

26th OCTOBER 2021

The monthly meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 26th OCTOBER 2021 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 J Leggett(JLg), Mr L Ready. Mr A Thomas(AT) and the Clerk Jean Sangster.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs A Binns (AB) due to illness, Mrs A Shepherd (AS) due to illness, Mr K Collins (KC) due to holiday and Swaffham Police due to another meeting.

The minutes of last meeting held on 28th September 2021 had been circulated and were passed and signed.

AT declared an interest in the Planning Application to be discussed regarding his property.

FE REPORTS ON DISTRICT & COUNTY

No updates.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

There were no questions from Public.

MEETING CONTINUED

Matters arising from last meeting

Highways – AK requested that the Clerk contact Highways regarding the Drains and ditch in Womack Lane as the work promised has never been carried out.

Pothole needs attention again on bend past Recycling Centre and request that the TROD in Sw.Rd. is dug out.

Clerk has contacted Westcotec re 'flashing crossing signs' for entrance to Comm. Centre and sites will be inspected.

SAM2 – The Clerk had submitted the claim but since the equipment had been found in the ditch in Watton Rd and has now been taken to Westcotec for assessment. It appears to have suffered water damage and the Clerk to notify Insurers with quote for repairs.

The Chairman wished to point out that this has cost the Parish money and in future the Parish Council will not hesitate to prosecute any vandalism.

Play Equipment – Monthly check carried out. Reported that having resited the goal posts after a few days one had come loose in the ground so further attention required urgently. Proposed by RL seconded by AT that postcrete be purchased and all agreed. RL will attend to moles.

Playing Field – Driveway – Clerk has now received confirmation that Parish Council has been awarded the grant for this work and TRELLE will be contacted to ask to carry out this work. Clerk to check with Comm. Centre for a time when less busy. The old sign has been removed from front of entrance and JLg will see if this can be refurbished.

Police –No update.

Speedwatch – Report from Mr Street informing that 28 sessions had been run from 13th July to 22nd October with 201 speeding vehicles reported. During July to September Norfolk Constabulary sent out 164 letters. A 6th location has been authorised which is on Hale Rd. in the 40mph limit at entrance to Uphall Grange.

Footpaths – Clerk has reported damage to sign in Uphall Lane..

Car Scheme – Letter still to be sent.

Litter Bin – Check if these are being emptied.

Dunnetts Close Former Garage site – No further news.

Jubilee Tree Planting & Celebrations – It was agreed to organise an evening in January 2022 to call organisations together to form a Working Party. Clerk to book 18th at 7.30pm. and send invites to organisations. Bruno Peak has suggested that organisations have a PIPER playing as a lead up to Beacon Lighting. Agreed to contact FE as we understand that there is a gentleman who plays in Nth Pickenham.

At this point the Clerk also requested that the November meeting date be changed to 30th so that Precept could be agreed and then there would be no need for the early January meeting as she felt that two meetings within 2 weeks was expecting rather alot of her. RL proposed that Councillors should agree to this and it was seconded by AK. Notices will be displayed placed in Ashlink.

TREES – It was felt that there are no suitable places available for these but agreed to ask for hedging for Churchyard proposed by RL seconded by AK.

Defibrillator for Comm. Centre – This is being dealt with by C.C. Committee.

The CIRCUIT had notified Clerk that the one at Call-In had been used and should be checked before it is brought back into use. AB had checked this and Clerk will re-register and look into the purchase of more pads.

Allotments – As there are still 5 outstanding payments it was agreed to wait until either they are all paid or Clerk is advised of any plots being handed back before allocating any vacant plots.

Commemorative Plaque – Clerk awaiting confirmation of date for presentation.

Flood Prevention re FE – These have now been purchased and it was agreed that the pump and hose should be stored in container at Comm. Centre. Information to be placed in Ashlink for contacting Councillors to open container but will not be responsibility of Councillors to operate equipment. Flood barriers for Brecks Ward will be held by FE. Clerk to apply to NCC for reimbursement.

TPO – Notification that this has now been placed on the Oak tree at the School.

CORRESPONDENCE

Weekly newsletters from NorfolkALC

Breckland Council - New Chief Executive appointed.

NCC County Farms – New contacts.

Creative Arts – Workshops at Queens Hall Watton throughout November and December.

EDP – introducing new community content team for reporting.

Letter from resident – information to be handed on to Police.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications Decided

3PL/2021/1075/HOU for 1 Swaffham Road Granted.

To Discuss

3PL/2021/1382/HOU - Conversion of part of an existing barn into single bed, single Storey accommodation for family use at The Old Crown The Green. All agreed no objections. AT declared interest.

3DC/2021/0257/DOC for drainage of development site Dunnetts Close- serious concerns raised which include fencing along boundary restricting access to ditch and ditch does belong to developers, there seems to be a problem with drainage of whole site also sewerage is shown as connecting to existing across neighbouring bungalow's gardens which have suffered problems without this additional foul water. It was agreed to support the concerns of local residents and Clerk to register all concerns with Planning Department with copy to FE.

3PL/2021/1429/D – The Willows Hale Road for Reserved Matters for Residential development of 8 Dwellings & garages following outline permission 3PL/2018/0447/O PC had not objected to outline application but to reiterate the condition of a footway to frontage to join cottages to north and footway to frontage of new houses already granted adjacent The Willows.

3PL/2021/1445/HOU – Beech Barn Watton Road application for additional new access. Following discussion it was proposed by AK seconded LR to object on grounds of concerns of additional traffic using this nearer to the corner and problems with gas main running along frontage. This was agreed by 5 Councillors with RL recommending it is left to Highways to decide.

3PL/2021/1456/F – The Glebe House Ch. St. for conversion and extension of the agricultural workshop building to a single-storey dwelling.

There seems to be two differing plans as to layout and to ask for clarification. Also concerns over Ecology survey which conflicts with views of local residents, However it was generally felt that members did not object to this being a dwelling but as with previous application request that access/exit is extended to include a footway to north and south to enable pedestrians to cross road safely. This was agreed by All.

ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

Urgent accounts paid

Direct Debits - SWALEC payment for Power supply Sept. £287-62

The following accounts were passed for payment for OCTOBER proposed by JL seconded by AT:-

K & M Lighting Services Maint St Lights Oct.	£150-03
Mrs J Pickard Play field Warden Oct.)	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Oct..+ 16hrs)	
Expenses Oct.	£37-80
Reimburse Flood Pump+hose	£112.98
Norfolk County Council Rent Ashill Estate	£850-00
Mr P Hares Overpaid Allot. Rent	£15-00

Also agreed to pay TTSR for Maintenance Play Field, Acacia & Limes & 2/3rds Ch.Yard Maintenance when invoices received.

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

INVESTMENTS

The Clerk had now transferred £85,000-00 from Barclays to HTB new account.

BUDGET

The Clerk will draw this up and present to Council at November meeting so that the Precept can be decided.

Any other Business

Request that hedge alongside entrance to Comm. Centre is cut back.

KC had requested that 'flashing signs' be installed either side of entrance to Recycling Centre.

This is a matter for NCC and will pass to FE.

Cleaning of bus shelters is in hand.

Still problem with Dog Fouling in vicinity of Fairholme Close. This will again be reported to Dog Warden.

Trustees and Council will place thanks to volunteers in Ashlink for all the work that has been carried out in the village.

Clerk still concerned that street lights are not being checked and asked if rota should be abolished but RL felt that important this is carried on and should not fall on the Clerk to do this so will remain in place.

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

Date of next Meeting – Tuesday 30th NOVEMBER 2021 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

Meeting Closed at 10.00pm

Signed

Date
