

27th JUNE 2023

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday 27th JUNE 2023 in the Community Centre at 7.00pm
In attendance: Mr A Ketteringham (AK) Chairman, Mrs A Binns (AB), Mr A Howell (AH), Mr J Leggett(JLg), Mr J Pearson (JP), Mrs A Shepherd(AS), Mr A Thomas (AT), 6 Members of the Public & the Clerk Jean Sangster.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R Leighton (RL) due to other commitments & Mrs J Lusher (JL) due to illness & Mr F Eagle.

The minutes of meeting held on 23rd 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

Great concern expressed regarding the parking in Church Street. JP explained that he is doing his best with his customers but there is little the Police can do unless the cars are parked right over the pavement and causing an obstruction.

A query was raised as to why potholes are marked for filling but nothing seems to get done
Report of overgrown hedge in Dunnetts Close to be passed to Victory.

MEETING CONTINUED

Matters arising from last meeting

Highways – Reply received from J. Griffiths re gates that once Highways have permission from Cadent to carry out the work he will send designs.

Reply re TROD Sw. Rd. that this is to be inspected and programmed for work.

FE is arranging the additional cut of junctions and whilst this is being done M Dennis & Sons will cut the allotments and frontage to Comm. Centre.

JP explained the situation that had arisen recently when a large branch broke off in Ch.St. and blocked road. This raised the old question of ownership, safety of these trees and Insurance.

It was agreed to send letters to the residents that back-on to Ch. St. and Watton Rd. advising of their responsibilities and to get trees checked as these are situated on their land.

Clerk to request map from Highways to confirm boundary.

Clerk had received reply from EWS who are responsible for maintenance of Old Allotment Close who state they will NOT be installing a trap and grill as there is already a grill in place. Clerk to write back and explain that this is incorrect and request a meeting on site.

Play Equipment – Monthly Inspection was carried out. Clean-up went well but still work to be completed. The container has been divided and new back access installed. Still to be insulated but should be completed by end July for Cubs and St. Johns to move in.

There was much discussion regarding the roundabout and agreed by all to take this out of commission. AH to stake and chain this.

Tennis net – AK felt that this could be sewn together for this season and Clerk will try to get this done.

Playing Field – Complaint received from Football Club regarding the cutting and they had had to get another cut of pitch carried out. TTSR had been contacted and they have agreed that it was badly cut and that other playing fields usually request an additional cut. At this point Mr R Pearce arrived and this was put to him and it was agreed that if this is required then Football Club would pay for extra. Only the pitches would be cut not the whole field. Their first match has been played and everyone very pleased.

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

Speedwatch - Mr Street had reported that they had recorded 8 people over 37mph and Police had attended and recorded 42 and one with no insurance or licence.

Footpaths –The additional ‘sleeper’ and handrail across ditch at bottom of Uphall Lane will be installed. JLg to cut footpath from Green to Allotment and remove bricks from path.

Community Centre – Reminder of PROMS in the Park on Sat, 1st July & Strawberry Tea at Call-In on Sun. 2nd July.

Ashill Estate – Discussed later.

Wayland Partnership – No Meeting so nothing to report.

Emergency Plan – The Chairman opened this to Mr G Long who informed the meeting had gone well and additional volunteers had been signed up with 29 skilled people to be included. The directory has 168 contacts. This will be kept updated by Mrs A Lloyd and the Clerk. Suggested that leaflets be distributed with Ashlink in August edition and these will be A5 and same paper as front of Ashlink to include list of 7 points to follow and the 'Grab Bag' list for people to keep. Mr Long requested all Councillors look at this and confirm that ok to distribute in that format.

Food Bus – Incorrect time displayed in Ashlink to be corrected to 1.30 – 2.00pm.

Gas Installation – The depth where they are working has been checked by one of the Councillors and is adequate but need to check main running through village.

Village Shop – Clerk had receive enquiry to know if this is going to be available for renting but AT advised that owner had inform him that it would be re-opening shortly.

Training for all Councillors – This has been arranged for Tuesday 12th September **7.00 – 9.00pm**

Litter Pickers – Letter of concern received from Parishioner regarding the decision to issue a Disclaimer and AK had spoken with this person and explained that we would not be using a Solicitor for this. Letter to be sent with form to express thanks for all their hard work.

Edward Close – AK and the Clerk had met with Mr M Burrell from Victory Homes who had explained the whole situation. Before the houses can be re-built plans have to be submitted along with Building Regs. as these have changed since houses were originally built. Once the plans are ready he will let Parish Council have a copy but these houses will be same layout as original. AK had request 'swift bricks' be included in plans.

The row of cottages that were damaged should be ready for occupancy end July apart from 2 that were under Insured.

Tree Warden – Mr T Collins unable to continue in this role so Mr Fletcher will be asked if he will continue for time being and advertise in Ashlink for anyone interested in taking this on.

Thank you to lady who does the knitting for displays throughout the village to be placed in Ashlink.

CORRESPONDENCE

NorfolkALC – Newsletters circulated.

Wellbeing NorfolkALC – Request for signing for Armed Forces Covenant Pledge. It had been agreed not to sign up to this in the past as Council felt that everyone is treated the same and this was again agreed.

Norfolk Community Foundation – Photo Competition to celebrate Norfolk Day - Deadline 14th July. Information re Watering System received from resident but rather costly and AK and AT were coping well with watering trees on Green.

Energy Prices Direct – Offer of free lighting Audit for non-profit organisations. Clerk to check how long our contract is with current supplier.

Norfolk County Council – Invitation to bid for Partnership Scheme for 2024/2025. Applications by 8th December 2023.

Breckland Mindful Village Programme – Agreed to join in this.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2023/0474/F - Erection of 4 dwellings & garages Land at Swaffham Road – Withdrawn.

3PL/2023/0463/F – Consultation on amendments to 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 had been returned between meetings with no objections.

FINANCE

(A) Accounts

PAID Direct Debit - SWALEC payment for Power supply May £288.10
The following accounts due for payment for JUNE 2023 were passed for payment proposed by JLg seconded by AH:-

K & M Lighting Services Maint St Lights Jun.	£150-03
Mrs J Pickard Play field Warden Jun.)	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Jun. + 22hrs)	
Expenses Jun.	£267-28
HMRC PAYE Apr. May Jun.	£718-79
Mr D Barber Internal Audit	£75-00
Mrs A Shepherd Reimburse for Village Clean-up	£125-66
Ashill Comm. Centre Hire Hall Apr. x 2 May x 2 Jun. x 2	£104-00

B) Current A/C details and copy of bank statement circulated for verification.

C) AUDIT – Part 1 AGAR Statement read and agreed by ALL councillors and signed by Chairman and Clerk.

Part 2 AGAR Accounting Statement read and approved by ALL Councillors.

Notice and copies to be displayed on notice board and website.

THE MEETING WAS AGAIN OPEN TO PUBLIC

It was pointed out that many of the trees in Ch. St. have TPO's and will be costly to remove.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Information given that pots had been stolen from Churchyard.

Further clean-up will be carried out in September. The railings around Swift Tower have now been painted – thanks to Mr Shepherd.

Suggestion that rain water from new houses in Edward Close be piped to pond will be looked into.

JLg will clean bus shelter and thanks expressed to Parishioners who clean the one at Fairholme.

AK and RL are to be presented at the Norfolk Show as part of Village Champions.

The meeting closed at 9.07pm

Signed

Date
