

ASHILL PARISH COUNCIL

1160.

27th FEBRUARY 2024

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday 27th FEBRUARY 2024 in the Community Centre at 7.00 pm
In attendance: Mr A Ketteringham (AK) Chair, 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), 7 members of the Public, the Clerk Jean Sangster. Mr F Eagle arrived later.

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2024 have been circulated and were confirmed 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

It was reported that the door on the green BT box in Ch. St. is open and this will be reported to them. It was suggested that a time limit be placed on each item on Agenda but it was felt this is not workable. The problem of flooding under the H/H bridge was discussed and AH has dug out but the pipe is blocked under the road. Highways are aware.

The handrail that was requested for the bridge across the ditch in Uphall Lane has not been installed but Clerk and AT advised that Highways had felt this was not necessary.

MEETING CONTINUED

Matters arising from the last meeting

Highways – Reply from Highways Engineer.

Drains will be jetted, the village gates will be installed around 18th March, the request for a grit bin in Ch.St. has been refused and the missing footpath sign near Quidney Farm will be reported to PROW Officer.

Matters to report:- State of Dunnetts Close and repair to pothole carried out is unacceptable. Ensure that the request for the kerb to be lowered opposite the C.C. entrance is placed in the Highways budget for next year.

Report a pothole in Watton Rd opposite copse and that BT covers in the pavement in Dunnetts Close are dangerous.

A request for the Comm Centre to be used for storage of equipment in May/June whilst pavements are resurfaced in Dunnetts Close is being followed up with questions of time and how much space is required.

Play Equipment – Monthly Inspection was carried out. Matting has been placed under swings but possibly more is needed. Thanks to AH.

3 Trees in the shelter belt have fallen.

Basketball nets are to be ordered, bolts on top of new swings are to be checked, and quotes for zip-wire are to be obtained.

RL is obtaining a quote for the play equipment Inspector. Clerk to get further quotes.

Playing Field – The clerk has not yet received the Contract from Groundscape so will chase this and ask when maintenance to commence.

Police – Info from SNAP meeting circulated.

Speedwatch – Report from Mr Street. There are now 8 volunteers but could still do with more. Sessions have now recommenced with 12 recorded from 2 sessions and 11 recorded today.

Footpaths – Queries raised re Permissive Path and it was confirmed that this is still in place but at present time only accessible from further along Hale Road.

Ashill Estate – Discussed later.

Allotment Close – The Council still does not agree that maintenance is being carried out so photos are to be sent to Mr Berry.

Gas Installation – Mr Freeman is going to chase Cadent again. It was agreed to send a letter to the residents of Flint Cottage Hale Road to request that their van does not keep running over the verge where the pipe runs,

Allotments – Clerk to order numbers. Working Party to be arranged.

Mindful Village Programme – Organisations to be contacted so reps can be invited to attend a meeting.

Tree Warden – Details displayed.

Ashlink – Leaflets back from printers and areas allocated for deliverers. The future of the magazine needs to be discussed further but all accounts and documents are being held by the Clerk. Mr Norman has closed his account and the remaining funds have been transferred into the Parish Council's current account to be administered separately.

AT THIS POINT MR EAGLE JOINED THE MEETING

He expressed concerns about the recent flooding and the problem at Holme Hale Bridge has been reported. He will chase the problem with drains in Sw. Rd.

The budget set for Breckland at 4.95%.NCC had received additional funds from the Government but this has to be spent on children/social care.

He advised that 3 consultations are being carried out at the moment:- one on closing Recycling Centres on Wednesdays, another on opening times of Records Offices and one on the Enhanced Payment from Government. Requested that people do look at these.

Resident requested information on permissive paths which FE gave. The Chair thanked FE for his attendance.

Meeting Continued

Phone box Church Street – The person at Necton who repaired their box has since retired due to ill health so the Clerk has contacted Mr Barrett to ask if he can give us a quote.

Fire Report – The Clerk reminded that the Fire Officer will attend the next meeting at 7.00 pm and asked that the word be spread to all who were affected by fire in 2022.

At this point, Mr Pearce Chair of Ashill Football Club entered and AK opened the meeting to him.

He asked if they could place posters in Notice Boards and Clerk advised that if he sent these to her she would get them put in. The problems with the Comm. Centre had all been resolved.

Meeting Closed.

CORRESPONDENCE

NorfolkALC and Healthwatch Norfolk - Newsletters circulated.

The clerk had received a request for a memorial seat to be placed on Acacia Avenue Green. This was agreed providing it is in recycled plastic and siting is agreed when installed.

The letter read from Mr Stowell with concerns about grass cutting on Millfield, reseeding of the area on Millfield where Cadent had storage, reseeding of Green and how often is verge cutting on estates supposed to be carried out. All matters are to be investigated.

Breckland Council – Notification of changes to bin collection times

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3BT/2024/0001/BT – Consultation on the installation of meter equipment at Pumping Station Road.

Approved.

Hale Road development – This matter will be raised with Breckland Planning Officers at a meeting arranged for Councillors on 29th Feb. at 7.00 pm in Upton room.

FINANCE

PAID Direct Debit - SSE Energy Solutions - payment for Power supply Dec. £252.43 The following accounts due for payment for February were passed for payment proposed by AS seconded by AB:-

K & M Lighting Services Maint St Lights	£150-03
Feb. Mrs J Pickard Play field	Undisclosed
Warden.Feb.) Jean Sangster Clerks	£169.85
Salary Feb.+ 13hrs)	£17.51
Expenses Feb. WAVE	to be advised
(AW) Supply to Allots.	£3500-00
M P Dennis & Sons Hedge Cutting	£110-00
Bidwells LLP Land Fees since June '22	
Pride Press Printing of Leaflets for the village	

- B) Current A/C details and copy of bank statement circulated for verification.
- C) Investments & Reserves update.

THE MEETING WAS AGAIN OPEN TO PUBLIC

Concerns were raised regarding Hale Road development and want to ensure that the access to Permissive path is reinstated.

Also concerns that the lorries in and out of Dunnetts Close are driving over the verge.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Ashill Village Facebook has now been handed over to Mr Long, AH and JL to administer checking and giving approval of entries.

The public felt that A47 looks disgusting with litter everywhere. Advised that rubbish can be reported to Highways England.

At this point, thanks were expressed to all our village Litter Pickers for the great job they do. Noted that Breckland are purchasing some mobile surveillance cameras and should we ask for one to be put at the bridge in Common Road but it was reported that this is not a problem at the moment.

The clerk advised that Insurance is due for renewal at the end of May and we need to look into Policies.

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 the Grounds that it includes the likely disclosure of confidential information

To Discuss Allotment Site & Clerk’s Contract.

The date of the next monthly Meeting is TUESDAY 26th MARCH 2024 AT 7.00 PM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

This Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed

Date
