

832. 23rd FEBRUARY 2016

A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 23rd February 2016 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:- Mr R Leighton Chairman, Mr A Ketteringham - Vice-Chairman, Mrs M Helsby, Mrs J Lusher, Mr M Blackman, Mr K Collins, & Mr L Ready. Also in attendance Mr F Sharpe District Councillor.

Apologies were received from Mrs M Forsyth and Mr J Leggett - both on holiday.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were none.

The Minutes of Meeting held on 26th January 2016 were read and following amendment made :- Defibrillator training should read Wednesdays not Tuesdays. These were then passed and signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING

HIGHWAYS - Mr Jacklin had replied with answers to all queries.

With regard to the crossing near School this is not high priority and will be looked at again when budget is set for 16/17.

Meeting to be arranged to discuss driveways in Hale Road.

The walkway through to Fir Park will be inspected.

The groups have now been dealt with.

Rangers will be visiting the Parish week commencing 28th March and will be asked to cut back pathway along Swaffham Road and clear drain at entrance to Glebe.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Monthly check carried out. New Swing seats have now arrived and are waiting to be fitted. Roundabout repairs are in hand.

Mr Ready reported that the tennis court surround netting has been damaged and lifted at far end. Clerk to find company to repair.

He also noted that the goal posts are in need of repairs to the 'D' that holds the nets.

Chairman to speak to Mr Barnes.

PLAYING FIELD - The picnic tables have been ordered and will be delivered week commencing 29th February together with fixings and concrete. Mr Spilman will get these put in place either side of play equipment.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – As Mrs Forsyth is away there was no report but the Newsletter had been circulated to all members.

POLICE - Crime Report - The Clerk had managed to obtain the December figures from the website which showed that there had been 1 burglary in or near Fairholme.

FOOTPATHS - The Warden reported that these are still being well walked but we would like to know dates when these are taking place as there were about 20 cars parked at the Community Centre recently which we do not object to but if there is a function on then this could prove difficult. The AVA will endeavour to get dates.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - Mrs Lusher reported that only 1 session had been held since last meeting. This is due to the equipment not working in bad weather conditions but hopefully things will soon get back to normal. 6 drivers were reported.

COMMUNITY CENTRE - Mr Collins reported that work was nearly completed on new disabled toilet. New tables had arrived and new chairs to follow. These were obtained with grant money. He was sorry to report that there had been problems following a party in the hall at the weekend with the chain on the gate to the field being broken off and a vehicle taken onto the field. Also the hall had been left in a real mess and had to be cleaned before the next event could take place. Mr Leighton asked if a damage deposit had been taken and Mr Collins explained that this had been done away with two years ago as people were finding it difficult to pay this. However Mr Leighton felt that as this was costing the village money for repairs then this deposit should be reinstated. It was proposed by Mrs Helsby that a recommendation be made to Committee that a small deposit be taken for parties and this was seconded by Mr Leighton and was passed when vote taken by 3 votes for with 4 abstentions. However the person involved will not be allowed to hire the hall again and it was felt that it was very irresponsible of a village person to let us all down.

With regard to the lighting of the car park, Mr Collins had spoken to the electrician at the Hall and he advised that we look into connecting to the street light at the entrance to drive and digging a trench at side of driveway to connect to a light half way up. Concerns raised re a street light getting damaged and it was suggested that 3 or 4 bollard lights be placed along length of drive. Clerk first to contact K & M lighting to ascertain if it is possible to connect to the pole No 9014 and obtain quotes for bollards.

LYCH GATE - Mr Hyde is still chasing PRONTO. Mr Leighton felt that it was time to arrange for the rededication of this and is speaking to the Vicar to try and get a service arranged sometime in July/August.

SAXON GREEN - Mr Bell had replied to Clerk re trees and informed that this is being dealt with but still no map received.

He also informed that bridge across to Green has been amended and he has assumed that Trustees will be responsible for maintenance but we do not think this is what was agreed at meeting.

He also advised that Bennetts are applying for the S106 Agreement to be amended for the seven affordable houses from rented to shared equity. Concern express that this could affect the money that Bennetts allocated to the village for play equipment. Clerk to write to Breckland.

DEFIBRILLATOR - Training took place on both Wednesdays with a total of 22 people attending which seemed a poor response after all the enquiries. It was requested by the Ambulance Service that the box is checked on a regular basis and Mr Blackman agreed to take on this task.

LOCAL PLAN - The comments and answers have been sent into Breckland and the consultation period has now ended. Mr Sharpe informed that this will now be looked into further and another document compiled for Parishes to inspect and raise any queries. He also informed that Saham Toney are carrying out a Neighbourhood Plan and this can be viewed on the website.

CAR SCHEME - The meeting re the GOLD scheme was well attended and several drivers have been for assessment and found it very useful. No invoice received as yet. The Clerk has most of the DBS checks completed - two or three outstanding.

LITTER PICK - Arrangements all in hand.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS - Mr Leighton thought that the Beacon would be lit at approx 8.00pm but the AVA are holding an afternoon tea at the Call-In . A request was

made that the Call-In remain open for the evening to provide facilities. Clerk to ask Choir if they would come along and Piper from Watton is to be asked.

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ANY OTHER MATTERS - Reminder of team for Quiz on Sat. 27th Feb.

It was reported that fly-tipping is still going on at Recycling Centre when it is closed.

CORRESPONDENCE

NorfolkALC - Spring Conference 28th April at Gt Yarmouth.

Breckland - Voluntary smoke-free areas around children's play area, school gates & nurseries. Support requested either by way of encouraging children to enter Competition to design poster or by displaying posters. Closing date 25th March. This info has been sent to all Schools.

Spinal Injuries Assoc. Great Fish & Chip Supper to raise money. Request to display poster.

Ashill & Holme Hale Garden Club - Request for funding. It was proposed by Mrs Helsby seconded by Mr Ketteringham that a donation of £50-00 be made. All agreed.

Poster for free NHS Health Check.

Norfolkalc - Petition re third party right to appeal planning decisions. Agreed to support this.

AT THIS POINT THE CHAIRMAN INVITED QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Sharpe District Councillor reported that the consultation of Local Plan had now closed and will be considered.

The DWP office is moving to Elizabeth House at end of February and the Budget for Breckland should be approved later in the week and is expected to make an increase in Council Tax. The Chairman thanked Mr Sharpe for all his help.

Public - Mrs Barnes reported that potholes had been filled in Common Road above the level of verge and water cannot get away and where grups have been dug out the workmen have left a disgusting mess. Highways will be informed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2016/0031/F

Application from Mr J Concha 2 The Mere has been granted.

3PL/2016/0067/HOU

Application from Client of JM Cable for extensions to 33 Cressingham Road - side, rear and front.

This had been received immediately following last meeting so Councillors had been consulted and comments & concerns returned between meetings.

One of the concerns was that the sewer running under the proposed development serves the row of bungalows not just 33 and the Building Inspector had requested the work ceased until certain steps were taken to ensure this was not damaged.

The other concern was that the application 3PL/2015/1042/F granted to raise roof was still valid and Mr Sharpe informed that this will stand until the second application has been considered and if that is granted then the first application should be withdrawn. This is being overseen by a senior Planning Officer.

3PL/2016/0151/HOU

Application from Mr D Suttle 53 Millfield for single storey side extension was discussed and to be returned with no objections.

Mr Sharpe informed that the email sent out from Breckland re the withdrawal of paper plans being sent to Parishes, was sent out in error and following many complaints he assured that this would not happen.

ACCOUNTS

The following accounts due for February were passed for payment proposed by Mr Collins seconded by Mrs Lusher :-

Car Scheme payments to Drivers for Dec. + Jan.	PAID	£528-20
K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Feb..		£120-13
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages Feb..	Undisclosed	
Expenses Feb.	£72-06)	
+ Computer Security cover	£39-99)	£112-05
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Jan		£212-00
Ashill Comm. Centre Donation Section 137 from Feed-In Tariff		£63-59
Anglian Water Supply to allotments Dec - Feb.		£8-17
Norfolk County Council Fees for DBS checks @ £25-00 per Person x 17		£425-00
NPTP Training for Clerk & Councillor 4th March		£70-00
HAGS-SMP Ltd Supply of swing seats		£584-76
Realise Futures Supply 3 picnic tables plus fixings		£1056-60
Mr M Fletcher Replacement of lost chq from July		£15-26

Details of up to date current account balance had been circulated to Members.

The Clerk & Mrs Lusher are to attend Appraisal Training on Fri. 4th March

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Ketteringham informed that Mrs Peckham had requested permission from Council and Trustees to appoint a new contractor for maintenance of Churchyard as previous one had quoted a large increase. She had received good reports of Gary Lake from Mattishall who had quoted £90-00 per cut and it was agreed that she could go ahead. It had been reported that the drain opposite Panworth Hall Cottages is block but as it was felt this is responsibility of Trustees it will be dealt with by them.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 22nd MARCH 2016 at 7.30pm in Community Centre.

Reminder that Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 12th APRIL 2016.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.00pm.