she suggested that we contact Highways and meet with them and the School.

She also requested that we keep in touch with PC Justin Johnson with any problems.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT /COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mr F Eagle arrived later and gave a report.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

A member of the Public suggested that a picnic be arranged on the Playing Field for the Coronation but there have been no volunteers to take this on.

It was also suggested that a Coronation clean-up be carried out

The question of a car park on the allotment site was again raised and the Chairman said that when the time comes for a sale of the land this may be considered.

The fencing around the playing field has been broken down in several places and this will be investigated.

Matters arising from last meeting

Highways – Information for Rangers as follows:- TROD along Sw. Rd. Clean signs, broken sign on approach to Horns Corner.

Also to report that drains blocked in Dunnetts Close and in driveway to 53 Woodlands, Surface o/s Lodge Farm Watton Rad, Surface on corner of Cress. Rd. junction and pot hole in Hale Rd near The Willows.

The flooding of the ditch in Old Allotment Close was again discussed and the Clerk now has name of Maintenance contact and it was suggested she contact them to ask that a trap and grill is put in place and that they contact Bennetts.

The Partnership Scheme with NCC had been successful and awarded £4050-00 towards the gates for entrances to village. However after much debate it was agreed by majority not to go ahead with this scheme but to research an alternative of planter and trellis at each entrance so this will be checked out.

Play Equipment –Annual Inspection was carried out and the Clerk had provided a summary of the main points for attention. It was agreed to get a quote for new surfacing under roundabout.

The question of the old swing frame being used for a scramble net had been discussed with inspector and he advised that this would not be practical and frame should be removed. Working party to be organised for work

Playing Field – Mr Rhys Pearce attended to update on new football hub. The field had been cut and the moles will now be attended to. The Club requested that as goal posts will not fit in changing rooms if they could provide a fenced area to side of container to store these and this was agreed.

At this point Mr Eagle arrived and reported on the funding for the new Hub in Watton.

Council Tax is lowest in Norfolk, Norfolk Blossom - new scheme to encourage tourism.

He reminded everyone that ID is needed for voting at Elections.

Swift Tower should arrive in next week.

Speedwatch & SAM2 – Quote received for repairs but Members felt this was excessive and Clerk was asked to query this regarding the repair carried out last year.

Footpaths – Wayleave sign is required in Sandy Lane. Clerk to Contact NCC.

Community Centre – The Defibrillator and box is to be fitted to outside wall of Upton Room.

Ashill Estate – Discussed in private.

Wayland Partnership – Report on meeting. Unfortunately the Donation had been returned as Barclays Bank has closed their account and once this is sorted the donation will be paid. It was suggested at that meeting that villages share magazines and this will be looked into. At this point the question of Ashlink money was raised and it was agreed that when this ceases it should come back to Trustees.

Community Resilience/Emergency Plan – It was agreed that this should be adopted and appointment of administrators made at the first meeting after the Elections.

Food Bus – This is now coming for only half an hour on a Wednesday from 1.30 – 2.00pm.

Coronation Celebrations – Reminder of Disco in Comm. Centre on 6th May and agreed to have a Coronation Volunteer's Day on the Monday 8th May.

Defibrillator – The clerk has been advised that the battery is running 2/3rds and she will contact the Circuit to confirm that ok to continue using.

Swift Tower – When in place it was agreed that fencing be put around it and the Plaque presented by Breckland should be fixed to this.

CORRESPONDENCE OF NOTE

Newsletters from NorfolkALC & Healthwatch Norfolk News circulated to Members.

2 Newsletters from George Freeman regarding Health and Disabilities were circulated.

PLANNING

DECISIONs – 3PL/2023/0118/HOU – single and two storey extensions at The Old Barn Watton Road have been approved.

3PL/2023/0007/HOU – Blocking up front door at 35 Cressingham. Rd. Approved.

3PL/2023/0276/F – Change of use of land from agricultural to Private Equestrian use including open barn and portable shelter at Coburg Lane Saham Hills was noted but not in our Parish.

Reply received re Hale Road Development & AK. gave more information. This will be followed up and Clerk to complete Enforcement form with photos.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT FOR MARCH WERE AGREED.

OTHER MATTERS – It was reported that there is large amount of dog poo in Fairholme Close and Clerk to contact Dog Warden.

Chair of Trustees reported that all money donated for fire has now been distributed.

As this meeting had gone on rather late it was asked if Council would consider starting at 7.00pm and this will be discussed in future.

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 25th APRIL 2023 at 7.30pm in Comm. Centre at 7.30pm.