

26th MAY 2020

The Parish Council has embraced the new technology allowing us to have a monthly meeting using Zoom.

Therefore the monthly meeting of the Council was held by virtual link on Tuesday 26th MAY 2020 at 7.30pm.

Councillors present : Mr R Leighton (RL) Chair, Mr A Ketteringham (AK) Vice-Chair, Mrs A Shephard(AS), Mr K Collins (KC), Mr J Leggett (JLg), Mr L Ready(LR), Mr A Thomas(AT). Also in attendance Jean Sangster Clerk, Mr F Eagle (FE) District & County Councillor & one member of Public(KM)

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J Lusher (JL) and Mrs M Forsyth (MF).

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th April 2020 had been circulated, read and passed and will be signed when normal meetings recommence.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCLLOR

FE advised that further grant assistance for businesses has been announced and they should contact Councils for help.

He also advised that the Ashill Recycling Centre will be opening on Thursday 28th May 2020 and details have been circulated regarding the restrictions when visiting the site.

The Chairman thanked FE for his attendance and information.

There were no questions from the Public but KM asked to speak when Council discuss Fitness Equipment.

At this point the Clerk requested that ITEMS 9 & 10 be dealt with first as time is limited and the Audit documents need to be completed urgently and Accounts passed for payment.

AGAR – Sections 1 and 2 had been circulated and all Councillors approved these documents and Chair is to sign these before sending to Internal auditor.

ACCOUNTS due for payment for MAY as follows were proposed by JLg seconded by KC :-

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights May	£127-19
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights. Apr.	£273-84
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages May.	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Expenses May	£82-18
AW Water supply to allotments	£14-24
Came & Company Annual Renewal	£1403-97
CGM Group Maint PF, Acacia, Limes & Spraying	£340-72
Environment Agency Drainage Ashill Estate	£14-74
Ashill Comm Centre Donation 137 Feed-In Tariff	£217-34

The Clerk informed Members that she had now clarified invoices with CGM and the £30-00 for spraying was actually for last year and the spraying is now included in total invoice split over the 7 months.

MATTERS ARISING

Highways –The pothole in pavement in Hale Road near pond has been identified for repair.

30mph speed signs in Watton Road – eastern side was removed for building work to be carried out and western side is obscured by bushes. Meeting opened for KM to inform that eastern side one is to be put back nearer to Watton when new pavement is installed. Meeting Closed.

Clerk to request that bushes are cut back around the western side sign.

Partnership Funding with NCC – Awaiting Highways for installation.

Play Equipment – Notification that ROSPA will still carry out Annual Inspection in June.

Adult Fitness Equipment – There was much discussion and further information was provided by Clerk that she had received from FAF that EN16630 states that fitness equipment should not be installed in the immediate vicinity of children's playgrounds. When installed the fitness equipment needs to be separated from play equipment by an appropriate distance, fencing or other structural measures. The general advice is to leave a space of 25metres. KM pointed out that FAF are the professionals and we should take advice from them. Following this advice RL had measured the playing field and established that sites A & B advised by KM by email prior to this meeting were unsuitable and advised that there is adequate space along western side of MUGA towards goal post (which could easily be moved as pitch could run south to north).

It was agreed by all that the equipment should be placed in a square and not in long line.

The question of who should meet the installers was confirmed after a heated discussion as JLg, AS, KM and Clerk as both Chair & Vice-chair had other commitments. This was agreed 6 to 1.

Therefore RL proposed seconded by JLg that if at the meeting on Thursday 28th May the installation team advise that there is no objection to the site agreed by Members (on western side of MUGA towards goal post) the 2 Councillors on behalf of whole Council should give go ahead.

This was AGREED by ALL Members.

The Chair made it clear that if FAF advise this is not suitable then this will have to return to Council to be discussed on 23rd June 2020.

AT THIS POINT THE CONNECTION TO VIDEO LINK WAS TIMED OUT AT 8.10pm.

THE MEETING WAS CONTINUED ON TUESDAY 2ND JUNE 2020 AT 7.30pm

Councillors present : - Mr R Leighton (RL) Chair, Mr A Ketteringham (AK) Vice-Chair, Mrs J Lusher, Mrs A Shephard(AS), Mr K Collins (KC), Mr J Leggett (JLg), Mr L Ready(LR), Mr A Thomas(AT). Also in attendance Jean Sangster Clerk, & one member of Public(KM). Apologies were received from Mr M Forsyth.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

Playing Field & Tennis Court – A discussion as to whether a temporary repair should be carried out or a complete refurbishment to include resurfacing was held. AK felt that if a complete refurb is to be carried out then a grant should be applied for. After much debate it was proposed that RL get further quotes for replacing the tension wires and also to see if another company will quote for complete refurb. This was agreed by all but felt that something MUST be done as soon as possible due to potential danger to public.

At this point the connection for AS was lost and she could not sign back in.

Wayland Partnership – This is closed at the present time.

Police – Various briefings have been circulated and notices will be displayed in notice board. JL informed that a shed had been broken into in Saham Toney

Footpath Maps – Awaiting details to be added by RL.

Community Centre – There has been no action on the raised beds and garden.

Allotments – Complaint received from one holder that there is rubbish left on the recently ploughed plots and this will be dealt with. Also that one plot that has been let for some time has not been worked and weeds and brambles are growing through to other plots. Agreed that letter be sent to holder to inquire if they still want the plot. JLg to read water meter.

The Clerk informed that following problems with padlock on water tap cupboard this has been removed and is her care.

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1030.

Ashill Estate – Letter from NCC re tree and hedge planting for the future. It was agreed that AK will look into ownership of boundary hedges and Clerk to complete questionnaire.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Other correspondence of note had also been circulated.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No applications but Clerk was asked to report building at Redmoor around containers which may be above height restriction.

Clerk also advised that she had received notification of a review of Local Plan in 2024 and a new Development Scheme which the Clerk will obtain details for.

FINANCE

The Clerk informed that the £40-00 payment to ICO had been made as no Direct Debit had been set up.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

AT wished to express his concerns re safety issues of the decided site for new Fitness Equipment. However RL pointed out that this matter was agreed at previous meeting and under Section 7 of Standing Orders cannot be discussed again for 6 months.

KM also wished to raise queries about the decided site but unfortunately the Zoom session ran out at 8.05pm so this closed the Meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 23rd JUNE 2020 at 7.30pm.

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