

**29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

**The monthly meeting** was held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm

In attendance: Mr A Ketteringham(AK)) Chair, Mrs A Binns (AB), Mr K Collins(KC), Mr J Leggett(JLg), Mrs J Lusher(JL), Mrs A Shepherd (AS), Mr F Eagle(FE)), 7 Members of the Public & the Clerk Jean Sangster.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R Leighton(RL) Vice-Chair due to other commitments, Mr L Ready (LR) due to family commitments, Mr .A Thomas(AT) due to illness.

The minutes of last meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022 had been circulated and were passed and signed.

There were no additional Declarations of Interest.

This meeting was attended by Mr Rhys Pearce who gave information on ICS Coaching that he is part of. He would like to set up a Sports Hub in Ashill to encourage under 11's initially to play football. ICS Coaching are a sports coaching business within Norfolk currently working within 45+ schools. This raised many questions from members of the Council such as funding, facilities, outdoor lighting and it was suggested that Rhys comes to next meeting in January with further information of what will be required but general feeling was very positive.

#### REPORT FROM DISCTRICT /COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mr Eagle informed that the Avian Flu had swept across Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex and there would be a shortage of turkeys this Christmas.

Although Government has increased funding for Social Care there would still be a need to increase Council Tax.

He will follow up our request for Waymarkers, the problem with footpaths and would support our Partnership bid for gates for entrances of village.

Resident asked if the rumour that the old railway line from Swaffham to Watton is to be opened up as a walkway. Mr Eagle stated that this would be very difficult as various parts of the line had been sold off privately.

AK thanked FE for his attendance.

#### **OPEN TO PUBLIC**

Request for litter bin to be sited near entrance to Fairholme Close will be investigated.

#### **MEETING CONTINUED**

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

**Highways** – The pothole reported near Green Hedges could not be found so photo to be sent in. The hump in Watton Road is to receive attention. This is third time we have been informed of this. There is a parking problem outside the School and Head Teacher is informing Police and asking if possible to put out cones when parents are collecting and bringing children to School. Request for Highways and Police to meet.

It was agreed to apply for grant from NCC Partnership Scheme for installation of gates at entrances to village. The request for speed limit signs to be moved/changed would be far too expensive.

**Play Equipment** – Monthly check carried out. Still problems to be resolved with roundabout and tennis net in need of repair. Agreed to leave net up through winter and then replace. JLg has fixed the seat to fence for time being.

New swings are to be installed this week and to ask if the old swing posts could be used for a scramble net. However on consulting the installers there would still be a problem that too close to pathway so will look into this again.

**Playing Field** – Quotes for maintenance will be discussed at January Meeting.

**Police** – Meeting with Police Commissioner at Swaffham Community Centre on Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 – 12.00. Parking in Church Street again a problem.

**Speedwatch** – There was nothing to report.

**Footpaths** – This was dealt with FE.

**Community Centre** – The recent Craft Fair went well. The water leak problem seems to have been resolved. The Committee is apply for grant towards a Defibrillator.

**Ashill Estate** – Discussed later.

**Jubilee Trees**.- RL to be asked to collect these on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Clerk is still collecting names from people who would like some of these for their gardens damaged by fire.

**Wayland Partnership** – Next meeting is to be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**Community Resilience/Emergency Plan** – Working Party are gathering information and reports coming back to Council. Further meeting to be held in New Year and then discuss with Council.

**Ashlink** – Following the discussion last month it had been suggested that PC pay for the additional 4 pages that our report could take up and if not used they could be used for other organisations.

From this it was proposed by AK seconded by AS that £500 be donated and all agreed.

**Storage of Donations for Fire Victims** – There seems to have been some misunderstanding regarding payment for the storage facilities at Swaffham. It was thought that this was arranged with Breckland Council and several Members who were present on day the clothing was being brought into Centre, were sure that Breckland Officers who were present made these arrangements. However on receipt of an invoice from owners, Breckland are not keen to pay and have asked if PC and Trustees would contribute but both have declined and this will be passed back to Breckland.

All remaining donations have been redistributed to various Charities throughout the area.

**Barrel – Horns Corner** – This has obviously been run over and is now in pieces. Clerk to check who is responsible for upkeep.

**Food Bus** – Request from people operating the scheme that more people make use of this facility or it will stop visiting the village. This is to help everyone.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Newsletters from NorfolkALC & Healthwatch Norfolk News circulated to Members.

NorfolkALC – Request that Parish Councils join a pilot scheme regarding the setting up of generic emails. It was agreed that PC should join this.

NCC Farms Tenant Evening – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. AK and FE to attend.

Breckland Council – The Chief Executive and Chairman of Council wish to present a Plaque to the Village for their resilience during the fire and date has been arranged for 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 6.30pm. This is prior to monthly meeting and suggested that an informal tea be given at 6.00pm and all involved to be invited. This will be discussed further at January meeting and details circulated.

Breckland Council Forum Meeting re Local Plan to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> December at Elizabeth House at 4.00pm .Clerk and RL to attend.

NorfolkALC are circulating posters to encourage new Councillors for the Election next May. Posters displayed.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **Decision**

3PL/2022/1162/HOU for extension and alterations at Fir Cottage Watton Road has been approved.

## **FINANCE**

**Account Paid Direct Debit - SWALEC payment for Power supply OCT.** £278-31

**The following accounts due for payment for NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2022 were passed for payment proposed by AS seconded by JL :-**

K & M Lighting Services Maint St Lights Nov..	£150-03
Mrs J Pickard Play field Warden Nov.)	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Nov.+ 23hrs)	
Expenses Nov.	£157-15
AW Business (Wave) Supply to Allots. To 11/11/22	£163-81
Ashill Community Centre Hire Hall Oct. x 2 Nov.x 2	£64-00

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Pay Increase backdated to April 2022)	
Expenses Dec	to be advised.
HMRC PAYE Oct. Nov. Dec.	to be advised

Current A/C details circulated.

Update on Investments. The Clerk advised that at last she had been able to invest the £85,000-00 with Redwood Bank so this has been transferred from Barclays Saving account.

#### **BUDGET & PRECEPT FOR 2023-2024**

The Clerk had presented the Budget to Members and after discussion and the increase suggested by the RFO it was proposed by KC seconded by JL that the PRECEPT be increased by 5% to £ 27928-00. This was agreed by Council.

#### **THE MEETING WAS AGAIN OPEN TO PUBLIC**

It was general feeling from some of the public that there was too much advertising in Ashlink and was it really necessary. Comments to be passed to Editor.

Request that some of the new trees be planted along southern boundary of playing field to stop people getting through fence. This will be looked into.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Concerns regarding the entrance to new building site next Seaview will be investigated.

Request to be made for Fire Brigade to come to village again as only few people knew they were attending the last Coffee Morning. The Clerk had not received any notification of their intention and she will write and thank them and advise that they should let us know if they do intend to come again.

The Clerk is sorting the problems with defibrillator.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING –TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023 AT 7.30PM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

**This Meeting Closed at 10.20pm following the passing of the following resolution :-**

#### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC**

**“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 Site,**

**Signed**

**Date**