

25th APRIL 2017

A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 25th APRIL 2017 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:- Mr A Ketteringham - Vice-Chairman Mrs M Forsyth, Mrs M Helsby, Mrs J Lusher, Mr M Blackman Mr K Collins, Mr L Ready & Mr J Leggett.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R Leighton due to holiday and from District Councillor, Mr F Sharpe due to illness.

Mr Ketteringham took the Chair in the absence of the Chairman and welcomed 9 members of the public, twice as many as attended Annual Parish Meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were none.

The Minutes of Meeting held on 28th March 2017 were taken as read, passed and signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING

HIGHWAYS - There had been email confirmation of problems reported last month being dealt with and it is noted that many of the potholes have been marked for attention. However, it was stated that the potholes in Dunnetts Close have not been marked nor received any attention .Report again.

Also received confirmation that Parish has been accepted in the Partnership Bid for a TROD along part of Swaffham Road. Authorisation to be signed and cheque sent to NCC for our share £4018-50 agreed by all.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Check carried out. Mr Collins noted that the roundabout has two holes which could prove dangerous and it was agreed to see if a plate could be welded over these. A discussion followed as to whether this should be replaced or further repairs carried out. The cost of replacing could be as much as £9000 and it was agreed this was far too much and that repairs should be carried out as this is a much used piece of equipment. Mr Leggett agreed to get quotes for work. The new equipment needs to be cleaned again and one of the steps needs to be replaced. Notification of Annual ROSPA inspection to be carried out in June.

PLAYING FIELD – Further quote received for painting posts, goal posts and marking out car park. Quotes as follows :- Mr Barrett - £850-00 and Mr Plane - £1620-00. It was proposed by Mrs Forsyth seconded by Mr Blackman that the quote from Mr Barrett be accepted.

It was agreed to hold a special meeting on Tuesday 2nd May at 7.00pm to discuss the installation of the MUGA and who to award the contract to. The Clerk still has not received any letters of support and until planning permission granted, cannot apply for grant. She is very concerned that the 106 money from the Bennett Homes development will end up in Parishes pot to be divided out and not come to Ashill. This needs to be investigated.

The Clerk was also asked to check with Swaffham Town Council who they have used for installation of their MUGA.

It was agreed to see if guards could be placed around the remaining two bollards in driveway.

Also note to be placed in Ashlink regarding the removal of new small gate onto field due to vandalism and that it is now the responsibility of parents to prevent their children straying onto car park. The Council had spent money as requested only to have this ruined and they felt that they had done all they could for the safety of children.

FOOTBALL TEAM - It was reported that the team is to move the goal posts and that they are holding an information evening on Saturday 30th April at 6.00pm in Comm. Centre.

It was agreed to look into the provision of the container so that Clerk can make the planning application. Possibly change to TWO small containers rather than one large one so that storage kept separate for Cubs and St Johns. Contact Anglo- Scottish Fakenham to see what they have available.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – Mrs Forsyth reported that there are major changes in the Partnership this summer with both Susan and Suzanne leaving. They have played a very important part in the development of the Gallery and many other projects and will be greatly missed.

Newsletter to be displayed in Comm Centre with list of events.

Volunteer Awards – Nominations for someone who lives in Wayland area who has done work for their community to help improve lives, should be sent to Wayland House by 2nd May.

POLICE - Crime Report for February – 1 other theft near The Oaks, 1 criminal damage & arson near Fir Park. Notification of 'Barnstorming Event' at Snettisham Park on 2nd May at 7.15pm.

FOOTPATHS – Provision of maps still being looked into. Still concerns re walkers parking at Comm Centre and request to be made to ensure they notify when parking is required and that they should not be using the spaces near Hall when there are events being held.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - Mrs Lusher reported that 4 sessions had been held since last meeting with 25 drivers being reported travelling between 35 & 47 mph.
Due to installation of water main there is still a restriction on the areas that can be covered.

COMMUNITY CENTRE – The Chairman informed that the refurbishment of ladies toilets was nearing completion and work on gents toilets would commence in a couple of weeks and all should be completed by end of May.

The Annual Fete is to be held on 23rd July and there are many fundraising events being held over next few months.

The Committee had received a request from a Dance School to book the Hall for evenings during the October half-term week and the Parish Council agreed to change their monthly meeting from 24th October to 31st October.

LYCH GATE – As proposed at the Annual Parish meeting to place a plaque on wall of Lych Gate to commemorate the rededication on 9th April by Bishop of Lynn, it was agreed to go ahead and get this made. This was proposed by Mrs Lusher seconded by Mr Collins. Mrs Lusher to compose wording and check if can be made in Dereham.

SAXON GREEN – No further news re Appeal.

LOCAL PLAN – No further news at present.

ALLOTMENTS - Mr Blackman has spoken to the Allotment holders and they have agreed that if a further three taps are installed, they will ensure these are protected from frost. It was therefore proposed by Mr Leggett seconded by Mrs Helsby that these be installed. The Clerk expressed concern re strimming spoken about at last meeting regarding the Insurance implications. To this end as Mr Leggett holds his own Public Liability Insurance, he agreed to provide a quote for this work.

ASHILL ESTATE – Mr Monson had replied that he spoken to Mr Jordan Leader of Norfolk County Council and that the offer made for the sale of land was in line with current values. However, Mr Monson advised that we contact a valuer ourselves and it was agreed that Clerk contact Brown & Co at Kings Lynn to ascertain charge for carrying this out.

LEASE FOR GAS REDUCTION STATION - Still being investigated but Clerk advised that the annual payment of £360-00 has now been received. As we still have not agreed on the new rent for next 10years further investigation is needed.

COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME – The Clerk requested permission to make a complaint regarding the handling of the changes to Mr Claussen and this was agreed.

There have been further problems with the incorrect amount of grant being paid for first half year and Clerk has made a complaint about this and Breckland have agreed the additional amount will be paid but they have to make arrangements for this payment. Concern was expressed that if this is not paid in next few months, the Parish Council may have to fund this themselves. Mrs Skeggs is due to take over as co-ordinator as from 1st May and all details will be in Ashlink.

Drivers had also raised the matter of photo cards for the scheme as these are now out of date and this will be looked into.

ANGLIAN WATER – Notification that AW have now joined forces with NWGB Business to create WAVE.

SHARED ACCESS LTD – No further news.

STREET LIGHTING – No news on repairs.

ASHILL IN BLOOM – Mrs Helsby reported that she had now made contact with the officer at Breckland Council and will be meeting with him and SERCO manager on Tuesday 2nd May at 12.00 to discuss further the siting of barrels. Next meeting is 4th May at 7.00pm in Call-In when fund-raising for barrels will be discussed.

STREET NAME PLATES – Breckland Council have advised that if changes are to be made re Goose Green name plate, this will cost £191-95. It was felt that this should not be done.

ANY OTHER MATTERS – The question of a Clothing Bank at Comm Centre for Salvation Army and Air Ambulance was raised. The Clerk is to see if Breckland can give us separate figures for existing clothes bank recycling before a decision is made.

CORRESPONDENCE

NorfolkALC - News letter 19.04.17

Norfolk ALC – Training Details.

Breckland – Reminder re Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. This must be updated if anything changes.

Breckland – Agenda for Meeting 11th May Dereham Offices re Planning. 5 Members volunteered to attend.

Resolve Energy Ltd. Details requested for the management of contracts.

E.ON. Renewal of Contract for supply. This does not give any time to compare prices as has to be signed and returned by Friday. The Clerk found this unacceptable and had complained and they have assured that next year TWO months notice will be given. However, having investigated suppliers in the past and found no others able to provide the unmetered supply, it was agreed by all that this be signed for one year.

Bruno Peak re Battles Over. Confirmation that we ARE on list for lighting Beacon in 2018.

Letter from Kings Lynn Ramblers requesting footpath along Swaffham Road. Clerk can now reply that at least part of the road will have a path.

AT THIS POINT THE CHAIRMAN INVITED QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Council were advised that two fence posts on perimeter of playing field are broken and this is being dealt with.

Regarding footpaths, it was pointed out that on some maps the old footpaths that have been removed or diverted are still showing. It was agreed to see if a village map could be drawn up.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Returned between meetings :-

3PI/2017/0244/CU for Mr Swallow The Hollies Swaffham Road for dog training facilities. Amended plans discussed at Annual Meeting and returned with objections to noise.

To Discuss

3PL/2017/0387/D for Clayland Homes (Ashill) Ltd

Details of development on site next Comm Centre for 7 Bungalows. Concerns that surface water is showing as flowing into pond on playing field. Also access to site over gas main was a great concern to residents. Agreed to object on these grounds.

The Chairman informed Members that Mr Tilley (Clayland Homes) has requested permission to attend the next meeting to discuss his applications in the village. This was granted.

3PL/2016/0427/O

Notification of approval for site at The Willows Hale Road.

As Councillors thought this already had approval, this was queried with Mr Sharpe and he confirmed that outline permission was granted last year and this had not gone to Committee again. He thought this could only be a minor amendment but can discuss when Reserved Matters are submitted.

3PI/2017/0512/HOU

Further application for Mr & Mrs Field 6 Lewis Close to make single storey extension to include 1st Floor bedroom. As ground floor work already being carried out and not affecting neighbours, it was agreed no objections.

FINANCE

The following Accounts were passed for Payment for APRIL proposed by Mr Leggett seconded by Mrs Lusher:-

A/C PAID – Breckland Council Planning Application for MUGA	£97-50
K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Apr..	£120-13
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Mar.	£217-87
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages Apr.	Undisclosed
Expenses Apr.,	£114-31
Environment Agency Drainage Charge Ashill Estate	£14-20
Norfolk ALC Annual Subscription	£262-06
NORSE Maintenance Limes & Acacia April	£96.76
Ashill Community Centre Donation 137 Feed-In Tariff	£125-20
Norfolk County Council Part. Bid Share for TROD	£4018-50

Mrs Forsyth proposed seconded by Mrs Helsby that we should not join CAN this year so Annual Subscription not to be paid. This was agreed.

The amounts to be transferred to Reserve A/C Funds for 2017/2018 were proposed by Mr Collins seconded by Mrs Helsby as follows :-

£500-00 for Clerk's Gratuity and £1000-00 for Burial Ground. Nothing for Elections.

The Date for external Audit is August and documents have to have been signed off by 30th June so the Clerk requested permission for Internal Audit to be carried out by Mr D Barber in May. This was agreed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk pointed out that the new path at side of shop is now very open and that Council should ensure the barrier is installed as stated by Bennett Homes.

DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY MEETING - TUESDAY 23rd MAY 2017 at 7.30pm in Community Centre.

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 Staff Salaries and Appraisals.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.