

22nd FEBRUARY 2022

The monthly meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 22nd February 2022 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Councillors present :- Mr R Leighton (RL Chairman, Mr A Ketteringham(AK)) Vice-Chairman, Mrs A Binns (AB), Mrs J Lusher(JL), Mrs A Shepherd (AS), Mr J Leggett(JLg), Mr L Ready(LR), Mr A Thomas(AT), the Clerk Jean Sangster & 4 members of the Public.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr K Collins (KC), due to illness.

The minutes of last meeting held on 25th January 2022 had been circulated and were passed and signed.

FE REPORTS ON DISTRICT & COUNTY

As Mr Eagle not in attendance there were no reports.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

It was suggested that the 2 pages in Ashlink with organisations contacts, only be entered every few months to reduce cost but it was explained that the magazine has to be reduced by 4 pages at a time for printing. Also suggested that these contact details be displayed in notice board.

Complaints re road closures not being made clear where they are actually closed to be sent to Highways.

Request for a dog show to be held at the Summer Fete on 4th September 2022 was received and granted provided this is at far end of tennis court as previously.

MEETING CONTINUED

Matters arising from last meeting

Highways – Hale Road repairs are to be actioned but no action to be taken regarding the ivy covered trees in Ch. St. that Clerk had reported on behalf of resident.

To Report :- State of Hale Rd again, Pothole o/s shop/notice board and o/s Green Hedges Hale Rd. Complain about state road left in following repairs by AW o/s Church.

SAM2 – RL to contact Westcotec re brackets for posts in Hale Road & Watton Road. In the meantime SAM2 to be sited within the village. New rota to be drawn up.

Play Equipment – Monthly check carried out. One goal post has sharp piece of metal which will be removed..JLg to make new handle for rocker as unable to find replacement. AT & JLg will attend to the puddles at ends of exits from Multiplay either with turf or matting. Clerk still trying to find alternative company to carry out inspection so that a decision can be made on siting of swings.

Playing Field –Driveway – RL to chase Trel to see if they can provide a time-scale for work.

RL had been unable to deal with moles and it was agreed to try and find someone to do this job.

The field had been inspected for prospective football teams but it was felt that in unsafe condition until moles are eradicated and will not be needed until later in year.

Police – Hall booked for the SNAP meeting on 5th July which will be open to public. Info received from SNT that older post boxes are being stolen from around the district.

Speedwatch – Sessions recommenced with 4 vehicles reported speeding at first session. Co-ordinator has requested data from the monitor Police placed in Hale Rd.

Footpaths – No news of replacement for damaged sign in Uphall Lane nor hand rail for bridge.

AT had purchased Ordinance Survey Map to be displayed in new notice board at Comm. Centre.

Laminating of this to be investigated.

Community Centre – It had been agreed to suspend the Coffee Mornings until April.

Car Scheme – Private Medicals are still being investigated and funding from Breckland to be confirmed.

Notice Board – The post for third board has now arrived and much discussion followed as to where this should be sited at Comm. Centre. JL proposed seconded by AK that this be placed on playing field inside posts facing car park near play equipment. This was agreed by 7 votes to 1.

Jubilee Celebrations – Next meeting is to be on 29th March at 7.30pm.

Trustees have agreed on china mugs to be ordered by PC and reimbursed by Trustees.

Defibrillator for Comm. Centre – This had been reported as stolen during the month as door of cabinet had been left open. However it was confirmed this had been taken for use and had been taken back to Kings Lynn Ambulance Station. It had now been returned and reported as fit for use to the Circuit as required. JLg has now placed a sticker with address for return on the actual unit.

Memorial Plaque for Village – It was agreed that this should be placed on front of Call-In possibly above door. JLg and AT to fix.

Tree Planting – RL had collected the beech hedging for Church yard and group to be arranged for planting. With regard to trees for Green it was decided to wait until Autumn for these to be planted and Trustees have suggested that School might like to be involved in this and the wild flower area. Also they have suggested that people might like to donate a sum of money for a tree in memory of someone but this will be dealt with by Trustees. The trees for frontage of Comm. Centre will also to be planted in Autumn.

ASHLINK – This is all running well again but it will be on a first item received basis.

AGENDA – It was proposed by JLg seconded by AT that as requested at last meeting a second OPEN TO THE PUBLIC be placed on Agenda to come before AOB but would only be for items raised at present meeting. This was agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Vanguard Offshore Windfarm has received consent.

NCC – Road closure Saham Toney from junction of C120 northwards from 7th March to 27th March.

Breckland Council Info re Commercial Waste collection..

Breckland Council re Landscape & Settlement Charter Assessment.

Breckland Council notification of CHANGE to bin collection days.

British Spring Clean – It was agreed it is not necessary to carry out a village clean as our volunteers are already doing a wonderful job. Clerk to reply to this effect.

Email from George Freeman together with a copy of letter sent to Michael Gove MP re Flood Partnership Campaign. This could help with the problem in Dunnetts Close.

Norfolk Local Access Forum has vacancies.

Norfolk CAB – Vacancies for volunteers. Poster to be displayed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application 3DC/2022/0027/DOC

This had been circulated for the DOC 9 & 10 and it was felt that our stipulations had been covered.

UPDATE from George Freeman re Dunnetts Close – Breckland are still awaiting a response from Developers re ditch and fencing.

ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

Account Paid Direct Debit - SWALEC payment for Power supply JAN. £.268-84

The following accounts due for FEBRUARY 2022 were passed for payment proposed by AT seconded by JLg :-

K & M Lighting Services Maint St Lights Feb.	£150-03
Mrs J Pickard Play field Warden Feb..)	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Feb..+ 15hrs	
Expenses Feb.	£75-45
KBS Depot Additional Post	£333-60
Ashill Comm. Centre Hire Hall Jul.Aug.Sept.	£44-00
(Payment error Sept.to incorrect a/c Now recovered.)	
Westcotec Repairs to SAM2	£2322-60

Current account Details had been circulated to Members. No questions.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Team for AVA Quiz 12th March. RL & Anne, JL and possibly AK. Clerk to book.

The Clerk asked if the Allot. Hedge is to be cut and it was agreed that AK get this arranged.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING IS TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 22nd MARCH 2022 at 7.30pm in COMM. CENTRE.

JUBILEE WORKING PARTY MEETING TO BE HELD ON 29TH MARCH 2022 at 7.30pm in Comm. Centre.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

The following resolution was agreed and passed :-

“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 Sites

Meeting Closed at 9.50pm

Signed

Date
