

23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2023

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2023 in the Community Centre at 7.00pm

In attendance: Mr A Ketteringham (AK) Chairman, Mr R Leighton (RL) Vice-Chair, Mrs A Binns (AB), Mr A Howell (AH), Mr J Leggett(JLg), Mrs J Lusher(JL), Mr J Pearson (JP), Mrs A Shepherd(AS), Mr A Thomas (AT), 18 Members of the Public & the Clerk Jean Sangster.

The minutes of meetings held on 25th April 2023 & 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 had been circulated and were passed and signed.

There were no additional Declarations of Interest.

## NO REPORT FROM DISTRICT /COUNTY COUNCILLOR

### OPEN TO PUBLIC

A member of Public feels very strongly that when Allotment site is sold a piece of this should be allocated for a car park for use of School, Church and White Hart and was assured that this would be considered at the time.

Thanks expressed from the village to Mr and Mrs Long for their hard work in keeping the Ashlink magazine running and this has now been handed over to Nadine

Various potholes were reported and Clerk will send all these to Highways. JP advised that it may help if individuals report any potholes themselves to Highways on My Norfolk.

A resident from Swaffham Road spoke of their concerns regarding the Planning Application for 4 dwellings to the rear of their properties. This land was sold by Breckland Council as 'Amenity' land and as the access is extremely narrow and at present used by 10 dwellings, there is a safety issue with the addition of 10-12 vehicles.

AK assured that this will be discussed later and points raised taken into account.

### MEETING CONTINUED

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

**Highways** – Parish Council had received numerous complaints re state of verges throughout the village and had been assured that this will be cut shortly. It is considered a very poor service since Breckland handed this over to Norfolk County Council and Clerk to reply to this effect.

The TROD had been reported but Highways consider that there is no need for any remedial work but Clerk will report again.

All potholes will be reported by Clerk.

Still awaiting contact with Mr Griffiths to arrange gates and parking problems.

**Play Equipment** – Monthly Inspection was carried out. Clerk requested information on rubber Mulch for getting quotes. It was agreed that a working party & Volunteers carry out small repairs and cleaning on 3<sup>rd</sup> June commencing at 9.00am.. Also paint posts.

The Clerk will also get quote for replacing tennis Net..

It was agreed to obtain quotes for insulating the Container that is now empty.

**Playing Field** – FE had suggested that a 'PROMS' evening be held on field and further details will be available from him.

The Football Club advised that they have a match arranged for 25<sup>th</sup> June and asked if changing rooms would be available by then. As they had originally advised that matches would not commence until September they were told no they would not be available for June. Mr Bell had been disappointed with cutting of field and had contacted TTSR and advised of this but in future he was asked to contact the Clerk if there were any problems.

**Police** – Next SNAP meeting is 4<sup>th</sup> July to be held in Ashill Community Centre at 7.00pm AK to attend.

**Speedwatch** - Mr Street reported that they had had to cut down on sessions due to verges being so overgrown and cars parking at School.

**Footpaths** – Clerk to request additional 'sleeper' and handrail across ditch at bottom of Uphall Lane.

**Community Centre** – The Coronation Disco had gone very well and raised over £500 for funds.

**Ashill Estate** – Discussed later.

**Wayland Partnership** – AS gave an update on recent meeting and advised that the Bank account problem had now been resolved.

**Emergency Plan** – Following the presentation of this last month it was proposed by AH seconded by JLg that this should be adopted and held by Parish Council. This was agreed with one abstention. It was proposed that AK head this with the help of 3 or 4 and agreed these should be Mrs A Crawley, AT & JP. Mrs A Lloyd will update yearly the risk assessment.

A further meeting was arranged for 13th June at 7.00pm in Community Centre when volunteers will be requested to give names, details and how they wish to help so that Clerk can carry out GDPR necessary. AK thanked all those who have helped compile this Plan.

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

**Insurance** – AT, AK and Clerk have gone through the Policy and amended where necessary and new quote has been received and this will cover from 1st June 2023.

**Litter Pickers** – Breckland cannot provide signage or items for Litter Picking unless it is an organised event. Clerk expressed concern that some volunteers are working out of the Parish and our Insurance would not cover them. Suggested that they sign a disclaimer if they wish to do this.

**Gas Installation** – Storage area now relocated to Millfield and soil is to be dumped at far end of Green as unable to access the allotment site. This had caused concerns about blocking drain in Green Lane but this has now been sorted. When possible a check will be carried out regarding the depth of the gas line.

### CORRESPONDENCE

NorfolkALC – Newsletters circulated.

NorfolkALC – The change to .gov.uk domain names & email addresses had been refused by Government but the County Assoc. are hoping to run their own .gov.uk domain to include a website. However Members felt we should not sign up until the scheme is adopted.

Healthwatch Norfolk – information that they are gathering feedback from Kings Lynn hospital and then James Paget in June and N&N in July.

Request from Ashill Community Gardens for donation towards plants for planters around the village. It was proposed by AH seconded by JP to give £100-00 towards this and this was agreed. Notification of changes to Mobile Library Service displayed in notice board.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**3PL/2023/0474/F** - Erection of 4 dwellings & garages Land at Swaffham Road for Mr B Ewen. This was discussed with great concern as this site was originally sold by Breckland Council as an amenity site and caused a lot of anguish to the residents nearby because of access. It was agreed by all to return this with strong objections: outside the development guideline, dwellings do not fit in with existing, the narrow access not suitable for emergency vehicles and Highway issues.

**3PL/2023/0463/F** – Demolish existing converted Garage/Workshop and outbuildings and construct 1no. detached two storey, two bedroom Self-Build dwelling at Land Adjacent School House Watton Road. There were no objections to this.

### FINANCE

#### **(A) Accounts**

**PAID Direct Debit** - SWALEC payment for Power supply Apr. £278.78

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

K & M Lighting Services Maint St Lights May	£150-03
Mrs J Pickard Play field Warden May.)	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary May + 23hrs)	
Expenses May	£131.74
NorfolkALC Annual Subscription	£417-68
TTSR 1/2yr Maint. Playing Field	£892-28
1/2yr Maint. Acacia & Limes	£416-64
Ashill PCC Donation 1/2yr Upkeep Churchyard Sect 137	£610-44
Gallagher Insurance with Hiscox	£1581-28
Anglian Water (Wave) Supply to Allot. Site	£14-15
Ashill Community Gardens Donation Sect 137	£100-00

- B)** Current A/C details and copy of bank statement circulated for verification.  
Reminder External Audit has to be submitted by Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> July so AGAR to be approved at JUNE meeting.

**THE MEETING WAS AGAIN OPEN TO PUBLIC**

Question of how many planters there are in village. Community Gardens responsible for 8.  
Public felt that PROMS in PARK should be encouraged.  
Surfacing under swings was raised and cutting of grass in Millfield was questioned.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Village Shop – Concerns that this has not reopened as informed this would be opening.  
Clerk to write to Highways expressing concerns that signs are not being removed when work is completed.  
Church holding OPEN GARDENS on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June.  
The Parish Council Team came third in recent Quiz.

Next monthly meeting will be on 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023 in Community Centre at 7.00pm.  
**This Meeting Closed at 9.05 pm**

**Signed**

**Date**

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