

24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023 in the Community Centre at 7.00pm

In attendance: Mr A Ketteringham (AK) Chair, Mrs A Binns (AB), Mr J Leggett(JLg), Mrs J Lusher (JL), Mrs A Shepherd (AS), Mr A Thomas (AT), 4 members of the Public, the Clerk Jean Sangster. Mr F Eagle arrived later.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R Leighton (RL), Mr A Howell (AH), Mr J Pearson (JP), all attending football match.

The minutes of meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023 had been circulated and were passed and signed as a correct record.

There were no additional Declarations of Interest.

## REPORT FROM DISTRICT /COUNTY COUNCILLOR

This was given when FE arrived.

### OPEN TO PUBLIC

A question was asked about the kerb opposite Comm. Centre entrance being lowered and confirmed that this has been put in Highways Budget.

Problem with grass cutting on Millfield not being carried out will be reported.

Again the result of Fire enquiry was raised and clerk explained she had written twice asking for this but had had no reply but will try again.

Blocked drains will be reported to Highways Engineer when he visits.

Flytipping in Cress. Road opposite properties to be reported but stressed that if not on verge it becomes the responsibility of Landowner to clear.

### MEETING CONTINUED

Matters arising from last meeting

**Highways** – Meeting arranged on site for 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2.00pm. Agreed to ask for TROD to be cut back and dug out.

A discussion followed regarding the siting of village gates as some Members not happy with what had been agreed with Engineer. These will be amended to 2 being placed in Sw. Rd before 40mph rather than before Recycling Centre and 2 in Cress. Rd to be placed in front of 40mph signs. The one for Watton Rd will be discussed again with Engineer.

The Grips in Hale Road are to be discussed with Darren Walmsley.

**At this point FE gave his Report** – He advised that the Planning Application for Sw. Rd. had been withdrawn due to fact that Stone Curlews nest within a certain distance and new restrictions have been put in place.

He also advised that the funding for Western Link around Norwich has been approved.

Rural Business Awards have been given for local producers.

He has no update on the Breckland Meeting with Planners but will look into this.

He will back us in asking for drains to be cleared in Sw. Rd. He also advised that NCC Social Services are asking for potential Fostering placements.

**Play Equipment** – Monthly Inspection was carried out. Bench needs fixing to ground near MUGA.

Following further clarification on Capital Funding obtained by AK for repairs to roundabout surround the advice was that this would not be acceptable and if money was taken from Capital Fund each Member of Council could be liable in the future. This advice had been given to AK by County Assoc. As the wording in the minutes had been that further investigation was required, this could be discussed again. RL had received quotes from 3 companies as follows :-

(Original quote from Redlynch £5614.00 + VAT)

Bounce Bond Ltd £3500 + VAT

Soft Surfaces £2274 + VAT

N G F Play £1750 + VAT

The Clerk had now carried out a rough Budget and considers that there would be enough money left in Current Account to cover this work providing that Council keeps to within her Budget.

Therefore AK proposed and AB seconded that the lower quote be accepted as this is a local company and offers a 5 year guarantee. This was agreed.

**Playing Field** – VOLUNTEER WORK – Results of Clean Up – There had been 2 teams – one had worked on Green and other at Comm. Centre. Bus Shelter and Notice board cleaned, bollards painted at C.C. tennis court surround cleared. This raised the question as to TTSR actually doing spraying and this will be checked. Matting still to be put down under swings. Thanks expressed to all volunteers.

**Football Club** – There was nothing to report.

**Police** – Consultation on Budget for 2024/2025 still running. AK had attended the recent SNAP meeting which was held in Holme Hale. Reported that there are rogue traders in area, gates stolen in Ashill. Concerns that crimes reported are not being investigated and PC Johnson will ensure he calls in at White Hart regarding the reported crimes.

The Police Cadets are now helping. Shop Lifting is becoming a real problem. Next meeting is arranged for 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2024 – venue to be confirmed.

**Speedwatch** – SAM2 moved but VAS reported not working.

**Footpaths** – The one opposite shop to Ashill Estate now trimmed.

**Community Centre** – Nothing to report.

**Ashill Estate —Rent Review** – NCC has confirmed that £2000-00 per annum has been accepted and documents signed.

**Wayland Partnership** – Minutes of their last meeting had been circulated..

**Food Bus** – Still coming to Comm. Centre on Wed. but cutbacks have been made in area.

**Old Allotment Close** – Maintenance company has asked what the Parish Council suggest to be done to alleviate this problem. Clerk and AK had searched websites and found the concrete silt trap that could be installed and will send this back to Mr Berry.

**Gas Installation** – Reply received by George Freeman from Cadent. This advises that the Compound on Millfield should be removed by end October and Licence from NCC expires on 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. Clerk to contact NCC to request that in future this site is not given Licence for storage. JL had also received reply that the High Pressure main is being investigated.

**Allotments** – Rents all collected and there are now 4 vacant plots.

**Mindful Village Programme** – meeting still to be arranged.

**NorfolkALC AGM & Conference** – AK had attended but items they were asked to vote on had not been notified but apart from that he had found it very interesting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

NorfolkALC and Healthwatch Norfolk - Newsletters circulated

Info from Bruno Peek regarding the lighting of Beacon on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Suggestions from Conference that gather together and get Fish and Chips delivered.

Breckland Review of Polling Stations – comments can be made online.

Breckland Community Network Newsletter – circulated.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

3PL/2023/0860/F - Application for erection of 3 dwellings & garages on Land in Sw. Rd. now withdrawn.

3PN/2023/0019/HR – Greengate Farm – now withdrawn.

TRE/2023/0297/TPO – 45 Woodlands – removal of overhanging limb.

TRE/2023/0262/TPO – Ashill Primary School – OAK –Tip reduction.

3PL/2023/1014/HOU – Application for erection of garden room and greenhouse at 1 Pond Loke was discussed and to be returned with no objections.

Hale Road development –Permission now received for footway.

Meeting with Breckland Planning Officers.

Local Plan consultation until 30<sup>th</sup> Nov.

### **FINANCE**

**PAID Direct Debit** - SWALEC payment for Power supply September £297-60.

The following accounts due for payment for OCTOBER 2023 were passed for payment proposed by AB seconded by JL:-

K & M Lighting Services Maint St Lights Oct .	£150-03
Mrs J Pickard Play field Warden Oct.)	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Oct. + 16.hrs )	
Expenses Oct.	£106-05
Norfolk County Council Rent Ashill Estate	£850-00
TTSR 1/2yr Maint Playing Field & CC.	£892-28
1/2yr Maint Acacia Ave + Limes	£416-64
NorfolkALC AK attendance at Conference	£25-00
Ashill PCC 2/3 <sup>rd</sup> Donation 137 for Churchyard	£610-44
M P Dennis & Sons Hedge Cutting	to be advised

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

C) Investments and Reserves – details circulated. Clerk advised that she had been unable to invest the £16000 from Barclays Saving account as previously agreed.

The Clerk had issued Budget sheets and requested that Members read through and bring any suggestions to next meeting to finalise for Precept application.

JL asked if the Recycling Credit received could be published in Ashlink and put on face-book as Public do not seem to realise that PC receive this from the bottle bank and textile bank recycling at CC. This will be done.

#### **THE MEETING WAS AGAIN OPEN TO PUBLIC**

Request for final figure from Fete to be advertised.

Question of where Flood Pump is kept. This is still stored in the Container at CC.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Request for SLOW sign to be moved to entrance of Old Allotment Close due to speeding traffic entering site.

#### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC**

The following resolution was passed:-

“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”. To Discuss Allotment Site.

Date of next monthly Meeting is TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.00PM IN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

This Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed

Date