

24th AUGUST 2021

The monthly meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 24th AUGUST 2021 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), Mr J Leggett(JLg), Mr A Thomas(AT).Also in attendance the Clerk Jean Sangster, Mr F Eagle (FE) District/County Councillor & 9 Members of Public. Apologies were received from Mrs A Shepherd(AS) due to family commitments, Mr K Collins(KC on holiday, Mr L Ready (LR) due to family commitments & Police. The minutes of last meeting held on 27th JULY 2021 had been circulated and were passed and signed.

FE REPORTS ON DISTRICT & COUNTY

The Chairman congratulated FE on receiving recognition as NCC Champion for Rural Economy and thanked him for all the work he does for the Parishes.

FE advised that the Police are carrying out 'Meet and Greet' Parish visits and will be in Ashill on 2nd September at the Community Centre from 2.00-4.00pm and public will be able to put any concerns to them.

He also advised that the 'Green Grant' has been announced by Breckland for such things as nest boxes for swallows and house martins.

He informed that the Clerk is to receive a Certificate of Recognition from the Chairman of Breckland Council for her 40years as Parish Clerk which will be presented on 2nd September. A resident of Hale Road new bungalows asked FE why Ashill is purchasing flood defences when there are no flood problems in the Parish but it was pointed out that there has been flooding in several areas and it is not the PC that are paying for these (they will be reimbursed out of FE's allocated funds). They will be for all Parishes in his Ward. The pump to be purchased under same conditions will be held by Ashill.

The resident went on to ask why the ditch along the frontage of their bungalows is not being maintained by NCC/Breckland/Parish. It was pointed out that this ditch had always been maintained by the Farmer so when land was purchased for development this would have been included which had been confirmed by Highways. However the Resident was adamant that this is not on their Deeds so the Clerk advised that they should contact the Developer, Clayland Homes for this to be amended. The Chairman thanked FE for his attendance.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

A resident from Dunnetts Close asked that the PC write to Breckland Planning regarding the application for the development east of the bungalows as there had been a flooding problem at this site and the ditch is blocked. They had tried to contact Breckland themselves but had had no response so Members agreed to support this request and ensure that the Developers adhere to the stipulations in the application granted details.

A resident of Acacia Avenue requested that the trees are cut back as they are so tall they are blocking sun-light reaching their solar panels and this is to be investigated.

Concern was expressed regarding Community Led Housing as a resident felt that the village is unsuitable for this as there is no support network in place and questioned the need for this.

He also advised that the Horse Chestnut trees on the Playing Field are diseased and should be replaced by something more suitable. These will be inspected.

MEETING CONTINUED

Matters arising from last meeting

Highways – Reply received regarding request for 40mph limit to be extended informing that this is not possible. It was suggested that 'flashing warning' signs (similar to 'deer flashing' signs that are in Wretham) be investigated and KC had requested that signs be placed either side of Comm. Centre entrance and this will be investigated as well to see if could be funded from Partnership Scheme.

AT asked that Highways ensure that the drains are cleared after harvest as now the straw lorries are going through the village we will have same problem as last year. Also ask NCC if possible to enforce sheeting of these lorries.

Report pothole in Swaffham Road between Church Farmhouse and Former Council Houses.

SAM2 – Following from last meeting the Clerk had contacted Insurance as part of Risk Assessment to ensure that any volunteers will be covered for Public and Employers Liability. This was confirmed and Clerk to get Agreement signed and batteries will be handed over to Mr Street.

Chairman OPENED meeting to Mr Street to update on Speedwatch and he advised that the abusive behaviour from driver had been reported and dealt with by Police. He gave details as follows :- ... Five Speedwatch sessions from 13 July to 10 August. 49 speeding vehicles in the 30 limits of the village. Of those, 17 (one-third) were exceeding 40mph and 2 were logged at 52mph. The average speed of vehicles logged in the sessions was 39mph.

Monthly report from Norfolk Constabulary, resulting from our sessions and reporting. In July, 40 letters were sent to motorists regarding their speed through Ashill. In April and May the number of letters sent was 56 and 61. We currently have an active team of volunteers and we manage to run 2-3 sessions at varying times during the weekdays and weekends. MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Play Equipment – Still no reply from ROSPA Inspector so no further forward with repairs and moving swings. Agreed to look elsewhere for next year's ROSPA inspection.

HAGS had agreed to replace the spring on small gate free of charge after all but had brought incorrect spring and this should be done in next week.

Playing Field – Driveway – One quote now received but Grant Application requires two more so these will be obtained. Grant Application has to be made by 10th September.

Police – Next SNAP meeting is 28th September – the same evening as our monthly meeting so unable to attend. Info already given re Parish Visit. There had been a break-in at Egg Farm Sw. Rd. and the van in Watton Road seems to have been moved although Police had advised that they could not enforce anything.

Footpaths – Some are getting overgrown.

Community Centre – The AGM is to be held on Tuesday 7th Sept. in Comm. Centre at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Bowls Green – Still awaiting further work. RL reported that he is rather despondent with the support he is receiving and is calling meeting to ascertain if this should be continued.

Car Scheme – Clerk to contact Surgery again to see if this can be restarted.

Community Assets – It was proposed by JLG seconded by JL that this be put on hold until next year. All agreed.

Notice Board – No further news.

Litter Bin – These will be sited at weekend.

Volunteers for bench refurbishment – JLG purchased equipment and is in hand.

RL feels that consideration should be given to employing a person to do all these jobs 1 – 2 days a week and this will be discussed further. Place on Agenda for next month.

Dunnetts Close Former Garage site – Discussed in private.

Grants – It was proposed by AT seconded by AB that a grant be applied for a Zip-Wire. All agreed. Also question of Grant for defibrillator at C.C. but Clerk felt this should be applied for by Comm. Centre Committee as PC now have 3 applications in hand. This was agreed and this will be passed on to KC – Chairman of C.C.

Jubilee Tree Planting & Celebrations – RL still to meet with Tree wardens to discuss.

Mugs - Discuss with Trustees.

Overgrown Hedges – Clerk to contact owners.

Community Led Housing – Clerk to reply that not interested in Exception Housing but in future may ask for support in developing Allot. site.

Fen Edge – Details on file for future reference.

Allotments – Clerk has received requests for plots. It was agreed to meet on Sat. 28th to see if any more plots could be brought into use. Place people on waiting list until Oct. and see if any current holders give up.

Acacia Avenue Trees These will be looked at on Sat. as well.

CORRESPONDENCE

Weekly newsletters from NorfolkALC and Breckland circulated.

Briefings from NCC - also circulated.

Included in NorfolkALC were details to sign up to prevent the digging up of Norfolk to accommodate the power being brought across from off-shore wind-farms. Agreed to sign up.

CADENT – Request to enter on to PC land at Comm. Centre to investigate the pipeline

Access given but also reply about the fleet pipeline throughout the village.

Notification from Wayland Partnership regarding the proposals for the Media Centre.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications Decided

3PL/2021/0966/HOU – 2 Holmere Cotts. The Green for glazed conservatory – Granted

3PL/2021/0984/HOU - 5 Pond Loke for single storey extension – Granted

3PL/2021/0999/HOU – 44 Acacia Avenue for single storey extension – Granted

3DC/2021/0181/DOC – Land adjacent The Willows Hale Road for DOC no 11 – Granted.

The following applications were Discussed

3PL/2021/1127/HOU – 26 Lewis Close – Extensions to front, rear & side. No objections

3PL/2021/1130/VAR - Dev. Land north Dunnetts Close - Variation Condition 2 relating to access & layout. No objections.

3PL/2021/1161/VAR – Dev. Land north Dunnetts Close – Variation Condition 3 relating to access change due to gas main. No objections.

TPE/2021/0198/TPO – 45 Woodlands for Crown lift as part of long term Maint. Plan. Consent already given

Notification of TPO applied for OAK tree in School playground. Confirmation when granted.

Noted that PC does not get consulted on TPO's.

ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

Direct Debit - SWALEC payment for Power supply Jul. £309.03

The following accounts were passed for payment for AUGUST proposed by JLseconded by AB:-

K & M Lighting Services Maint St Lights Aug.	£150.03
Mrs J Pickard Play field Warden Aug..)	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Aug. + 21hrs)	
Expenses Aug.	£89-28
CSI-Products Flood Barriers as per FE	£2695.74
WAVE (AW) Water supply to Allots.	£124.17
PKF Littlejohn LLP External Audit	to be advised

Current A/C and Business Savings A/C details circulated.

Nationwide email re update of signatories to be confirmed by RL and Clerk.

Any other Business

The Playing Field Warden had reported dog fouling on area inside gate and notice now displayed. JP to be congratulated on keeping such a clean & tidy area.

Request for new sign at entrance will be investigated & hedge to side of driveway to be cut back. Also hedge at Allotments.

GDPR forms to be issued to all Volunteers.

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 & Flagship Sites.

Date of next Meeting – Tuesday 28th SEPTEMBER 2021 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

Meeting Closed at 10.05pm

Signed

Date

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