

MARCH 2020

NO MEETING DUE TO RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY GOVERNMENT DUE TO CORONAVIRUS.

The Clerk continued to consult all Members :- Mr R Leighton (RL) Chair, Mr A Ketteringham (AK) Vice-Chair, Mrs J Lusher (JL), Mrs A Shepherd (AS), Mr K Collins (KC), Mr J Leggett (JLg), Mr L Ready (LR) and Mr A Thomas (AT). Mrs M Forsyth was away.

The Minutes of the February meeting will be signed at the first meeting that Council hold together.

Highways - The Clerk, RL and JLg had met with Mr Jacklin from Highways to discuss the possibility of a footway along the Swaffham/Watton Road from Cress. Road junction to Care Home. Due to gas main in situ this is not possible.

He assured that the work carried out to footway from Acacia to Call-In would be rectified.

He also looked at the flooding problem near Womack House and drain is to be checked.

Partnership Funding with NCC – Letter received to confirm that funding has been granted for two signs for the Swaffham Road near Rectory.

Play Equipment – Check carried out by AT. No further problems at the present time other than those reported last month.

Adult Fitness Equipment – Clerk had received notice that Council had been granted both applications for this - £4524-00 from Breckland Matched Funding and £4500-00 from the Nth Pickenham Windfarm Fund. Siting will be discussed when 'Lockdown' removed. Also to ensure that tennis court is refurbished.

Marking out of Car Park – This is work that cannot be carried out at present time.

Car Scheme – Again due to restrictions it was decided to suspend the Car Scheme for the time being and to carry out DBS checks and document checks when able to restart.

Litter Pick – This had been very successful due the number of Parishioners taking part. For various reasons there had been very little help from Councillors. Thanks were put in Ashlink.

CORRESPONDENCE

All notifications from the Norfolk ALC had been forwarded to Members with further advice on how to keep the Council running to follow but there is to be no Annual Parish Meeting and no AGM.

Audit arrangements are to be confirmed when Government have authorised Act.

Request from Ashill Community Garden for donation as per last year for tubs throughout village.

This was agreed for payment in April.

Reply received from Breckland Council regarding the Election Costs for 2019.

Letter received from NORSE that due to cutbacks and shutdown of their depots they are unable to quote for the maintenance of Playing Field, Acacia and Limes so it is just as well we have found an alternative contractor.

The request from FE district Councillor for a meeting with him to discuss future projects for 106 Funding will be put on hold.

Advice from Breckland Council that work is continuing but many of the staff are working from home and all meetings are cancelled.

Came & Company Insurance Brokers – Information re changes to Insurance and notification of renewal to be discussed by Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk and then Members to be advised.

Letter re footway to FOL Sw.Rd. Owners of Precision House ask if the frontage could not be made into path. Advised to contact Highways as this had been discussed with them previously.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2020/0233/HOU – Proposed single storey rear extension and copy to front entrance at 2 Holmere Cottages, The Green for Mr Barrett. Discussed by email and to be returned with no objections.

FINANCE

The following accounts due for payment for March 2020 were agreed and passed by All.

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Mar.	£127-19
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights. Feb.	£265-28
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages Mar.	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Expenses Mar.	£81-72
HMRC PAYE Jan. Feb. Mar.	£495-04
Community Car Scheme Feb. + Mar. 13 Drivers + Admin.	£243-84
NCC Partnership Scheme Contribution to signs 50%	£137-23

Current Account details will be forwarded to Members when end of year completed.
Deposit Account - Interest received from Cambridge and Counties £458-28

EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

The following resolution was agreed 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”.
Staff salaries for 2020/2021

This concluded the business for March 2020

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