

23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2020

This was a virtual meeting using Zoom.

The monthly meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2020 at 7.30pm.

Councillors present : Mr R Leighton (RL) Chair, Mr A Ketteringham (AK) Vice-Chair, Mrs J Lusher (JL), Mrs A Shephard(AS), Mr K Collins (KC), Mr J Leggett (JLg), Mr A Thomas(AT). Also in attendance Jean Sangster Clerk & one member of Public (PR)

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs M Forsyth (MF), Mr L Ready(LR) and Mr F Eagle (FE) District & County Councillor.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The minutes of the meetings held on 26.05.20 & 03.06.20 had been circulated, read and passed and will be signed when normal meetings recommence.

## REPORT FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCLLOR

FE advised by email that both County and District were now holding online meetings.

He has organised the cutting of dangerous junctions again this year and this will begin shortly.

He has also managed to have added to Breckland Planning Policy that developers must provide nest sites for birds in all new developments especially for Swifts and House Martins.

## MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

PR raised the matter of Neighbourhood Plans as he had looked at the recent one compiled by Saham Toney and wondered if Ashill had considered doing one and if it is viable. The Chairman explained that this had been looked into and is very time consuming and there is no guarantee that it has much effect on the District Planning and could change if there is a Government change. The Vice-Chair informed that after attending several Forum meetings at Breckland and been informed that they did not see this was necessary, he was of the view that it is a lot of effort for potentially no gain and was really only beneficial to villages on outskirts of towns that may be swallowed up in their plans. Having listened to the views of the Council, PR felt that it would take too long to put in place and the Councillors not being in mind to assist with compiling a Plan, it will probably not get off the ground. The Chair thanked PR for his input and interest and he left at this point.

## MATTERS ARISING

Highways –The pothole in pavement in Hale Road is marked for repair but the pothole in Dunnetts Close is not considered for repair. 30mph speed sign in Watton Road – eastern side has been reinstated and western side will receive attention. The clerk was asked to chase up the pedestrian signs for Sw.Rd. Also to ask Breckland to reinstate the Dunnetts Close sign which was knocked down months ago.

Sam2 sign – The Clerk has drawn up a rota for siting this as can only be in one place for 4 weeks. Chair & JLg agreed to get this set up.

Play Equipment – Annual Inspection carried out and Clerk had been informed that the Multipondo is in need of new bearings which had been discussed last year. The repairs were considered to be far too expensive and it was proposed by JLg seconded by AT that the Multipondo be removed and the swings that need to be moved to be a safe distance from Gym Equipment, be sited in place of Muntipondo. This was agreed by all.

AK to chase up Mr Blackburn regarding the roundabout surround.

The goal post nearest the new Gym Equipment has been taken down and after discussion it was proposed by AT seconded by RL that the pitch should run north/south so both posts need to be resited in the original place. This will be arranged.

Adult Fitness Equipment – Between Meetings the layout of Equipment had been agreed by all Councillors but unfortunately the installers had not adhered to this and this will have to be corrected. The Disclaimer notice will be provided by Company but we are required to display a notice informing of where funding came from. Clerk has drawn up notice but this will need a display board. Clerk to obtain quotes. It was agreed that once the installation is completed correctly and KM has checked it over, then RL will sign this off.

Tennis Court – AK has found local builder who is willing to replace the tension wires which should cost no more than £500-00 so it was agreed that this should be repaired. Consider for future that we do not use specialist company for refurbishing but maybe ask local businesses to replace surface and surround separately.

JLg agreed to get the seat installed between tennis court and MUGA.

Playing Field – The Clerk asked what provision is to be made for the gate key in case of emergency as it can no longer be held at bungalow opposite. It was agreed to provide a key safe mounted on the wall with contact details for code to be obtained from Clerk/Councillors.

Wayland Partnership – This is closed at the present time.

Police – Various briefings have been circulated but Clerk unable to open these. Also advised that SNAP meetings should be able to resume shortly. Dates to be advised.

Footpath Maps –In hand.

Notice Board for Green – No prices obtained as yet but litter bin near bus shelter has fallen to pieces and needs to be replaced. Quotes had been circulated to Members and it was proposed by AK seconded by JL that an enclosed bin be purchased from BROXAP. Cost £310-80 + fixings + delivery. All agreed.

Community Centre – There has been no action on the raised beds and garden.

Allotments – All plots are now let. Request by one of new holders to erect a 6 x 4 shed was granted. Also the newest holder wanted to know is she was allowed to take her dog on to her plot. This was agreed but should any complaints be made then this will be reconsidered.

Alternative Site – Meeting of Working Party to be arranged for July.

Any Other Matters

Community Car Scheme - Co-ordinator has asked if DBS checks are going to be done but as Clerk is shielded this cannot be carried out at the moment and as restrictions to carry passengers in cars has not been relaxed, this could not operate. Advice to be obtained from Breckland.

Telephone Kiosk – Reported that this is now being used as a lending library but nobody knows who has started this and needs to be monitored so it doesn't just become a dumping ground for books. It would be appreciated if the person concerned would let Council know.

Bennett Homes - Information that all properties on Old Allotment Close are now sold so Clerk to request that large sale boards are removed from the Green and all sign post direction signs for Saxon Green are removed.

Website – Clerk still awaiting training.

## CORRESPONDENCE

All notifications from the Norfolk ALC had been forwarded to Members.

Other correspondence of note had also been circulated.

Thank you letter received from Community Garden for donation.

NCC – New scheme for Mobile Library for number of books issued for Parish to be entered into league for Parish Friend Cup at end of year. Agreed not to join.

NCC – Notification of alterations to bus service. New timetable will be issued.

Information re Mental Health from NorfolkWellbeing to be displayed.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Breckland Enforcement has requested a photo of the offending building in Cressingham Road.

**FINANCE**

**ACCOUNTS**

**Direct Debit now set up to pay SSE SWALEC first payment 307.01**

**The following Accounts Due for Payment for JUNE were passed for payment proposed by JLg seconded by KC :-**

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights	June	£127-19
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages	June	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Expenses	June	£50-38
+ ZOOM register		£143-88
HMRC PAYE Apr. May	June	£513-30
CGM Group Maintenance Playing Field & CC		£268-72
Maintenance Limes & Acacia		£72-00
Ashill PCC 2/3 <sup>rd</sup> Donation 137 Upkeep Churchyard		£517-15
Mr D Barber Internal Audit Fee		£75-00
FreshairFitness Provide & Install new Equipment		£10,857-36 to be paid when completed and signed off.

The Clerk requested permission to transfer from the Reserve to the Current a/c the sum set aside for the Gym Equipment. This was proposed by KC seconded by JL and all agreed.

The Internal Audit having been completed, the Clerk has now sent all paperwork required to External Auditors PKF Littlejohn and public notices displayed.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Reported that dog fouling on Common is very noticeable and new notice is to be displayed. Also reported that garden hedges are getting overgrown over pavements and all residents are requested to ensure these are cut back.

The question of parking on pavements was raised as it is becoming a problem for people with mobility scooters to get by. KC informed that there is no law against parking on pavement but request that people use their common sense.

Request for overgrown footpath leading from Hale Road to Ashill Estate be cut back. JLg will deal with this.

The meeting closed at 8.49pm

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020 at 7.30pm via video link.**

**Signed.....Date.....**