

22nd MARCH 2022

The monthly meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 22nd MARCH 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 A Thomas(AT), the Clerk Jean Sangster & 7 members of the Public.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr K Collins (KC), due to illness & Mr L Ready(LR) due to family commitments

The minutes of last meeting held on 22nd February 2022 had been circulated and were passed and signed.

FE REPORTS ON DISTRICT & COUNTY

Mr Eagle had another engagement and arrived later and gave an update on Councils.

Breckland Local Plan is to be updated as changes for next 15years are to be made. Villages will be expected to accommodate more development sites to include commercial sites to encourage employment within the local communities. Consultation runs from Mon.4th April to Fri. 20th May.

Mr Eagle requested that Clerk send him all correspondence regarding the problems with the new Dunnetts Close site and meeting will be arranged on site.

He also advised that Kick-Start is providing a Food Bus to visit parishes and Clerk to send information requested to Breckland regarding parking.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Complaints received regarding the closure of Hale Road without notification. It was thought that this was Open Reach who had to deal with overhead cable. Notification from County Council that road will be closed from entrance to Dunnetts Close to bridge in Holme Hale from 4th April to 6th April.

MEETING CONTINUED

Matters arising from last meeting

Highways – No replies to reports of last month as yet. Notification of road closure as above. Also temporary closure in South Pickenham on 1st April and temporary closure from 12th to 14th April of Hale Road from junction of Fairholme Close northwards for a distance of 20m.

SAM2 – Clerk has now received Insurance pay-out. RL still to find out about brackets. AS advised that a ‘tracker’ could be purchased very cheaply to fix to SAM2. The Clerk pointed out that this matter had already been discussed at the January meeting and had been agreed NOT to pursue this action but Chairman felt that this should be done after checking with Westcotec and Police re Data Protection.

PLEASE NOTE – This action does NOT comply with STANDING ORDERS and under Section 7a and 7b should not be discussed for 6 months. JLg will get SAM fixed to pole o/s Green Hedges.

Play Equipment – Monthly check carried out. A full inspection by registered Inspector has been carried out and report received in much detail. There is much work to be considered and it was proposed by AK seconded by RL that a Working Party be formed to identify what needs to be done and obtain quotes for the work. JLg, AT and AS agreed to do this and bring results back to full meeting.

Playing Field – Driveway – Work is to commence on Monday 4th April but access will have to be closed for 3 weeks. This is unfortunate as there are several fund raising activities arranged over the Easter period. The AGM of the Community Centre is arranged for Tuesday 5th April and it was suggested that if Church Wardens agree this could be held in Chancel Room at Church. Posters will be displayed. Access to playing field can be gained by footpath from opposite The Green.

Confirmation of Insurance cover from Hirer of Hall for 2nd April has been received so permission given for inflatables on Field.

Police – Next SNAP meeting will be at Narborough on 5th April. Newsletter displayed in Board.

Speedwatch – Report received from Mr Street. 13 sessions held. During Feb. 26 speeding vehicles were recorded. To date 33 vehicles have been recorded with 1 logged at 55mph and 2 at 64mph.

Data from the boxes that were fixed at 2 sites will be sent to Mr Street in due course. Thanks expressed.

Footpaths – JLg has found a company in Thetford that can laminate the map and requested that if anyone is going to Thetford, they take this in.

The Litter Pickers have reported that numerous dog poo bags have been left along the footpaths and it is requested that people take these away with them to nearest disposal bin or take them home and place in their own green bin.

Community Centre – Nothing to report.

Car Scheme – Manor Farm Surgery is unable to carry out any medicals until July due to lack of staff and Campingland has not replied. Agreed to ask those drivers that attend the other surgery to go ahead and get their medicals done and those registered with CL will have to be done privately. Clerk has attempted to logon to the NCC DBS site but so far unable to do so. She will make contact by email.

Notice Board – Installation at CC in hand.

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

Trustees will order china mugs. Mr J Williams of The Old Hall Cressingham Road is proposing to hold a firework display on 3rd June and all residents will be invited to attend. Further details to follow.

Memorial Plaque for Village – This has now been fixed to Call-In. Thanks to AT.

Tree Planting – The trees on Green have permission to be trimmed and this will be carried out shortly. AK informed that new trees will be available in Autumn from National Trust so the proposal to 'adopt a tree' will be discussed at a later date. Thanks were expressed to all the volunteers who helped to tidy the Churchyard and Green and to the litter pickers who work tirelessly to keep the Parish clean.

Dunnetts Close Development – It was agreed to arrange to meet on site with Head of Planning, Developers and Fabian Eagle. Mr Freeman is unable to attend.

Dog Fouling Hale Road – This has again been reported to Breckland Dog Warden.

CORRESPONDENCE

NorfolkALC – Notification of renewal of Annual Membership subscription. This will be paid in new financial year.

NorfolkALC – Summer Conference to be held on Wed. 6th July at Fakenham Racecourse.

NorfolkALC Wellbeing Newsletter.

Green Lane Assoc. – Information re 'off roading' asking for support for their members

Breckland Inspiring Communities Newsletter.

Breckland Community Response to Ukraine asking if the village is proposing to support the situation.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Notification of No Action Required re Old Hall Change of Use

Letter from prospective purchaser of dwelling on new development DC asking if there are any planning issues. Clerk to reply.

LOCAL PLAN 6 week consultation on 'Call for Sites'

ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

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

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

K & M Lighting Services Maint St Lights Mar.	£150-03
Mrs J Pickard Play field Warden Mar.)	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Mar.+ 15hrs	
Expenses Mar.	£133-09
HMRC PAYE Jan.Feb.Mar.	£540-83
Ashill Comm. Centre Hire Hall Feb x 2 Mar x 2	£64-00
David Bracey Play safety Inspections Play Equip Inspection	£120-00

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

OPEN TO PUBLIC – Concerns re old swings.

It was queried if field should be rolled.

Access to Comm Centre while work to driveway carried out and details will be included on posters.

Noted that pupils waiting for the bus are leaving lots of litter.

Request that 'Saxon Green' signs are removed from posts. Clerk to write to AA.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk had been advised that the Defibrillator had been used and asked that this be checked so that it could be put back on The Circuit. JLG/AB to check.

Bonfires on Allotments – It was confirmed that these can be lit during daylight hours.

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

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IS TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 26TH APRIL 2022 IN COMMUNITY CENTRE (providing driveway completed) at 7.00pm

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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 & Staff Wages.

The Chairman pointed out to Public that it was necessary to do this as there are financial matters that must be kept private for time being but be assured that progress is being made and as soon as possible details will be given.

Meeting Closed at 9.55pm

Signed

Date
