

ASHILL PARISH COUNCIL

1020.

25th FEBRUARY 2020

The Monthly Meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 25th FEBRUARY 2020 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Councillors Present :- Mr R Leighton(RL) Chairman, Mr A Ketteringham(AK) Vice-Chairman, Mrs M Forsyth(MF) Mrs J Lusher (JL), Mr K Collins (KC). Mr L Ready (LR) & Mr A Thomas(AT). Also in attendance :- Jean Sangster, Clerk, and 7 members of the public.

Apologies were received from Mrs A Shepherd(AS), Mr J Leggett(JLg) both due to illness.

The minutes of the meeting held on 28.01.20 were then taken as read, passed and signed as a correct record.

AT THIS POINT THE CHAIRMAN INVITED QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Concerns expressed re safety of public walking to the Care Home in Watton Road as this has been extended so there will be more visitors to the premises. Also requested that a footway or TROD be installed along Swaffham Road from Cressingham Road junction to Horns Corner. Council agreed to ask to meet Mr Jacklin from Highways to discuss this further.

Also reported that a tree has blown down in recent winds blocking the footpath in Low Common to Cressingham Road. Owner to be contacted and removal will be dealt with.

Resident asked if the Council knew of any plans for celebrating Norfolk Day in the village as Church would like to put on event. No other events planned.

Reported that the 'Tommy' on Green had been damaged in wind and has now been removed.

THE MEETING CONTINUED

MATTERS ARISING

HIGHWAYS – The problems reported last month have been acknowledged and the following work to be carried out :- Dunnetts Close potholes to be dealt with 6 weeks, Hale Road potholes to be dealt with and in particular by bus stop. No action re pothole at Comm. Centre nor Green Lane. No problem found with footway from Acacia.

Report flooding near Womack House and footway again from Acacia to Green.

Request received from Community Garden Committee to site an additional planter on island in Cressingham Road opposite no 31. Council has no objection to this but point out that Garden Club will be responsible for maintenance.

SAM2 – The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had attended the training session at Westcotec and we now have the equipment. He proposes to put the sign up and do a trial run before training anyone else. **MEETING OPENED** for the SpeedWatch co-ordinator to raise questions regarding the recording of data from SAM2 and if she could receive training from Westcotec as she had been unable to attend. All these matters will be discussed once Chairman has assessed the situation.

MEETING CLOSED

PARTNERSHIP FUNDING WITH NCC – Awaiting decision.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Inspection to be carried out. The work on roundabout is still ongoing. Hedges have been cut.

TENNIS COURT – As requested the Chairman had obtained a quote for the repairs. G & G Fencing has advised that just replacing support wires will not solve the problem and to replace like for like on 3 sides would cost £6000 + VAT and to replace sides the same as MUGA would cost £13000 + VAT. This needs to be investigated further as no funds available at present in current account for repairs. Possibility this should be taken down or closed and look into grants to replace.

ADULT FITNESS EQUIPMENT – **MEETING OPENED** for KM to make enquiries re funding for this. She did not understand why Council had applied for two grants. The Clerk explained that when the application was made the Nth Pickenham Windfarm Fund had already been reduced so she felt it prudent to apply to Breckland for Match Funding in the hope some money would be forthcoming. No news on either of these yet and KM requested that as soon as this is available she is informed. She then asked if the Council is going to provide funding for this equipment if no grant is received but it was proposed by KC seconded by JL that Council wait and see what happens. **MEETING CLOSED**

PLAYING FIELD – Notification from NORSE of their proposed closure of some of their depots and therefore no quotes available at present. The clerk had received revised quote from CGM Ltd for a total of £2385-00 to include additional work in Spring and October, spraying car park and tennis court and cutting of Acacia and Limes. It was proposed by KC seconded by LR this be accepted. All agreed with 1 abstention.(JL)

CAR PARK – Discussion re marking of area in front of pathway. It was proposed by RL seconded by AK that Mr Barrett be asked to carry out this work and remark the disabled parking bays and in front of main gate to field. All agreed.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – Meeting on Monday 10th February 2020 was not attended by our representative but volunteers are needed by the Partnership so anyone interested in helping should call them. The request for details of Coffee Mornings and opening times of Call-in have been provided.

POLICE – Newsletters for February received. There is a new Inspector for the Breckland North Local Policing area to cover Dereham, Swaffham and Watton - Inspector James Makepeace. Next SNAP meeting is to be held on Tuesday 14th April at 7.00pm. Request for online survey to be completed by public.

SPEEDWATCH – No sessions have been held.

FOOTPATH MAPS – Nothing to report.

COMMUNITY CENTRE – Re Garden - AK and AS have not met yet. The Chair of Committee asked if Council could remove the concrete posts and bench from container that they hire as Committee need to make better use of this container for storage. This will be cleared.

ALLOTMENTS & ALTERNATIVE SITE – Report on meeting is to be given in camera. The Swaffham Gospel Hall had hoped to carry out the spraying but due to weather this had not been done but as soon as weather improves this will be carried out.

CAR SCHEME – The Administrator advised that several drivers are required to complete a new DBS check and the detail forms are due for renewal and therefore she requested that a meeting be called to carry this out. Proposed that hall be booked for Wednesday 25th March 2-00 to 4.00pm. KC to assist.

TELEPHONE KIOSK – No response to Advert.

VE DAY PLANS – Clerk to Saham Toney has arranged for a dance to be held at our Comm. Centre as Wells Cole Hall double booked. Proceeds to Help the Heroes, Saham Toney Comm. Centre and Ashill Comm. Centre.

LITTER PICK – Due to JLg being poorly further help is needed to get this under way. RL to collect equipment on Thurs. 5th and Clerk and him to distribute. All areas have been allocated and Karl Jackson from the Gospel Hall will help with collection of rubbish.

ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE – Still to be investigated but RL informed that Bowls Club is now only opening Wed. Thurs. & Fri.

OLD ALLOTMENT CLOSE – Reply received from Mr Bell who is taking no responsibility for the condition of the ditch and any flooding this may cause. He insists that the pipe across the Green is responsibility of Highways. As this is NOTHING to do with Parish Council it was agreed by all that they should not be involved any further. Proposal made by RL seconded by AK.

TOWN & PARISH FORUM – AK & AS had attended this but he felt this was not as informative as usual. Breckland are first District Council in Norfolk to get a Local Plan adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Norfolk ALC Briefings circulated to Members

Norfolk ALC Training Sessions.

Breckland – Event. 27th March 1.30 to 3.30pm

Breckland – Views sought on Car Parks which mainly concerns Attleborough.

Breckland – Empty Homes. Trying to bring these back into occupancy for people on housing list.

Breckland – Environmental Health Bin Guidance.

NCC – Notification of Road Closure Hale Road.9th – 13th March..

CAN – Norfolk Good Neighbour Network. This is already covered by AVA.

Priscilla Bacon Hospice Appeal – It was felt that this should be left to individuals.

PLANNING

3PL/2020/0003/VAR - The Woodlands Orchard, Watton Road, Removal of Agricultural Occupancy.

This has been approved.

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FINANCE

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9 (a) The following accounts for FEBRUARY were passed for payment proposed by MF seconded by LR :-

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Feb.	£127-19
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights.Jan.	£283-58
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages Feb.	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Expenses Feb.+ Internet Security	£128-38
Norfolk County Council DBS Check	£25-00
Ashill Comm. Centre Donation 137 from Feed-In	£137-90
Breckland Council Election Expenses 2019	£1597-28
M P Dennis & Sons Hedge Cutting Comm. Centre	£104-40

9. (b) Current A/C. Copies presented to Members.

(c) Deposit A/C. It was proposed by JL seconded by AT that the Election Expenses being transferred to Current Account for payment from Reserve. However the Clerk was asked to write to Breckland re this expense as it is much more than the quote advised in Oct 2018. Complain wasting money.

(d) It was agreed to look into the Investments.

10. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – to be held on Tuesday 28th April 2020 at 7.00pm followed by monthly meeting.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

RL reported that the Beacon had been damaged by recent storm and broken off. This has now been removed from Green but there seems to be no record of ownership and this will have to be investigated further for replacement. Quotes to be obtained.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This will be held on **Tuesday 24th MARCH 2020** at 7.30pm in Community Centre.

13. EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

The following resolution was passed by all Members :-

“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”.

14. Ashill Estate & New Site for Allotments.

This meeting was concluded at 9.15pm.

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Date _____