

28th APRIL 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 28th April 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 and Mr F Eagle (FE) District & County Councillor. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J Lusher (JL) and Mrs M Forsyth (MF).

The minutes of the March matters dealt with via email had been circulated, read and passed and will be signed when normal meetings recommence.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCLLOR

FE advised that all contact numbers are available for help and that he had arranged for Fish & Chip van to come to village on a Monday and the local Butcher to deliver free of charge.

Grants are available from District Council and that he can be contacted if there are any problems. Thanks expressed for his support.

No members of the Public were in attendance

MATTERS ARISING

Highways – Clerk was asked to report the pothole in pavement in Hale Road near pond. It was confirmed that Highways are continuing to work.

Partnership Funding with NCC – The 50% share from PC has been paid and now awaiting confirmation from Highways that signs will be installed.

Play Equipment – Notification that ROSPA will still carry out Annual Inspection in June. Ensure that all equipment is untied ready and Clerk to ask for confirmation of date so that this can be done.

Adult Fitness Equipment – The order for this has now been placed in Parish Council name and Clerk has confirmed that the company will carry out site visit before installation so that site can be agreed. The Grant money together with £6300-00 withdrawn from Nationwide BS has been placed in Reserve account until required.

Playing Field & Tennis Court – The gate to tennis court is to be tied up again as this shouldn't be in use. Concerns as to the way forward with the fencing and this will be discussed further at next meeting. FE suggested that fencing be removed and then a new type of fencing be put up as this may not constitute repairs and this way capital funds and grants could be used. KC suggested that maybe Fitness Equipment be sited on the court area and a new tennis court be put in place further down field.

Wayland Partnership – This is closed at the present time.

Police – Various briefings have been circulated and notices will be displayed in notice board.

Footpath Maps – AS has spent time drawing up new map which was shown to members. She felt this could be amended as we go along and added to with drawings or photos. RL pointed out that several paths were not showing so this needs to be extended but thanked AS for her time and effort. Notice board to be discussed at later date.

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

Allotments – The Clerk advised that she has now let a further 3.5 plots now that they have been sprayed.

Community Car Scheme – This is closed down for the present time but first half of grant received. There was no further matters to discuss.

CORRESPONDENCE

All notifications from the Norfolk ALC had been forwarded to Members with further advice on how to keep the Council running but there is to be no Annual Parish Meeting and no AGM. Audit arrangements have now been agreed by Government and new act in place for virtual meetings. Clerk informed that Standing Orders need to be amended to incorporate this and she will draw up amendments to be notified to Councillors.

Health & Safety Executive have now replied to our complaint against Cadent re Gas Main through village. They inform that they are satisfied Cadent have done all they can to ensure this is safe but after circulating this reply to Members it had been agreed to inform them that the Parish Council will take no responsibility if there is any further accidents in the village and will make it known that PC had complained extensively about this matter.

FE advised that the Boundary Commission had recommended that Ashill be included with Necton Ward in the future but this had been rejected and awaiting confirmation that Ashill to remain as it is.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2020/0233/HOU – Proposed single storey rear extension and canopy to front entrance at 2 Holmere Cottages, The Green for Mr Barrett. This has been granted.

FINANCE

The following accounts due for payment for APRIL 2020 were passed for payment proposed by KC seconded by AS :-

Urgent A/C's Paid –

CGM – Maint. Playing Field & Limes/Acacia	£340-72
Spraying Tennis Court & Car Park	£30-00
ICO Data Protection	£40-00

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Apr.	£127-19
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights. Mar.	£283-58
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages Apr.	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Expenses Apr.	£110-17
NCC Rent Ashill Estate	£850-00
Norfolk ALC Annual Subscription	£300-50
Ashill Community Gardens Donation 137 for Planters	£82-50
Ashill & Holme Hale Donation 137 for planters	£50-00
Community Car Scheme Outstanding payments for Mar. For 5 drivers + Admin	£31-04

- (b) Current A/C details had been circulated together with End of Year figures.
(c) Deposit A/C details and Reserves circulated.

Any Other Business

AK requested permission for the seat that had been given by members of family of former resident of Acacia Avenue, to be sited on green area in centre of Acacia Avenue. The seat is concrete and hard wood so little maintenance will be needed as this becomes responsibility of PC. Permission given but RL suggested that in future money should be included in Budget for maintenance of seats and this was agreed.

AK Chairman of Trustees advised that organisations in village are requested to let them know of anyone suffering hardship at this time and they should contact them for help.

The Clerk informed that AT had been asked who owned the ditch to front of new bungalows opposite Millfield as they would like to pipe this. She advised that David Jacklin from Highways had checked and this belongs to the owners of the bungalows but Mr Tilley states that this was not on Deeds. RL felt this is going to be a dispute that goes on for ever and it was agreed that Clerk contact Land Registry to get confirmation and FE advised that Drainage Board would need to be contacted for permission to pipe this.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 26th MAY 2020 at 7.30pm.

The Meeting Continued with EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC although no Public were present but recorded as such.

**The following resolution was agreed and 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”.**

To Discuss

New Site for Allotments, Staff Appraisal and Wages and Reserve Account.

This concluded the business for evening and Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed.....Date.....