

28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

**The monthly meeting of the Council** was held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Councillors present :- Mr R Leighton (RL Chairman, Mr A Ketteringham(AK)) Vice-Chairman, Mrs A Binns (AB), Mrs J Lusher(JL),Mrs A Shepherd,Mr K Collins, Mr J Leggett(JLg), Mr L Ready. Mr A Thomas(AT). Also in attendance Mr F Eagle (FE) District/County Councillor who arrived later & 8 Members of Public.

Apologies for absence were received from Swaffham Police due to SNAP meeting and Jean Sangster, the Clerk due to being away following a fall at the Allotment site and sustaining a sprained ankle.

In her absence Mr A Ketteringham took the Chair and Mr R Leighton recorded the minutes.

The minutes of last meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021 had been circulated and were passed and signed.

## **FE REPORTS ON DISTRICT & COUNTY**

Information given later.

## **OPEN TO PUBLIC**

There were no questions from Public.

## **MEETING CONTINUED**

### **Matters arising from last meeting**

**Highways** – Pothole Sw. Rd has been dealt with.

Information re Rangers visit but Clerk could not reply with work needed via their call-centre as unable to login. Clerk to write to Martin Wilby Cabinet Member for Highways with copy to FE. Reply received from Jack Griffiths that the requests made at his visit will be dealt with.

The flashing signs for either side Comm. Centre entrance were discussed and agreed to get quotes for these to be placed on existing posts. Could be electric, wind or solar.

**SAM2** – In between meetings the SAM2 had been stolen from post in Watton Road. Police have been advised and Insurance company contacted. Clerk has been advised that 2 quotes for replacement are required together with photos, details and Crime Number. There will be £400-00 excess. It was proposed by JL seconded by RL that this Claim should be made and all agreed.

**Play Equipment** – The repairs to Small gate and fitness equipment have been completed and a reply has been received from ROSPA which was not at all satisfactory so agreed to contact another company and ask to meet with 2 Councillors to discuss the way forward.

Springy needs new handle.

**Playing Field** – Driveway – Clerk awaiting reply from NCC re funding to know if application accepted. RL to deal with moles on field. Horse Chestnut trees have been inspected and found to be in satisfactory condition so no action.

RL Informed that Bowls Green no longer going ahead.

Goalposts to be resited on 17<sup>th</sup> October 12.30- pm. It was also suggested to make a mound etc to access multiplay and remove Comm. Centre sign at entrance.

Benches have now been refurbished. Thanks to be sent to Kelvin.

**Police** – September news letter circulated.

**Footpaths** – Warden reported that new fingerposts are needed so apply to Highways.

**Community Centre** – This has now reopened.

**Car Scheme** – Still unable to get Medicals carried out. Agreed to send strong letter to Campingland Surgery with copies to NHS England and MP.

**Litter Bin** – These have now been resited and Clerk to request that both are emptied.

**Dunnetts Close Former Garage site** – No further news.

**Grants** – Quotes now received for Zip Wire but very few Grants available at present time.

**Jubilee Tree Planting & Celebrations** – It was suggested to promote a night in January when all interested parties from organisations could attend. Advert to be placed in Ashlink.

Trees – Pending. Councillors and Public asked to give some thought as to where to plant.

Agreed no action on Acacia Avenue trees.

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

**Allotments** – It had been agreed to hire a skip for 10days for allotment holders to clear rubbish from site. A skip had been placed on site and was filled within 2 days so was removed.

However not all the rubbish that should have been cleared was not so AK agreed to arrange to remove the carpet and wire from the allotment that was a concern. It was agreed that in future we would not offer the use of a skip as this cost the Council £230-00.and it was proposed by JL seconded by KC that the Allotment rents should be increased to £35-00 per 1/16<sup>th</sup> acre from October 2022.This was agreed by all.

**Memorial Token for Village** – This will be presented in December and it was agreed that it be sited outside the Call-In and should be presented at one of their coffee mornings. Clerk to arrange.

**Street Lighting** - It was agreed to keep the rota for inspection going.

**Flood Prevention re FE** – The barriers have been ordered but Clerk requires more details to order pump and hose. JLg to deal with this.

FE also dealing with problem of flooding at the new development in Dunnetts Close.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Weekly newsletters from NorfolkALC and Breckland circulated.

Briefings from NCC - also circulated.

Email re CEE Bill Alliance – Agreed to support this.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

#### **Applications Decided**

3PL/2021/1127/HOU – 26 Lewis Close for alterations and Extensions. Granted

TPO/2021/0198/TPO – 45 Woodlands for TPO work Granted.

3NM/2021/0066/NMA – Minor amendment for rear Millcroft for hard surface to be 4m not 5m from carriageway. Agreed.

3PL/2021/1130/VAR – Development site Dunnetts Close. Further comments submitted.

3PL/2021/1206/D – Land adjacent Seaview. Further comments submitted. FE has also submitted concerns re this application.

### ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

#### **Urgent accounts paid**

PKF Littlejohn LLP External Audit	£480-00
CSI Ltd Flood Barriers	£2695-74
JP Skips & Solid Fuels Hire of skip for Allots.	£230-00
<b>Direct Debits - SWALEC payment for Power supply AUG.</b>	<b>£287-62</b>

The following accounts were passed for payment for SEPTEMBER proposed by LR seconded by AT:-

K & M Lighting Services Maint St Lights	Sept.	£150-03
Mrs J Pickard Play field Warden	Sept.)	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary	Sept.+ 21hrs )	
	Expenses Sept.	£67-59
HMRC PAYE	Jul. Aug. Sept.	£597-80
Ashill Comm. Centre Hire Hall	Jul. Aug. Sept.	£44-00

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

**The rents from Containers was discussed and it was agreed as Gymnastic Club not recommencing until January 2022 they should not be charged until then. As Comm. Centre has reopened they will be charged from September.**

**INVESTMENTS**

**The Clerk had already dealt with the Hodge Bank as this had matured and she had been instructed to withdraw £50,000 leaving £50,000 in 1 year Deposit account. The Chairman, Vice-chairman and Clerk had looked at alternative investments and it was agreed that this money be placed in a 1year Bond with Hampshire Trust Bank. Also she was instructed to withdraw £35,000 from the Close Bros account and add this to HTB. This leaves £25,000 in the Asset Register invested with Close Bros for 1year. This was proposed by AT seconded by AB and agreed by all Members.**

**Any other Business**

**Discussion re December meeting. It was felt that this was not necessary but there would be a meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to discuss the Precept.**

**Date of next Meeting – Tuesday 26<sup>h</sup> OCTOBER 2021 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.**

**Meeting Closed at 10.00pm**

**Signed**

**Date**

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