

25th OCTOBER 2022

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday 25th OCTOBER 2022 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm

In attendance: Mr A Ketteringham(AK)) Chair, Mr R Leighton(RL) Vice-Chair, Mr J Leggett(JLg), Mrs A Binns (AB), Mrs J Lusher(JL), Mr L Ready (LR), Mrs A Shepherd (AS), Mr .A Thomas(AT), 9 Members of the Public & the Clerk Jean Sangster.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr K Collins(KC) due to holiday.

The minutes of last meeting held on 27th September 2022 had been circulated and were passed and signed.

There were no additional Declarations of Interest.

There were no reports from County/District Council as Mr Eagle was unable to attend.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Request for pot hole at Bus Stop outside Green Hedges to be reported again.

Concerns expressed by resident of new Hale Road bungalows that two areas of land to rear of these have been submitted for inclusion in Review of Local Plan. The Chairman explained that although they are included does not mean that they will automatically be developed – they would still have to be approved by the Planning Department.

Query raised regarding opening times of Wayland House as they are not displayed on building. AS said she will take this back to Partnership.

MEETING CONTINUED

Matters arising from last meeting

Highways – The request for splay to be widened at entrance to Dunnetts Close has been refused with no action required.

Clerk was asked to chase up the extension of speed limits and gates with Highways.

Also to report that hump at entrance to Woodlands House has never been dealt with.

Concerns expressed regarding the number of road closures we have had in the village which has meant that buses have not been able to travel through. It was noted that on several occasions when the road was closed, no work was carried out. It was proposed by RL seconded by JL that a letter be sent to MP with these concerns and this was agreed.

Notification of extension to 30mph limit in Common Road to frontage of Cornflower Way.

Play Equipment – Monthly check carried out. Bench still loose and JLg will repair. It was agreed that the painting of the equipment will be held over until Spring. The Matting under swings is worn and loose and AT agreed to look at this. It was suggested that the frame that held the newer swings should be left in place and incorporate climbing ropes in the future.

It was proposed by JLg seconded by AB that now grant has been confirmed for basket swing and straight swing, the Clerk should place an order with Action Play & Leisure and this was agreed.

Playing Field – The Clerk advised that she has approached CGM and TTSR for quotes for 2023 season for maintenance at Comm. Centre and Acacia & Limes. She will try to get a third quote.

Police – PC Olly Button has been posted to Dereham and at the present time has not been replaced so this leaves PC Johnson to cover the area on his own. However it was reported at recent SNAP meeting that he had spoken with owners of tractors that are speeding through the village as reported by the Speedwatch team. It was agreed that the SNAP meetings should continue to be held in various locations throughout the area and Clerk has booked the Comm. Centre for the 4th July meeting.

Speedwatch – Mr Street had circulated data collected from SAM2 and advised that he felt placing it at northern end of Parish was not necessary. However it was agreed to leave rota as it is for time being to see if 30mph signs get moved.

Footpaths – Permissive Path – Grant for maintenance to be included in Budget.

Community Centre – The Vice-Chair reported that bookings are going well but still no interest in taking over the job of Letting Officer. The question of the Feed-In Tariff being paid over to the Comm. Centre had been raised and the Clerk advised that a donation had been paid from last receipt of this but previously as Centre had not been in use, it was not paid over. She reminded Councillors that the Solar Panels belong to Council and they are responsible for maintenance. It was therefore agreed to leave receipt of this money with Council and monitor.

Ashill Estate – Reply received that too expensive to drain but a rent review is to be carried out .

Car Scheme – No further news.

Jubilee Trees.- The Clerk is collecting names from the fire victims so that trees can be distributed when they are collected. RL and AT informed that there are several oak trees that have self-sown in the copse so these could be dug up and moved, Discuss with M Fletcher and T Collins.

Wayland Partnership – AS attended recent meeting and reported that positive progress has been made in acquiring funding for Media Centre, Warm Spaces are being looked into in Gallery and Library, Men’s Shed is back up to 70 members and have various activities planned. It was suggested that the village events be publicised on the Wayland website so we need to keep them informed.

Allotment Rents – All but one collected. Clerk has one person on waiting list and requested that the site be inspected so AT and RL will get this done. As the rents had been increased this year it was agreed by all Council that there should be no increase next year.

Community Resilience/Emergency Plan – The first meeting had proved very helpful with interest from different people and the feed-back good. Next meeting planned for 1st November in Comm. Centre at 7.30pm. All welcome. Mr G Long is co-ordinating and recording the information so far.

Ashlink – Mr And Mrs Long have agreed to carry on at the moment but he pointed out that he has received several adverse remarks about the magazine.

Storage of Donations for Fire Victims – Clothing is still being stored at Swaffham and has been opened on two occasions for people to collect what they needed but only 2 or 3 have come along so it was agreed that it was now time to hand this over to various charities that are in need of clothing. It was also agreed that the food, toiletries and remaining items held in containers at Comm. Centre would be put out in hall on 5th Nov. for fire victims to collect and then what is left would be handed out to Food-Banks and Charities.

The Chair advised that Mrs Robson had written to thank Fire Service at Tyne and Wear who had attended the fire, as this is area she came from and they had sent a photo taken on day with letter in response which is to be displayed in Comm. Centre and Call –In. Thanks expressed to her.

CORRESPONDENCE

Newsletters from NorfolkALC circulated to Members.

Healthwatch Norfolk News & Wellbeing Newsletter – circulated.

Power to People – Clerk to write to George Freeman MP to ask for support.

Offshore Wind Farm – Equinor – Clerk to register to support this campaign.

Survey re Volunteering – this is for anyone to complete.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Decision 3PL/2022/0639/VAR for change of external materials and minor alterations to the fenestration at Cutbush Farm Common Road -REFUSED.

3PL/2022/1162/HOU Application for Extension & Alterations at Fir Tree Cottage Watton Road to be returned with no objections.

LOCAL PLAN – Submissions for sites extended to 1st December.

ACCOUNTS

Account Paid Direct Debit - SWALEC payment for Power supply SEPT.

£306-40.

The following accounts due for payment for OCTOBER 2022 were passed proposed by JLG seconded byLR:-

K & M Lighting Services Maint St Lights Oct.	£150-03
Mrs J Pickard Play field Warden Oct.)	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Oct.+ 17hrs)	
Expenses Oct.	£92-90
PKF Littlejohn LLP Annual Audit	£370-00
Norfolk County Council Rent Ashill Estate	£850-00
TTSR Maint. Playing Field	£801-84
Maint. Acacia & Limes	£374-40
Ashill PCC Donation 137 2/3rds Churchyard Upkeep.	£548-59

Current account Details had been circulated to Members together with copy of Bank Statement. These were agreed.

The Clerk advised that after completing and sending the application form to Invest with Unitary Trust Bank they have now advised that they do NOT take Investments from Parish Councils. She asked permission to apply to Redwood Bank to see if they will accept our money and this was agreed by all Members.

Budget for 2023/2024 – The Clerk advised that as there is no meeting in December the Precept will have to be set at November Meeting so she asked that if there is any projects that need to be included so she can prepare this for the meeting.

THE MEETING WAS AGAIN OPEN TO PUBLIC

It was suggested that solar power lighting be applied to 30mph signs in Hale Road.

One of the 30mph signs that had been displayed before development at Cornflower Way is missing so Highways need to be notified.

Complaint about traffic in Dunnetts Close.

Resident advised that there are some very interesting maps displayed around Watton showing places of interest.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Informed that the Food Bus that comes to the village is not being supported and if this is not used it will stop coming. Advertise.

JL informed that Cadent had been out to inspect the gas main at her property and whilst there she had expressed concerns about the gas main through the village and was advised that this will be reported back.

Local concerns had been expressed when a proposed bonfire and fireworks had been advertised but following these it had been cancelled.

Bus Shelter Cleaning – One at Fairholme had been cleaned by volunteers and thanks expressed to them. AT to clean the one on Green. AT also reported that post on village sign is loose and this will be inspected.

AK reported that Trustees, helpers and children from School had sown the wildflower seeds on Green.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING –TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.30PM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

This Meeting Closed at 9.50pm following the passing of the following resolution :-

EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

“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 Site,

Signed

Date
