

## **828.** 26th JANUARY 2016

A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 26th January 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 K Collins, Mr J Leggett & Mr L Ready.

Apologies were received from Mr F Sharpe, District Councillor for a late arrival.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were none.

The Minutes of Meeting held on 5th January 2016 were taken as read, passed and signed as correct.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

HIGHWAYS - Mr Jacklin had replied to all the concerns raised from last meeting.

Some of the potholes have been filled in Church Street but further investigation needed before footway can be resurfaced.

Mr Ketteringham has spoken to Mr & Mrs Kinsley re trees on their land in Swaffham Road and they are happy for him to cut these back so there is a better view from cross roads.

Matters to report :- Request from Headmaster for a 'zebra crossing' outside front entrance of School. Arrange site visit.

Request from resident of Hale Road to concrete his driveway to edge of road. Query who would be responsible for maintenance. This also applies to Community Centre entrance and outside 11 Dunnetts Close.

Mr Spilman concerned that grups have not been dug out in Cressingham Road and water cannot get away.

Report tree roots growing through walkway between Watton Road and Fir Park and no lighting.

The problems with fly-tipping at Recycling Site - since closure on three days, this is being monitored and Breckland Council CCTV cameras are noting cars responsible and taking further action.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Monthly check carried out. Swings awaiting to be replaced.

Roundabout - the stay needs welding on to bottom rim. Mr G Barnes to be asked to carry out urgent repair.

Clerk had received details of Eco picnic tables which had been suggested by working party.

It was proposed by Mr Leighton seconded by Mr Collins that 3 coloured picnic tables be purchased. All agreed and colours will be agreed.

PLAYING FIELD - Mr Leggett reported that he had managed to clear edges of car park.

Concerns raised regarding the mud on Community Centre driveway and lane between rear of Hale Road houses and playing field. As this leads from Ashill Estate and with such wet weather, this is only to be expected from farm traffic. Unfortunately people have decided that they cannot walk this and have been taking dogs inside field and have not cleared up after them. It was agreed to make good the large pothole at corner of car park when weather permits.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – Mrs Forsyth reported that the meeting the evening before had focused on the future of the Partnership and Action Plan for Business, Tourism. Etc in the Wayland area. Email received giving a brief outline of planned activity for 2016 to enable partners to discuss future contributions.

POLICE - Crime Report - New system still does not allow access so no figures available.

FOOTPATHS - Nothing to report.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - Mrs Lusher reported that only 2 sessions had been held since last meeting. 8 drivers were reported. One session held on a Sunday when Police had actually stopped to offer thanks for doing such a good job. (Member of public queried the speeding in Watton Road and explained not possible to carry out Speedwatch when School is starting and ending).

COMMUNITY CENTRE - Mr Collins reported that work to replace the disabled toilet is now under way and it is hoped to update the remaining toilets in near future.  
Lighting at Community Centre Car Park - Solar lighting discussed as it was reported that lighting had been looked into several months ago and cost of installing connection was high. However it was agreed to ask Electricians to look into installing light on building with sensor.

**At this point Mr Monson gave his report on County Council as he had other commitments to attend.**

He informed that NCC Budget will be considered on 22nd Feb. but that Council Tax will have to increase for first time in 5 years. There will have to be a 2% increase in the care of elderly and upto 2% for other services due to Government grant being cut.

He was sorry that he could not be more help in getting the 40mph limit extended but funding and restrictions would not allow this.

However he saw no reason why a 'zebra crossing' should not be installed unless siting was a problem.

He hoped we would lend support to keep the library van service going.

The Chairman thanked Mr Monson for his attendance and help.

**The Meeting then Continued.**

LYCH GATE - Mr Hyde is still chasing PRONTO.

SAXON GREEN - No news received of trees on boundary. Clerk to chase this up.

DEFIBRILLATOR - Training arranged for Tuesday (amended to Wednesday) 10th Feb. at 10.00am and Tuesday (amended to Wednesday) 17th Feb. at 7.00pm. Both at Call-In.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - 5 Councillors and Clerk had attended the Breckland meeting on Local Plan. Very long and detailed. Mr Ketteringham had asked if it was necessary to carry out a Neighbourhood Plan and it was felt that if the smaller villages not included as Local Service Centres were happy with Local Plan stipulations, then it was not required. However they should make comments on the consultation re settlement boundaries, infill and development.

Mrs Helsby was concerned that settlement boundaries could be altered and felt that the village should be consulted on their views on future development. The Chairman pointed out that there had been ample opportunity an Annual Meeting for them to let Council know their views.

Mr Sharpe informed that consultation ends on 22nd Feb. and then further amendments can be made if required. He urged that Members send their answers to questions and it was therefore agreed that as many Councillors as possible meet on Thursday 4th Feb at Office to complete consultation.

It was agreed not to compile a Neighbourhood Plan at this stage.

**CAR SCHEME** - Meeting with drivers well attended and several of them have agreed to sign up for GOLD scheme. Problems of parking at Norfolk & Norwich Hospital will be raised by Emma Lewins from Breckland Council. Clerk to arrange time for DBS checks to be carried out.

**LITTER PICK** - Arranged for 4th & 5th March. Clerk to collect equipment on 3rd.

**QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS** - Request from Bruno Peek to light Beacon on Thursday 21st April. It was agreed that this will be lit at 8.00pm and Chairman will make arrangements. After much discussion it was proposed to ask organisations if they wished to hold a mini fete at 6.00pm same evening. Grant available from Breckland to assist but this has to be in by 1st Feb. Advertise in Ashlink for help.

**ANY OTHER MATTERS** - AVA Quiz to be held on 27th Feb. Agreed to enter team - Richard, Jenny, Martin, Liam, Alan and Jean.  
Hastoe Housing - Reply received that they will do their best to retain all rural affordable homes.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

NorfolkALC - Newsletters.

NPTP - Appraisal Training. This is to be held on Friday 4th March at Weston Longville and the Clerk expressed a wish to attend but as this is a Litter Pick Day, this could prove difficult but she will try to make arrangements to cover this.

NCC - Library & Information Services - Timetable for visits.

Beacon Lighting to celebrate Queen's Birthday - Clerk to confirm this will be lit.

Clerks & Councils Direct.

### **AT THIS POINT THE CHAIRMAN INVITED QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Concerns expressed by Dunnetts Close residents re access to Bennett's site and traffic problems once building commences. Clerk to write to Breckland to ensure there is adequate provision on site for parking and unloading.

Mrs Fulcher asked if consideration had been given by Play Equipment working party for facilities for people who require support on equipment. Mr Ready said this was being looked into.

**Mr Sharpe District Councillor** reported that any fly-tipping problem should be reported and Breckland should clear within 24hrs.

He also informed that Breckland and South Norfolk are offering a grant to help with quality of life for dementia patients. Apply to Breckland.

Better Broadband - Breckland has released more money.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**3PL/2015/1454/F**

Application for Mr Weedon Willow Lodge has been granted.

**3PL/2015/1380/F**

Application for Thomas & Pickard The Old Crown has been granted.

**The following applications were discussed :-**

**3PL/2016/0018**

Bennetts Saxon Green - Removal of some planting from layout. No Objections

**3PL/2016/0030/F**

Mr & Mrs B Field 17 Fairholme Close - proposed side extension to bungalow. No Objections

**3PL/2016/0031/F**

Mr J Concha 2 The Mere - Front bay window extension and renovation of rear conservatory. No Objections.

**ACCOUNTS**

**The following accounts due for January were passed for payment proposed by Mrs Forsyth seconded by Mr Blackman :-**

|                                                         |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| - K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Jan.. | £120-13     |
| Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages Jan                 | Undisclosed |
| Expenses Dec. + Jan.                                    | £155-41     |
| E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Dec.                 | £212-00     |
| Plus Car Scheme Payments to be advised.                 |             |

**Update on Reserve Account money from Mrs Perry.**

Mr Leighton has been unable to contact Mr Perry but agreed to wait until we know if we have been lucky enough to get help from Partnership Scheme for flashing lights.

**Arrangements for Clerk's Annual Appraisal.**

It was agreed that Mr Leighton should carry this out.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr Blackman expressed concern re the footway from Watton Road through to Fir Park. There is no lighting and the roots from trees have now raised the path and made this very hazardous. Clerk will inform Highways.

Thanks were expressed to Mrs Blackman and Mr Long for their excellent work on Ashlink.

The Chairman requested that thought be given to the employment of a Handyman and this will be discussed further.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2016** at 7.30pm in Community Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.10pm.  
none.