

30th NOVEMBER 2021

The monthly meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 30th NOVEMBER 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 (AS) Mr K Collins (KC), Mr J Leggett(JLg), Mr A Thomas(AT), the Clerk Jean Sangster., Mr F Eagle and 6 members of Public.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr L Ready due to family commitment.

The minutes of last meeting held on 26th October 2021 had been circulated and were passed and signed.

FE REPORTS ON DISTRICT & COUNTY

Mr Eagle informed of the consultation for Norfolk County Council Budget.

He also advised that Breckland Council had successfully prosecuted the culprit for fly-tipping and asked that if any fly-tipping is seen it should be reported on-line to Breckland.

The Christmas Market in Swaffham is selling Holly for Charity and thanked the Recycling Centre in Ashill for collecting this.

Mr Eagle assured residents that he had contacted the MP and Head of Planning regarding the problems with new development site in Dunnetts Close and will make contact with previous owners of land.

He requested that Clerk copy him in to email being sent to Highways regarding the hump in road near new entrance to Woodlands House.

He also pointed out that all fowls should be kept under cover due to outbreak of Bird Flu.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Concerns regarding the Flood equipment were discussed and resolved.

Further comments from resident re Dunnetts Close development were noted.

At this point AK had to leave meeting as feeling unwell. (7.58pm)

MEETING CONTINUED

Matters arising from last meeting

Highways – TROD has been cut back and pavements have received attention. Thanks received from resident The flooding problem in Womack Lane will receive attention in due course.

To report – Potholes along edge of Hale Road, digging out of groups outside new bungalows opposite Millfield (this work was agreed on visit by Highways Engineer), all signs need cleaning.

SAM2 – The Clerk has now received confirmation that Insurers will pay for repair (PC to pay £400 excess). JLg proposed and AS seconded that repair goes ahead and all agreed. The suggestions from Speedwatch Co-ordinator are to be investigated but agreed that when SAM2 is returned it should still be placed in positions already agreed by PC.

Play Equipment – Monthly check carried out. Goal posts have now been secured. Still awaiting inspection from other Equipment Company. Agreed that Multiplay be cleaned down in Spring. It was pointed out that the gutters on Comm. Centre need repairing and KC informed that this is in hand. JLg said he would cut back the hedge behind lights in driveway.

Playing Field – Driveway. The Clerk advised that she has to complete the interim report for grant but unlikely work will be started until Spring. JLg was asked to quote for removing humps. Quote for Maintenance of Community Centre field, The Limes and Acacia Avenue have been received. Increased by 4%. Second quote to be obtained.

Flashing Signs – These are very expensive and Highways not in favour so it was proposed RL seconded by JLg these will be put on hold

Police –No update.

Speedwatch – There were no details this month. As suggested by co-ordinator the cost of tracker will be looked into..

Footpaths – No news of replacement for damaged sign in Uphall Lane. Mesh has been placed over the bridge and request received for handrail which will be investigated.

Car Scheme – No further news at the moment. Reply received from Norfolk & Waveney (CCG) who contacted the Primary Care and they have advised that they are not contracted to carry out this work. Private Medicals to be investigated.

Litter Bins - Confirmed that these are now being emptied..

Notice Board - Clerk advised that this is now ready for the Header. It was agreed that lettering should be in GOLD, upper & lower case to read Ashill Parish Council.

Jubilee Tree Planting & Celebrations – – Confirmed that date for meeting is 18th **JANUARY 2022 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.** Trustees are to obtain permission for trees on northern boundary of Green to be lopped and then it is proposed to plant a line of trees parallel to these with a wild flower strip between. The Clerk advised that we were too late to apply for hedging.

Defibrillator for Comm. Centre – This is being dealt with by C.C. Committee. Clerk to order further pads for one outside Call-In.

Allotments – All rents collected and all plots now let with no waiting list.

Commemorative Plaque – This is to be presented at the Coffee Morning on 10th December at 10.00am. It will then be sited on outside of Call-In.

CORRESPONDENCE

Weekly newsletters from NorfolkALC

Request from Watton Town Council for contribution towards fireworks for next year was declined.

NCF – Norfolk Household Support Fund to be forwarded to Trustees and other relevant organisations.

Norfolk County Farms reply to our request re drainage and possible purchase of Ashill Estate.

They advise that they are looking at possibility of planting this area with trees. Rental Agreement will be confirmed.

Various emails received from Editors of Ashlink explaining the reason for change of advertising and the financial problems that have resulted in the request for a donation from Trustees which has been given. In the meantime the Trustees and PC have requested an urgent meeting with the Editors to find a solution to this problem.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications Decided

3PL/2021/1382/HOU - Conversion of part of an existing barn at The Old Crown The Green -granted

3PL/2021/1130/VAR – Dev. Site Dunnetts Close relating to access - granted

3PL/2021/1161/VAR – Dev. Site Dunnetts Close relating to position of access - granted

Consultation re 3PL/2021/1451/EU for Portacabin at Well Christian Centre.

3PL/2021/1456/F

Amendments to Conversion and extension of the agricultural workshop building to a single-storey Dwelling at Glebe House Church Street were discussed and agreed that same stipulation regarding the access should be made.

ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

Paid

Direct Debits - SWALEC payment for Power supply Sept. £297-09

The following accounts were passed for payment for NOVEMBER proposed by JLg 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..+ 16hrs plus increase)	
Expenses Nov..	£105.64
WAVE (AW) supply to Allots.	£68.94

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Also agreed the following accounts for payment in DECEMBER

Direct Debits - SWALEC payment for Power supply NOV.	£ ?
K & M Lighting Services Maint St Lights DEC..	£150-03
Mrs J Pickard Play field Warden Dec.)	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Dec.+ 16hrs)	
HMRC PAYE Oct. Nov. Dec.	To be Advised
KBS Depot Supply New Notice Board	£4614-00

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

BUDGET - The Clerk presented the proposed Budget for 2022/2023.

After due consideration it was proposed by JLG seconded by JL to increase the PRECEPT by 4% an increase of £1023-00 To £26598-00. This was agreed by all.

Any other Business

Complaint from resident re hedge cutting at Comm. Centre will be noted for the future.

Post lights in driveway to be reported for repair.

Still problem with Dog Poo in Fairholme and Hale Road.

Standing water opposite Millfield will be reported as causing concern for residents.

Date of next Meeting – Tuesday 25th JANUARY 2022 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

Signed

Date
