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A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 22nd March 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. Also in attendance Mr F Sharpe District Councillor, Mr I Monson County Councillor & 11 Members of the Public.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were none.

The Minutes of Meeting held on 23rd February 2016 were read, passed and signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING

HIGHWAYS - Mr Jacklin had visited the village and talked to people re driveways and given instructions of how to go about this. He inspected the flooding problems in Swaffham Road. Notification received that Parish Council had been granted 50% from Norfolk County Council Partnership Scheme for the installation of 20mph signs. Other 50% will come from remainder of donation from Mrs Perry.

Information that Recycling Centre is to revert to full time opening again from 1st June - times 9.00am to 5.00pm.

Potholes to be reported at entrance to Recycling Centre and Church Street.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Monthly check carried out. New Swing seats have now been installed. Thanks to Mr Ready.

Following discussion it was agreed that goal posts should be taken down and stored at Reeves Farm. Benches in need of painting and request to be placed in Ashlink for volunteers.

Clerk has entered competition to win further Tango seat.

PLAYING FIELD - The picnic tables have been installed - thanks to Mr Spilman and Chairman.

Mr Marshall is to be asked to cut round the play equipment as tractor will now be unable to get round.

Tennis Court surround - Quote to be obtained from Mr S Peacock to repair fencing and install gate at far end. Also to give a quote for chain link fencing from edge of tennis court to main gate entrance onto field, to include small entrance gate near tennis court.

Mr Wright had obtained quote for replacing numbers on play equipment but it was agreed not to replace these due to cost.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – Mrs Forsyth reported that most of meeting had been taken up with the report of aims and objectives for next 10 years.

Invite to Lunchtime Debate re Europe -In or Out with George Freeman MP at Broom Hall on May 6th 12.00 for 12.15 . Menu £15-50. Choice by 20th April.

POLICE - Crime Report - The Clerk had met PCSO Bailey who explained that with the new system he can only access figures for Swaffham area. Agreed to write to Commissioner. It was reported that one of the allotment holders had had spade and fork stolen from plot.

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FOOTPATHS - It had been reported that a sign had been placed on the land owned by Mr R Spaul in Swaffham Road informing of footpath on inside of hedge leading to Fountain of Life. This does not exist and Mrs Spaul was advised to report to Highways. Also reported that car is using bridleway path through to Saham Waite.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - Mrs Lusher reported that 4 sessions had been held since last meeting at 3 different locations. These resulted in 23 drivers being reported driving over 35mph.

Mrs Lusher has 2 more potential volunteers to join scheme.

COMMUNITY CENTRE - Mr Collins reported that the matter raised by Parish Council last month re damage deposit was discussed by Committee who felt this would reduce bookings so agreed not to put this in place.

K & M Lighting are to provide quote for bollard lighting along edge of drive.

LYCH GATE - There has still been no contact with PRONTO so it was agreed that clerk write direct and request inspection by them.

SAXON GREEN - The Clerk had contact Mr Moys at Breckland re the changes proposed by Bennetts and he assures this will NOT affect the section 106 agreement. Reply received from Mr Bell re footbridge to Green. He has now assumed that this will become responsibility of Trustees. Awaiting decision from them. He confirms that there should be no rat-run created from new roadway through to Hale Road.

New Name for Site - Bennett Homes has suggested that this be called Bennett Way. It was agreed by all that this was not suitable and further suggestions were requested from Councillors as cannot be called Saxon Green.

LOCAL PLAN - The Clerk expressed concerns that further sites have been registered since the map was received and suggested that this be checked carefully when updates are received.

CAR SCHEME - Bill now received for GOLD assessments,

LITTER PICK - Thanks expressed to the 21 volunteers who took part especially those who came out on the Saturday in such bad weather. Mr Ready had noted that there is a lot of rubbish accumulated along inside of hedge on allotment and it was agreed that letters be sent to holders to ask to keep this cleared.

It was agreed to contact the Planning Department for advice on development of northern end of site.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS - Details now received from Bruno Peak. Lighting should be at 7.30pm. WI has agreed to hold tombola stall and Golden Link a bric-a-brac stall. Choir to attend and Chairman to contact Piper. The Chairman suggested that Mr Puddephatt be asked to light beacon as he had made this. All advice from Insurance Company will be followed.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

The sign in Watton Road stating that 'Ashill Welcomes Careful Drivers' has been damaged. Name of driver to be confirmed and claim damages from him.

Result of AVA Quiz - Parish Council team came 4th. Bowls Club holding Quiz on 16th April.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Norfolk ALC - Request for nomination to Executive Committee. Chairman asked for his name to be put forward.

Norfolk ALC - Annual Subscription - £251-34. Agreed that this should be paid next month.

Norfolk ALC - Spring Conference 28th April 9.45am The Kings Centre Gt Yarmouth.

Norfolk ALC - Newsletter for Feb. Survey re Village Halls to be completed by Clerk.

Community Action Norfolk - Annual Membership - £20-00. Proposed by Mrs Forsyth seconded by Mrs Helsby that this be paid.

Norfolk Record Office - Deposit of Records. This to be checked as access may be a problem.

What Watton Wants - Request for support at Appeal Hearing at Watton Sports Centre on 6th April at 10.00am

District Councillor info re DC11 contributions. Mr Sharpe reported that this money will be handed over to Norfolk Foundation to administer on behalf of Breckland Council from 1st April so important that this is dealt with promptly.

Breckland Youth Training Opportunity.

Norfolk Non-Native Species Initiative - Survey to be completed by Chairman.

MAGPAS Helimedi - Request for donation. Unable to assist.

EACH - Request for donation. Unable to assist.

NCC - Consultation on Validation of Planning Applications until 19th April.

Letter from Mr & Mrs Thomas was read by the Chairman informing the Council that they intend to ask the Local Government Officer to look into the abuse and racism from Council since 2004. The request for all information from 2004 re their planning applications will be provided within the 20days stipulated by Freedom of Information Act if this is still available. The Clerk was instructed to give information of where this can be obtained if from other sources.

They suggested that Mr Leighton be asked to stand down whilst this matter is investigated as they accuse him of being the instigator of all the comments. The Councillors agreed that they would not be complying with this request.

They absolve the three new Councillors of any complaints.

Clerks & Councils Direct. .

AT THIS POINT THE CHAIRMAN INVITED QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Sharpe District Councillor reported that the Planning Application for extension to caravan site in Swaffham Road is being discussed by Committee at their next meeting. He reported that the EU count will be carried out over-night and that the DWP office is now open at Elizabeth House. He also gave information on the new Housing & Planning Bill.

Mr Ian Monson County Councillor reported that 2% from budget had been ring-fenced for care, that proposals for Business Rate income to come direct to Council could have affects in the future. There is money for road repairs but there is a lot to do and potholes can now be reported direct to Highways for urgent attention.

Regarding Devolution he felt that Government will push for Norfolk/Suffolk/Cambridgeshire to join together.

Public - Mrs Barnes asked Mr Monson to investigate the state of Common Road.

The Archaeological report on Saxon Green was queried.

The resident of 30 Dunnetts Close expressed his deep concern regarding the present work being carried out to create the roadway through to Saxon Green in particular outside his property. This will be inspected by Chairman and District Councillor.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2016/0067/HOU

Application for Agent at 33 Cressingham Road has been granted.

3PL/2016/0030/F

Mr B Field 17 Fairholme Close has been granted

3PL/2015/1462/F

Mr R Spaul - Temporary permission for mobile home has been granted,

3PL/2015/1387/F

Mr & Mrs Yeomans - Dwelling in Cressingham Road has been granted.

3PN/2016/0013/UC

Prior Notification of Change of use from agricultural building to single storey dwelling (permitted development) for Mr & Mrs J Spalding Lower Homestead Farm returned with no objections.

ACCOUNTS

The following accounts due for March were passed for payment proposed by Mr Leggett seconded by Mrs Forsyth:-

Car Scheme payments to Drivers for Feb. & to 20th March PAID £491-14

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Mar. £120-13

Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages Mar. Undisclosed

Expenses Mar. £92-36

HMRC PAYE Jan.Feb.Mar. £323-60

E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Feb. £198-32

Ashill Comm. Centre Hire of Hall Jan x 2 Feb, Mar. £44-00

Norfolk County Council Fees for DBS checks @ £25-00 per

Person x 2 £50-00

Plowright Medical Centre Medical New driver £19-80

Dr Haczewski & Partners Medical New driver £24-00

Trevor Spilman Work at Comm Centre Benches £20-00

Ashill & Holme Hale Garden Club Donation Section137 £50-00

NCC Assessment of Car Drivers x 5 £145-00

Annual Subs to CAN £20-00

Information Commissioner Data Protection £35-00

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

Notification of External Audit to be carried out again by MAZARS.

Agreed to ask Mr D Barber to carry out internal Audit.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Reported that Sewer has been blocked on Dunnetts Close again. Report to AW.

Also concern that new water main to be installed is going to be very near edge of road.

Fir Park footway repairs queried - Clerk reported that Highways have this in hand.

DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY MEETING - TUESDAY 26th APRIL 2016 at 7.30pm in Community Centre.

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

EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC To Discuss Staff Salaries and

Appraisals.

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”.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.40pm.