

24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

This was a virtual meeting using Zoom.

The monthly meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020 at 7.30pm.

Councillors present : Mr R Leighton (RL) Chair, Mr A Ketteringham (AK) Vice-Chair, Mrs A Shephard (AS), Mr J Leggett (JLg), Mr L Ready (LR), Mr A Thomas (AT). Also in attendance Jean Sangster Clerk & Mrs J Lusher (JL) joined by phone link.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs M Forsyth (MF), Mr K Collins (KC) & Mr F Eagle (FE) District/County Councillor

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The minutes of the meeting held on 27.10.20 had been circulated, read and passed and will be signed when normal meetings recommence.

## REPORT FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCLLOR

No report received.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC – no public in attendance.

## MATTERS ARISING

Highways – Reply received that tree in Cressingham Road is responsibility of landowner and the ditch will be inspected. Unable to meet with David Jacklin due to COVID-19 restrictions.

To report : Pothole and state of road from Fruit Farm to Cress. Rd junction.

Pavement in Dunnetts Close o/s 4 and 22. Also verge has been run over by tractors on northern side.

Finger Post at junction of Sw.Rd/Cressingham Rd has an arm broken.

Concerns expressed regarding the large tractors that speed through the village and thoughts expressed that law should be changed to prevent the young people from driving such vehicles on a car licence when the size of these is comparable with a lorry. Clerk to write to MP. However regardless of this they should not be speeding through the 30mph limit.

SAM2 sign – RL to do report.

Play Equipment – All checked. New chains now fitted. Small gate repaired and most of repairs now completed on remainder of equipment.

Playing Field – Seat now in place. Agreed that goal post will be marked and taped off.

No quotes received for maintenance yet. We are still awaiting invoice from Mr Marshall.

TRELL has been asked to give quote for replacing driveway but no reply as yet.

Wayland Partnership – Detailed newsletter received which explains that they are doing their best to keep running but even having been given a donation from Breckland they are still short of money as a new boiler is required. It was therefore proposed by RL seconded by JLg that we give our usual donation of £100-00 under section 137. This was agreed.

Police – Update for SNAP meetings. Clerk to confirm that Parish Council is happy for these to continue under usual format. SCAM posters to be displayed.

Footpath Maps – In hand. Agreed to add another £100-00 to budget for printing.

Litter Bin – Should arrive first week Dec. Concrete pad to be put down in next few days.

Community Centre – BOWLS. Still under discussion. RL hopes to apply for grant and will arrange for Councillors to inspect to agree an area for this.

Speedwatch – No report received this month.

Flagship – Meeting held virtually. The Officers are proposing to contact their tenants for their views on the former garage site. This is an on-going consultation and they will get back to us with results.

Tree Inspection – Quote now received for removal of one at Comm. Centre and one on Acacia for the cost of £650-00. The Clerk had not factored this into budget but will see if funding can be found as important that work carried out.

Fly-tipping – Breckland advised that they cannot gain access to site in Common Road at present time. It was suggested that Clerk ask Breckland if cameras could be installed at site as this is becoming a very usual dumping ground along with the Common car park.

Anglian Water (Wave) – Bill received which had been estimated far too high so meter has been read and reading submitted. Clerk had calculated the amount due and this is included in payments. Agreed that JLG reads meter once a month to keep check on use.

Also agreed that in Apr/May Holders are notified that if consumption continues to be high a charge will be considered as advised previously.

## CORRESPONDENCE

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

NCC – Notification of rent review for Ashill Estate to take effect from Michaelmas 2021 payable from Lady Day 2022.

Mr George Freeman MP – request for views from Constituents on Lockdown and Planning reform. Chair and Vice-chair had responded.

Weekly Briefings received from Breckland.

Vattenfall Norfolk – Report and update circulated to Members.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Discussed

3PL/2020/1220/EU - The Well Christian Centre, Swaffham Road

Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use in breach of condition 2 on pp 3PL/2009/0534/F - Temporary permission originally granted in 2009 for 2 years. No comments.

3PL/2020/1322/HOU – 14 The Oaks for side and front single storey extensions including glass pergola to rear. Return with No objections.

## ACCOUNTS

**SSE SWALEC      Direct Debit for October Power      £307.01**

The following Accounts Due for Payment for November were passed for payment proposed by JLG seconded by AS:-

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Nov..	£127-19
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages Nov.	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Expenses Nov.	£56-64
James Marshall Maint. Comm Centre	?
Ashill PCC Donation Section 137 2/3rd Maint. Ch Yard	£517-15
Andrew Hyde Work at Playing Field	?
Broxap New Litter Bin for Comm Centre	£369-54
LexisNexis Administration Book for Council	?
AW Supply to Allotments	£113-78
Mr G Barnes Repairs to Play Equipment	£70-00
Wayland Partnership Donation Section 137	£100-00

**Current A/C** Copy of details and bank statement circulated

**Deposit A/C, Reserves** – circulated.

BUDGET – The Clerk had circulated the proposed budget but explained this needed to be reviewed as several additional items needed to be included. Prepare for next meeting.

The question of new fitness equipment being added to Insurance was raised and Clerk advised this had already been done.

Street Lighting – Discussion as to whether possible to turn lights off from 12.30 to 4.00am to save money and the environment. The Clerk had already contacted the Maintenance Company for a quote which will be £70-00 per light to change to timer units. Considered to be far too expensive at this time but Clerk to see if any grants available. Suggested that this item be included on Agenda for Annual Parish Meeting.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Discuss Archiving of paperwork at next meeting.

Request from WI to replant bulbs around village. Agreed as long as in same area as before.

Noise complaint from Woodlands resident is either a neighbour dispute or should be referred to Environmental Health.

A query had been received as to MF not attending meetings and advised that the Council has already granted dispensation to cover this problem.

Closure of Holt Hall – Clerk was requested to write to leader of NCC re this closure (copy to FE) as this will affect so many children and many of our village youngsters had benefited from attending this facility over the years.

**DECEMBER MEETING**

Following the decision last month to hold a December meeting it appears that the agreed date is unacceptable so this is to be moved to 15<sup>th</sup> December.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING –15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020 at 7.30pm via video link.  
Amended to 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm**

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