

# ***ASHILL PARISH COUNCIL***

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## **28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020**

The Monthly Meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Councillors Present :- Mr R Leighton(RL) Chairman, Mr A Ketteringham(AK) Vice-Chairman, Mrs M Forsyth(MF) Mrs J Lusher (JL), Mrs A Shepherd(AS), Mr J Leggett(JLg), Mr L Ready (LR) & Mr A Thomas(AT). Also in attendance :- Jean Sangster, Clerk, and 5 members of the public. Mr F Eagle arrived later.

Apologies were received from Mr K Collins (KC).

The minutes of the meeting held on 26.11.19 were then taken as read, passed and signed as a correct record.

## **AT THIS POINT THE CHAIRMAN INVITED QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Concerns expressed that the pathway between the two parking areas at Community Centre is being blocked and therefore people are having to walk across muddy grass. Suggested that zigzag lines be put down and this will be discussed.

## **THE MEETING CONTINUED**

### **MATTERS ARISING**

HIGHWAYS – Permission now been given by Mr Jacklin Highways for seat in Cressingham Road. Swaffham Road TROD – work to be carried out.

Footway from Green to Dunnetts Close has now been cut back.

Problems to be reported – Footway from Acacia to Call-In breaking up.

Potholes in Dunnetts Close.

Pothole at entrance to Comm. Centre

Potholes in Hale Road and edge of roadway broken away due to additional traffic through village.

Green Lane needs clearing following flooding.

### **At This Point Mr Eagle joined the meeting.**

He suggested that Highways be requested to include the length of Hale Road in the 'rolling programme' for resurfacing.

He reported on the figures agreed by NCC for Council Tax for 2020/2021.

Also informed on the changes to the boundaries for County Electoral Districts. This does not affect Ashill.

He advised that a new project for better connections between AVA and NCC is in pipeline.

He was asked if there had been a change in policy regarding TPO's as our request for the Oak trees in Cressingham Road to be included had been refused. As far as he knows nothing has changed.

The Chairman thanked Mr Eagle for attending.

### **The Meeting Continued**

PARTNERSHIP FUNDING WITH NCC – Application has been accepted. This will be decided in March.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Inspection to be carried out. The work on roundabout is still ongoing.

Problems still with Multipondo and it is unlikely that new bushes can be fitted. It was agreed to leave as it is until ROSPA inspect later in year as not considered to be a danger.

Matting needs repairing under new swings so Mr Blackburn will be asked to carry this out with the remaining matting stored at Reeves Farm.

Concern expressed regarding the supporting wires on tennis court surround as many have broken and sticking out. As this is a hazard it was agreed the Chairman would find someone to repair as soon as possible and quotes will be obtained for further repairs.

Confirmed that the hedges at Community Centre will be cut shortly.

ADULT FITNESS EQUIPMENT – It had been agreed in between meetings by the majority of Members that the equipment be purchased from Fresh Air Fitness and the Clerk had applied for grants from the Nth Pickenham Windfarm Fund and matched funding from Breckland for this.

PLAYING FIELD – Notification from NORSE of their proposed increase.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – Next meeting is to be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.00pm at Wayland House.

POLICE – Newsletters for December and January received. AK had attended the SNAP meeting and informed that the villages have been quiet but Swaffham is to take priority as there is a lot of crime. He was assured that the recent spate of thefts from motor vehicles across the district had been dealt with. Mr Orpen-Smellie attended this meeting as he is the candidate to replace Mr Lorne Green as Police & Crime Commissioner

SPEEDWATCH – No sessions have been held during December and January.

FOOTPATH MAPS – Ongoing. Clerk reported that the notice board on Green is in a poor state and it was agreed to look into cost of replacing. Clerk to contact Necton Clerk for information.

There is a Parish Path Seminar on 28<sup>th</sup> February at Thompson Comm. Centre.

COMMUNITY CENTRE – Raised beds and the possibility of the Community Garden being moved.

This is to be looked into by AK and AS.

ALLOTMENTS & ALTERNATIVE SITE – Meeting arranged for working party on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

CAR SCHEME – QE Hospital advise that time to request the new parking permits for drivers to display. Clerk to deal with this. More drivers needed but Chairman felt that there is too much paperwork involved that puts people off.

TELEPHONE KIOSK – Advert to be placed in Ashlink for help with this work.

VE DAY PLANS – There had been very little support from village at recent meeting and no grant will be applied for. The Archive Group still to hold their 3 day event in Call-IN.

TPO's – This was refused.

TREE IN CHURCHYARD – It was proposed by AK seconded by JLg that Parish Council contribute from Section 137 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of cost. All agreed. Trustees to pay remaining 1/3<sup>rd</sup> for the removal of tree.

LITTER PICK – JLg confirmed that arrangements in hand.

ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE – It was proposed by RL that this be investigated further

ANY OTHER MATTERS – Old Allotment Close residents concerned that the new mesh placed over the outlet pipe that runs across The Green will cause the ditch to fill and overflow. It was agreed that Parish Council support their concerns and Clerk to write to Bennett Homes again.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

NorfolkALC – All Briefings for December and January had been circulated.

NorfolkALC – re new Website. Clerk to arrange for training for this.

Flagship – Information re former water tower site Dunnetts Close that permission had been given for resident to use this site for temporary storage.

Dog Fouling Church Street – Resident advised to report to Breckland Dog warden.

NHS – Newsletter.

Breckland – Confirmation that Local Plan has now been adopted.

Breckland Town and Parish Forum to be held on Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. 5.30 for 6.30 at Elizabeth House Dereham. 3 to attend.

Clerks & Councils Direct – Keep on file re Allotment Law.

## **PLANNING**

**3PL/2019/1343/O** – Amended outline application for site adjacent 'Seaview' Hale Road for residential development for Holme Hale Farms. Further correspondence has been received by Breckland from owners of cottages who have assured that no cars will be parked to frontage. No decision by Breckland as yet.

**3PL/2020/0003/VAR** - The Woodlands Orchard, Watton Road, Removal of Agricultural Occupancy. Concerns to be raised with Simon Wood at meeting at Breckland on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. Chairman, Vice-Chairman, AS and Clerk to attend. Councillors do not wish for Orchard site to be developed so ask if covenant could remain on barn and remainder of site.

**9 (a) The following accounts for JANUARY were passed for payment proposed by LR seconded by MF:-**

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Jan..	£127-19
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights.Dec.	£283-58
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages Jan.	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Expenses Dec. + Jan.	£123-50
James Marshall Strimming at Comm. Centre Aug. + Sept.	£225-00
Norfolk County Council DBS Checks	£25-00
Car Scheme payments to Drivers for Dec. + Jan.	to be advised

9. (b) Current A/C. Copies presented to Members.  
(c) Deposit of Capital Funds now carried out.

**10 OBJECTIVES FOR 2020/2021**

The Clerk presented a list of possible Objectives that she felt needed to be addressed. The main one being the purchase of Estate Estate and it was proposed by JLg seconded by JL that this be valued with the proviso proposed by RL seconded by LR that this includes a value with Parish Council being sitting tenants. This was agreed with one abstention. Meeting to be arranged for working party for discussion of alternative site for allotments. Also consider providing Zipp wire at Community Centre.

**11. DATES FOR MEETINGS 2020**

These had been circulated and it was agreed to hold the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING on same evening as monthly meeting in APRIL to commence at 7.00pm.

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Parishioner had asked if another bus shelter could be installed at bus stop opposite shop but this had been investigated with Highways before and the answer is NO due to difficulty with siting and visibility.

Maintenance of Churchyard – Cost to remain same and agreed that Parish Council would Donate 2/3<sup>rd</sup> under Section 137 towards this.

Request to be made for street sign to be moved at entrance to Dunnetts Close as obscured by BT box and drivers having difficulty finding Old Allotment Close.

Quiz on 22<sup>nd</sup> February – team to be entered.

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This will be held on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020** at 7.30pm in Community Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.40pm.

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_