

25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022

**The monthly meeting of the Council** was held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Councillors present :- Mr R Leighton (RL Chairman, Mr A Ketteringham(AK)) Vice-Chairman, Mrs J Lusher(JL), Mr K Collins (KC), Mr J Leggett(JLg), Mr L Ready(LR), Mr A Thomas(AT), the Clerk Jean Sangster., Mr F Eagle and 18 members of Public.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs A Binns (AB), Mrs A Shepherd (AS) both due to illness.

The minutes of last meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 had been circulated and were passed and signed.

## **FE REPORTS ON DISTRICT & COUNTY**

Mr Eagle arrived later as he had to attend another village meeting but advised that Breckland had set the Council Tax rate for 2022/2023 which remains the lowest in the area.

He also reported that Fly-Tipping continues to be avidly dealt with and Breckland had again successfully prosecuted culprits.

The Clerk asked if Breckland still had a Dog Warden as she had twice reported fouling complaints but had no response. He agreed to pass this on.

KC asked if it is possible to have another SLOW speeding sign and he will look into this.

The Chairman thanked FE for his attendance.

## **OPEN TO PUBLIC**

Again concerns re the Dunnetts Close development were received even with support from Mr Freeman MP and Mr Wood at Breckland Planning it is felt that the builder's response is not dealing with the ditch and fence problem and it was agreed that this is unacceptable and will only leave a stretch of 'no-mans' land with no-one taking responsibility.

Resident wished to know if and when the Car Scheme would recommence and Chairman explained the problems involved but assured the Council will do their best to get this running again.

There was also a request to have a second open session on the Agenda nearer end of meeting and this will be considered.

## **MEETING CONTINUED**

### **Matters arising from last meeting**

**Highways** – Clerk to report again the state of Hale Road to bridge and state of road in Dunnetts Close.

**SAM2** - This has now been repaired and collected but until stronger brackets are obtained to make more secure this will not be sited. It was decided not to pursue tracking devices due to Data Protection.

**Play Equipment** – Monthly check carried out. Goal posts have now been secured. Thanks expressed to JLg and AT for their prompt action. Clerk to find alternative company to carry out inspection so that a decision can be made on siting of swings. Clerk to find supplier for new handle for Springie.

**Playing Field** –Driveway – RL to chase Trell to see if they can provide a time-sale for work. Quotes for Maintenance of Community Centre field, The Limes and Acacia Avenue have now been received as follows :- TTSR Total cost £2352-48

CGM. Total cost £3295-19

JL declared an interest as family connection with CGM.

It was proposed by KC seconded by JLg that as the work carried out by TTSR last year was most satisfactory and their quote was lower to award them the contract for 2022 and this was agreed.

Letter of thanks to be sent to CGM. RL to deal with moles.

**Police** – The SNT at Swaffham have advised that they intend to hold future SNAP meetings around the district and have requested that the one on 5<sup>th</sup> July be held at Ashill Comm. Centre. However they have no funds allocated to pay for hire so it was proposed by AK seconded by JLg that this should be encouraged and it was agreed that PC pay for this.

**Speedwatch** – There were no details this month.

**Footpaths** – No news of replacement for damaged sign in Uphall Lane so Clerk will chase this. With regard to handrail for bridge, the Clerk advised that this should be provided by NCC and was concerned that any work carried out by PC could have repercussions if some-one was hurt. It was therefore agreed to contact NCC. **MAP** – This is still being investigated.

**Community Centre** – The Chairman advised that support was lacking and Committee have a meeting in Feb. when future Coffee Mornings will be discussed.. .

**Car Scheme** – Private Medicals are to be investigated

**Notice Board** - This has now been installed on Green but as much larger than expected only two boards were erected and discussion re third board being sited inside gate at Comm. Centre followed and it was agreed that this should go ahead and a footpath map placed in this.

**Jubilee Celebrations** - Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022 was well attended but no-one came forward to head the Working Party so RL and AK are following up the suggestions made. These include the Beacon Lighting on Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 9.45pm with stalls on The Green organised by different groups and Choir to sing the Commonwealth Song. Food and drinks to be organised and AVA have agreed that toilet facilities will be open at Call-In. The Archive Group and AVA to hold exhibition on Sat and Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> June. It was suggested that people may wish to hold their own Street Parties and Songs of Praise to be held by Church on the Sunday evening. Further meeting to be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH at 7.30pm in Comm. Centre. The Trustees have agreed that if PC purchase mugs they will reimburse.

**Defibrillator for Comm. Centre** – KC reported that the one he was investigating is not compatible with the ones already installed in village so further enquiries are to be made. New Pads purchased for one at Call-In and JLg has offered to check this as AB not available at present time.

**Memorial Plaque for Village** – This was presented at the Coffee Morning on 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am by Lady Georgina Roberts, Deputy Lieutenant and this will now be sited at Call-In.

**Tree Planting** – Trustees now have permission to trim the Trees on northern side of Green and then it is hoped to plant a new row in front of these with a gap for wild flower strip between.

AK has also had a look around to find if further trees could be planted and suggested that about 20 could be planted on southern side of playing field and a row of small trees to front inside entrance of Comm. Centre. Further hedging is required for Church but Clerk advised that the additional burial ground was handed over to Church.

**ASHLINK** – Members of PC, Trustees and the Editors held meeting and following discussions and further correspondence, the Editors advised that are now in a better position with the help from Trustees but it was proposed by AK seconded by KC that PC place £500-00 in Budget each year to donate to Ashlink which will help the smaller groups that are unable to contribute to their articles. It is also requested that their Accounts are presented at the Annual Parish Meeting. This was agreed.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Weekly newsletters from NorfolkALC

Request for five-a-side football at Playing Field by teams from Rocklands will be investigated and condition of pitch to be inspected.

Request for donation from CAB. It was proposed by RL seconded by JL that the usual £100-00 be donated under Section 137. This was agreed.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

#### **Applications GRANTED**

3PL/2021/1206/D - Reserved matters application following outline permission 3PL/2019/1343/O – proposed residential development. Land adjacent to Seaview Hale Road.

3DC/2021/0257/DOC - DOC-Discharge Part of Conditions 10 & 11 on 3PL/2021/1161/VAR (Discharge Conditions) Land at Dunnetts Close

3PI/2021/0482/F - Glebe House. Conversion of Coach House Ch.St. into 2 dwellings

3PL/2021/1445/HOU- Beech Barn Watton Rd. New additional vehicular access.  
ENF/405/21/PAR - The Old Hall Country Club, Ashill – No Change of Use required.

**Application REFUSED**

3PL/2021/1456/F – The Glebe. Conversion of Agric. Workshop into dwelling.

Due to the resident's concerns at Pond Loke Cressingham Road re new business at Old Hall, the Chairman asked if he could OPEN MEETING and invited the new owner to explain what he intends to carry out. He advised that the heavy vehicles that have been on site would not be in and out all the time and he felt his business would not be detrimental to the area and would be employing local people. He did not require change of use under new Government Regs and he had co-operated with Enforcement Officer. The Chairman thanked him for attending. The Chairman declared MEETING CLOSED. It was agreed to pursue further action on the Dunnetts Close development.

**ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT**

**Accounts Paid**

<b>Direct Debit - SWALEC payment for Power supply DEC.</b>	<b>£325-35</b>
Imperative Training Defib Pads	£63-00

**The following accounts due for JANUARY 2022 were passed for payment proposed by AK seconded by JL :-**

K & M Lighting Services Maint St Lights Jan.	£150-03
Mrs J Pickard Play field Warden Jan.)	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Jan.+ 15hrs	
Expenses Jan.	£61-80
KBS Depot Supply New Notice Board	£4614-00
KBS Depot Additional Post	£333-60
Ashill Comm. Centre Hire Hall Oct. Nov.Jan. x 2	£64-00
Norfolk Citizens Advice Donation Section 137	£100-00

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

**Any Other Business** – KC asked if it is anticipated that PC will provide Charging Points at Comm. Centre and this will be investigated.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** – Due to Hall already booked this will have to be held on **26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022 at 7.00pm** followed by usual Monthly Meeting

**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING IS TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 at 7.30pm in COMM. CENTRE.**

**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**

**Meeting Closed at 9.30pm**

**Signed**

**Date**

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