

28<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020

This was a virtual meeting using Zoom.

The monthly meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020 at 7.30pm.

Councillors present : Mr R Leighton (RL) Chair, Mr A Ketteringham (AK) Vice-Chair, Mrs J Lusher (JL), Mrs A Shephard(AS), Mr K Collins (KC), Mr J Leggett (JLg), Mr A Thomas(AT). Also in attendance Jean Sangster Clerk & Mr F Eagle (FE) District/County Councillor.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs M Forsyth (MF), Mr L Ready(LR)

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The minutes of the meeting held on 23.06.20 had been circulated, read and passed and will be signed when normal meetings recommence.

## REPORT FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCLLOR

Full Council Meetings are now being held by video link by both Councils and the County Council is back to the Committee system.

FE will try to attend the Planning Meeting to discuss the site next Seaview, Hale Road which is now recommended by Planning Officers for refusal even though the issues raised re parking and footway seem to have been resolved. No one from PC wished to attend.

He hopes the parking problem in Church Street will be resolved by Police as yellow lines cannot be enforced.

FE requested that Parishioners back the consultation for the new Norwich Western Link road.

KC asked if FE still has the speed signs that the Parish borrowed before and he said he would get them to us.

The chairman thanked FE for attending and he then left the meeting.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC – no public had requested to attend.

## MATTERS ARISING

Highways – Pothole in Dunnetts Close will receive attention.

The street signage for Dunnetts Close and Old Allotment Close will be replaced but the one on other side of road near BT box cannot be moved.

New pedestrian signs are now in place in Sw. Rd and NCC have notified of Partnership Scheme for 2021/2022.

SAM2 sign – This is now in place at northern end of village and will be turned after 4 weeks. RL to collect data and JLg to purchase 2 new padlocks.

Play Equipment – ROSPA inspection carried out and précis of report circulated. Action required.

Clerk had queried Invoice as this included inspection of fitness equipment which was not in place at the time. This has now been reduced with apologies. Roundabout now completed. Discussion followed re resiting of swings and removal of Multipondo. Agreed to ask Mr A Hyde if he can carry out this work and Mr G Barnes will be given a list of repairs needed on other pieces of equipment. Disclaimer Notice displayed but needs to be placed in a weatherproof board. The resiting of goal posts was raised and Clerk pointed out that this had already been agreed at last meeting.

However the Bowls Club is interested in having an outdoor Green at the Comm Centre as the one at Leisure Centre is now closed. To be able to apply for a grant to assist with this project a letter is required from PC to state that there is land available for this. It was proposed by AK seconded by KC that this be dealt with. All agreed with RL declaring interest. More details will be discussed at a later date.

Adult Fitness Equipment – Installation now completed and RL has signed this off. However there is a scratch which RL has agreed to repair. Notice board required to display the notice of funding and a visual check is required on weekly basis to comply with warranty to record and keep. Rota circulated. Thanks were expressed to KM and AS for getting this project underway.

Tennis Court – The surround fence has now been repaired.

Playing Field – A request from the Parishioner who has been keeping the white-lining machine in their garage was received asking for this to be removed. The Cubs will be contacted to ask if they will make use of this and if so they can store. Thanks were expressed to the Playing Field Warden who had done a great job of clearing weeds from car park.

Wayland Partnership – This is closed at the present time.

Police – No news of date for SNAP meeting.

Footpath Maps – In hand.

Notice Board for Green – No prices obtained as yet. Litter bin ordered and on it's way. JLg agreed to get this installed.

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

Allotments – All plots are now let.

Alternative Site – Meeting to discuss the way forward following meeting of Working Party. The following resolution was proposed by AK seconded by KC 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”. Meeting arranged for Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 7.00pm.

Telephone Kiosk – RL had spoken to person who has set this up and he will keep this tidy. It was agreed to purchase shelving. JLg to organise.

Bennett Homes - Signage Boards now removed.

Parking in Church Street – Following several complaints the Clerk had contacted Highways and Police. Highways unable to support yellow lines but Police will investigate the problem and issue letters to offending vehicles. Info to be placed in Ashlink.

Notice Boards – AS will investigate the provision of an A4 one for displaying the Funding notification.

## CORRESPONDENCE

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

Email from resident of Common Road informing of rubbish being dumped near old railway bridge. Clerk to contact Breckland.

Silver Social is continuing on line. Poster to be displayed.

Request was received from lady who holds Yoga in CC for permission for this to be held on field in good weather until Hall reopens. This was granted and she is really enjoying these sessions.

Ashlink has received a request from new resident to know if he can organize an event on Village Green to raise money for Marie Curie. It is confirmed that the Annual Fete for September is not going ahead as CC is not opening in time and social distancing could not be maintained. It was agreed that it would be better to wait until next year and AK agreed to contact person concerned.

Breckland – Annual Canvass underway to verify that info on Electoral Register is correct. People to be encouraged to complete details when requests received.

Footpath at side of Old Bakery is to be dealt with.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**3PL/2020/0648/HOU** – Single storey side and rear extension and new detached garage at Milton Lodge Fir Park. To be returned with no objections.

**3PL/2020/0748/F** – Construction of single dwelling at west of Dragonfly Lodge Watton Road. To be returned with no comment due to fact that PC had objected to all previous applications for the whole site and been totally ignored.

FINANCE

## ACCOUNTS

**SSE SWALEC Direct Debit paid 19<sup>th</sup> July £288-19****The following Accounts Due for Payment for JULY were passed for payment proposed by KC seconded by JLg :-**

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| K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights July | £127-19                          |
| Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages July             | Undisclosed                      |
| Jean Sangster Expenses July                          | £98-69                           |
| CGM Group Maintenance Playing Field & CC             | £268-72                          |
| Maintenance Limes & Acacia                           | £72-00                           |
| ROSPA Annual Play Equip. Inspection                  | £99-00                           |
| WAVE Water supply to Allots Mar – May                | £24-25                           |
| F & G Landscaping (G Blackburn)Work to Roundabout    | £1300-00                         |
| FreshairFitness Provide & Install new Equipment      | £10,857-36 (not paid last month) |
| BROXAP New Litter Bin for Green                      | £369-54                          |

Details of Current A/C & Bank Balance circulated.

Clerk advised that she had received request from External auditors for details of Reserve Account which she has supplied and requested that this is recorded on our records as every year we receive the same request.

The appointment of Trustee to Ashill Welfare Charity for next 4 years from September agreed by all as AK, proposed by JL seconded by JLg.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Request for PC to purchase paint for former post box in Ch. St. was received and agreed. Also to purchase enough to paint kiosk.

AK to deal with weeds along Church wall.

KM had asked who she needed to contact to request alternative sites to hold Speedwatch as organiser has now left. Advised to contact Police. Also several volunteers have now given up but she hopes to restart scheme in late August.

Request for siting memorial seat to be dealt with by Trustees.

Complaint from resident on Old Allotment Close regarding weeds growing through from old garage site. Advised that residents should contact Flagship as they are the owners. Letter to be sent from PC.

Branches overhanging in Church yard will be dealt with in Autumn.

The meeting closed at 9.49pm

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2020 at 7.30pm via video link.**

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