

ASHILL PARISH COUNCIL

871. 22nd NOVEMBER 2016

A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 22nd NOVEMBER 2016 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:- Mr R Leighton - Chairman, Mr A Ketteringham - Vice-Chairman Mrs M Forsyth, Mrs M Helsby, Mrs J Lusher, Mr M Blackman, Mr J Leggett and Mr L Ready Also in attendance Mr I Monson, County Councillor.

Apologies for absence received from Mr K Collins due to illness and Mr F Sharpe.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were none.

This meeting was attended by Jean Williams from the Happy Project to give information about the project and what she would like to do in the future in Ashill. She would like ideas from the Parish of what they would like to get families together. She said she did not wish to 'tread on toes' but felt that as there is funding for 2 years we should take this opportunity to set up sessions to bring people together. The Chairman thanked Jean for attending and said the Parish Council would do all they could to support this.

The Minutes of Meeting held on 25th October 2016 were read, passed and signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING

HIGHWAYS - The Clerk had spoken to Mr Jacklin re Church Street restriction and he pointed out that there had been no fatal accidents and there is no funding available and the Police also informed that they could not Police this. Clerk to pass information to Mr Dufton.

TRODS - Another inspection carried out and Mr Jacklin has agreed to sanction the Swaffham Road from Grange Lane to entrance to Poultry farm but no further.

The TROD for Watton Road - Mr Leighton has obtained permission from Mr Bunning for the verge to be cut back but he wished to know if we wanted to take this further.

It was proposed by Mr Leighton seconded by Mrs Forsyth that the Council apply for the Partnership Grant for Swaffham Road.

To report :- Potholes in middle of road in Church Street and ask Rangers to cut back overhanging branches in Watton Road along edge of Woodlands.

Mr Jacklin will inspect the trees in Church Street.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Monthly check carried out. Reported that posts need painting and one loose. Bottom step of multi-play still needs attention. Concerns raised re matting under swings.

The new fence inspected and felt that gate not substantial enough and should be kept locked to prevent children swinging on it.

Mr Fletcher has sorted trees in copse.

Agreed to obtain further quotes for the MUGA. Clerk to organise.

Revised quote received for moving benches - £820-00 + VAT to be added to invoice for new fencing.

Quote received from Mr Peacock for new gate in tennis court and new straining wire for bottom of tennis court all around - £2980-00 + VAT. Proposed by Mr Ready seconded by Mrs Helsby that this be accepted with proviso that he keeps wires in order. All agreed.

PLAYING FIELD - Problem with moles. Proposed by Mr Leighton seconded by Mr Ketteringham that Clerk contact Mr P Ashman.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – Mrs Forsyth reported the following :- Christmas Market Sunday 27th Nov. Festive Experience at Melsop Farm Park.

Men's Shed now open Mon. 10.00 - 2.00pm Wed. 1.00 - 5.00pm. Hoping for evening sessions. Men 18+ welcome - Membership £20-00 per year £2-00 per session.

Future Events - Acorn Fair Jan. 'Growing Together'.

Feb. Festival of Literature.

Mar . Job Fair.

POLICE - Crime Report for September. 1 anti-social behaviour in or near Orchard Close, 1 anti-social behaviour Chapel Yard, 1 criminal damage & arson on or near Green, 1 criminal damage & arson on or near Hale Road, 1 other crime on or near Oaks.

Email from PCSO Bailey requesting that crimes are phoned through on 101 so that they are given a crime number.

The Chairman and Clerk had met Inspector Papworth and PC Joanna Higgins who had gone through the best ways to protect the Community Centre. He recommended that CCTV should not be installed as very costly and not that effective but lighting should be installed on building, front gate shut on random occasions, gating to changing rooms should be padlocked. On the whole he felt that this is a very safe village but requested that this information be put in next edition of Ashlink.

The next SNAP meeting is on 17th January 2017 in the Town Hall Swaffham.

FOOTPATHS - No information.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - Mrs Lusher reported that only 1 session held with just 1 driver reported. Other sessions had been cancelled due to weather or lack of volunteers. No sessions arranged for after 9th December as no-one in office to deal with returns. Recommence after 9th January with 2 new volunteers.

COMMUNITY CENTRE - The Clerk informed that the work for the bollard lighting had been carried out but one had been knocked down almost immediately.

Request that stronger screws and bolts be inserted. This will be arranged.

The Clerk had received an email from Shared Access Ltd who wished to meet to discuss installing a mobile phone mast at Community Centre. Agreed to arrange meeting as possibility of funding available.

LYCH GATE - The Dedication has now been arranged for Sunday 9th April which is Palm Sunday and this will include the induction of new Lay-Readers.

Mr Hyde still to carry out repair work.

SAXON GREEN - The Chairman and Clerk have now signed a document of Easement and Solicitor informs that we will NOT have to sign for each property. The new drain from Mrs Fulcher's has been inspected and is working well.

LOCAL PLAN - No further news at present but the Chairman proposed seconded by Mr Ready that in future a copy of our comments should be sent to all Members of Planning Committee as they seem to have no knowledge of Local Plan.

ALLOTMENTS - Notification that AW are changing way of charging for water supply. Quote received from Dunham Diggers for digging out ditch - £126-00 plus tractor and trailer to cart away £30-00 to be charged to Mr Ketteringham. Accepted. Dunham Diggers will be asked to quote for new water pipes.

WEBSITE - Mr Sayers is still handling this and will bill us when receipt received.

LEASE FOR GAS REDUCTION STATION - Clerk has now received new paperwork for renewal of Lease for next 10 years for £400-00 per annum an increase of £40-00 per annum. Members felt this was unacceptable and Chairman will look through Lease and get back to them. It was proposed by Mr Ready seconded by Mr Leighton that this should be reviewed every 2 years and not 10 but the Clerk pointed out that this was agreed in original Lease.

TREES ON LIMES - Quote received from F & G Landscaping & Tree Services for work on Limes for £90-00. It was proposed by Mr Leggett seconded by Mr Blackman that this be carried out.

COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME - The Chairman, Clerk and Mrs Warne had met with 2 volunteers - both had interviewed well but Mrs Ann Norman had accepted the position and will take over on 1st February working along side Christine in the meantime. Details will be advertised in Ashlink.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Complaint re Caravans on Millfield as reported in Ashlink has now been dealt with. Monitor 20mph sign that is solar powered as noted that following dull weather this was not working.

AW - Request that all blockages should be reported to AW so they have a true picture of all problems. Clerk has received several calls and will now contact AW.

CORRESPONDENCE

Norfolk ALC - Newsletter for 17th November.

Norfolk ALC - AGM Agenda 26th November. Mr Leighton will be attending in his capacity as Executive Member.

Norfolk ALC - Information re Neighbourhood Planning.

Norfolk & Suffolk Assoc's of Local Councils - copy of consultation response to Local Government Finance Settlement.

Breckland - Town & Parish Forum Thurs 8th Dec. Elizabeth House. Agenda.

Swaffham Wellbeing Group & Family Action - Held on Tuesday mornings in Swaffham Community Centre. Poster to be displayed.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mr Monson reported that Devolution was dead in the water.

The County Council Budget is being discussed at the moment but is proving difficult with cuts having to be made to children's services and adult services both of which are overspent but it is hoped to bring this back in line by end of March.

Inevitable that the Council tax will rise again this year.

He reported that the verge cutting will revert back to 2 full cuts next year.

With regard to the Weight Restriction for Church Street - he felt that attempts had been made to introduce this but proved difficult.

AT THIS POINT THE CHAIRMAN INVITED QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Request for Low Common Road to be investigated as this has been flooded again. Clerk to ask Rangers to look at this on next visit.

Noted that trees on Acacia Avenue were not to be cut back and residents felt that they should be.

Also Parishioners felt that the 20mph signs were being ignored.

Queries re Local Plan were raised and the question was raised over Bennett Homes site appeal for social housing to be changed from rent to shared ownership. There is no decision on this as yet.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2016/1349/VAR -To discuss application for variation of conditions at The Lodge Care Home Watton Road.

3PL/2016/1241/HOU - Application from Mrs S Quyn 49 Millfield for extension & conversion of existing garage to Granny Annexe. Granted.

3PL/2016/1080/O - Application from Clayland Homes for outline development next Community Centre Hale Road - GRANTED

FINANCE

The following accounts due for NOVEMBER & DECEMBER were passed for payment proposed by Mr Leggett seconded by Mr Blackman :-

Accounts due for NOVEMBER :-

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Nov	£120-13
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Oct.	£217-87
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages Nov.	Undisclosed
Expenses Nov.	£65-13
Ashill Comm. Centre Hire Hall Oct x 2 Nov.	£36-00
Luke Property Services Digging out Trench at C.C.	£600-00
R Halsey Electrical Installation of Bollard Lighting	£509-00
Dunham Diggers Clearing Allot. Ditch	£120-00
Mr A Ketteringham Carting Soil from Ditch	£30-00
Anglian Water Supply to Allots.	£19-86
Norfolk County Council DBS checks x 3	£75-00
Mr S Peacock Supply & Fit New Fencing & Move Benches	£3378-00
Car Scheme Payments to Drivers for Oct + Nov.	to be advised

Accounts due for DECEMBER :-

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Dec	£120-13
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Nov.	£210-85
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages Dec.	Undisclosed
HMRC PAYE Oct. Nov. Dec	£463-73

BUDGET AND PRECEPT for 2017/2018

The Clerk had prepared the Budget and circulated to Members prior to meeting and she recommended that there should be no need to increase the Precept.

It was therefore proposed by Mr Leighton seconded by Mrs Lusher that the Precept remain the same. All agreed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Leggett informed that he would be attempting to repair the bus shelter shortly.

Mr Ketteringham reported that the Trustees had now appointed Mrs Claire Jackson as Trustee following the death of Mr Sears.

He also informed that a request for permission for the Ash tree on The Green near the shop to be cut back and a further tree on boundary to be removed, had been made as both have TPO's.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2017 AT 7.30pm in Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.