

25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm

In attendance: Mr A Ketteringham (AK) Chairman, Mr R Leighton (RL) Vice-Chair, (AB), Mr K Collins (KC), Mr J Leggett(JLg), Mrs J Lusher(JL), Mr L Ready (LR), Mrs A Shepherd(AS), Mr A Thomas (AT), Mr F Eagle, 21 Members of the Public & the Clerk Jean Sangster.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs A Binns due to sudden illness.

The minutes of the last meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 had been circulated and were passed and signed.

There were no additional Declarations of Interest.

## REPORT FROM DISTRICT /COUNTY COUNCILLOR

This was given later.

## OPEN TO PUBLIC

A question had been sent in asking if Council knew if the shop would be opening again. AK had been advised that this is being taken over by the family and will reopen.

## MEETING CONTINUED

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

**Highways** – Several of the reported problems had come back with no action and concerns were expressed. Agreed to point these out to Mr Griffiths when he is able to visit. Clerk to chase up when he will be able to meet us. Other matters to report :- Ashill sign in Watton Rd. near Horns Corner has part broken off and advised that this is in ditch, grass grown over path from Acacia to Call-in, drains blocked in Ch.St.

The matter of the gates for entrances to village was again raised and following further investigation it was felt that these would still be the best option. It was therefore proposed by RL seconded by KC that we accept the Partnership grant and have these installed. This was agreed by 6 votes to 2.

**Play Equipment** – Monthly Inspection was carried out. Clerk awaiting quotes for surfacing for roundabout. It was agreed that a working party carry out small repairs and cleaning on weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June.

**Playing Field** – Mr Pearce reported that from Sept. there should be 2 teams playing Sat/Sun. Training has already commenced on Tuesday evenings. The Club has now obtained funding for goals on wheels so these will not require storage inside. The container has now been cleared and awaiting the possible lining material for this. JLg will collect the white lining machine from storage.

**At this point FE arrived** and again reminded that voters will require photo ID for voting at the Parish and District Elections on 4<sup>th</sup> May.

He advised that there will be changes at NCC as one Cabinet Member has had to stand down due to ill health and there will be an Election of new Leader.

The Swift Tower is now safely installed and railings will be placed around this in due course. AT has been appointed as 'keeper of times'.

He also reported that he had attended the new Breakfast Morning at the Call-In on a Saturday morning which is going very well and he expressed thanks to those concerned.

### **The Meeting continued.**

**Police** – No further news other than info given at Annual meeting but reminder that the SNAP meeting in July will be held in Ashill Community Centre.

**Speedwatch** - Mr Street reported that he had attended the area meeting which he had found very useful and info obtained for future improvements to Scheme and SAM2. The SAM2 is still at Dereham and Clerk agreed to collect this.

**Footpaths** – The Clerk has requested the new Wayleave sign for Sandy Lane but no update on Uphall Lane.

**Community Centre** – KC reported that Defibrillator is now installed and registered. Also that there had been vandalism for second time to gutters and roof that had only been replaced last year. Request that everyone is vigilant and reports anything to Committee. Tickets for Coronation Disco now available.

**Ashill Estate** – Nothing to report this month.

**Wayland Partnership** – There had been no meeting.

**Food Bus** – This is now coming for only half an hour on a Wednesday from 1.30 – 2.00pm.

**Coronation Celebrations** – The Coronation Volunteer's Day for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May has NOT been organised.

**Promoting Elections** – AK pointed out the Election Commission rulings that if using media or printed promotions these have to include name and address.

**Insurance** – AK, AT and Clerk to discuss requirements.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

NorfolkALC – Newsletters circulated.

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Training Dates

Healthwatch Norfolk

Sunflower Challenge

Volunteering & Big Help Out

OPENREACH – notification of work to be carried out on Watton Rd. Cressingham near Bodney Camp

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Enforcement Hale Rd. development site – confirmation that accepted and details emailed to them with photos of site.**

AK has also been advised that UK Power are having to run the supply from C.C. to site but the work will be operated with traffic lights and road should not be closed.

**FINANCE**

**(A) Accounts**

**PAID Direct Debit** - SWALEC payment for Power supply Mar. £316.40

**Direct Debit – IOC** Data Protection Fee £35-00

**Paid** Wayland Partn. Donation 137 £100-00

**The following accounts due for payment for APRIL 2023 were passed for payment proposed by JL seconded by AT :-**

K & M Lighting Services Maint St Lights Apr.	£150-03
Mrs J Pickard Play field Warden Apr.)	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Apr. + 23hrs)	
Expenses Apr.	£160-52
Westcotec Repairs SAM2	£94-80
Norfolk County Council Rent Ashill Estate	£850-00
Environment Agency Drainage charge Ashill Estate	£15-15
Also to include Payment to Norfolk County Council Partner Scheme	£4050-00

B. Current A/C details circulated.

**THE MEETING WAS AGAIN OPEN TO PUBLIC**

Mr Long advised that Narborough has Speed humps in place but these could have been installed prior to Highways changes to policy.

Question of who to contact re volunteering for clean-up. JLg gave his details.

Mr Long then advised that Ms Nadine Fern & Mr G Norman had come forward with offer to take over the running of Ashlink with Nadine as principal Editor and this has been accepted with take over before August.

It was pointed out that the roundabout cannot be lifted off for new surround to be installed and this is noted with thanks.

**Candidates for Parish Council Election**

All present Councillors are standing apart from Mr Liam Ready and thanks were expressed for all his help over last 12 years and AK & RL thanked their fellow Councillors for their help and support. There are four other Candidates :- Mr A Howell, Mr G Norman and Mr J Pearson who all introduced themselves and Mr Dale Welch.

**District Election** – Mr Fabian Eagle is standing for Ashill District along with two others.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Request from Litter Pickers for further equipment in particular signage that can be displayed whilst picking. Clerk will contact Breckland and also query Insurance cover.

It was brought to attention that Gas Storage had been placed on Green in Acacia Avenue and on investigation advised that they had received permission for this to be placed there. This is whilst work is carried out on Woodlands over next two months. Clerk suggested that if this remains a charge should be made but she is to contact company carrying out work as she had never received a request for permission and this is Parish land.

**THE NEXT MEETING will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm. This is the Annual General Meeting of the Council when all Councillors will be required to sign their Declarations of Office and Officers will be Elected for the ensuing year.**

Next monthly meeting will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 in Community Centre at 7.30pm???

**This Meeting Closed at 9.52 pm**

**Signed**

**Date**

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