

861. 27th SEPTEMBER 2016

A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 27th SEPTEMBER 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. Also in attendance Mr F Sharpe District Councillor. & Mr I Monson County Councillor.

Apologies for absence received from and Mr K Collins due to illness and Mr L Ready due to holiday.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were none.

As Mr Monson had another meeting to attend he gave his report at this point explaining that Children's Services and Care for Elderly were being stretched financially and County Council looking at Budget for the forthcoming year.

Regarding Devolution, there is conflicting opinion throughout the County and still unsure how much benefit it would be. There would be one Mayor for both Norfolk & Suffolk.

Await results of consultation and decision.

He informed that AW going well with installation of new water main and that Sth Pickenham bridge will be repaired shortly following damage. Too costly to widen but 'right of way' signs might be installed.

The Chairman thanked Mr Monson for his attendance.

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

MATTERS ARISING

HIGHWAYS - Information that Rangers will be visiting the Parish week commencing 10th October. Ask them to repair sign at entrance to village in Swaffham Road, cut around all signs that are obscured by hedges, footway from opposite The Glebe entrance to Cressingham Road junction in need of clearing and cutting back.

Mr Jacklin had replied with quotes for TRODS following his visit and inspection.

These are as follows:- Hale Road from Widgeon Cottage to end of parish boundary - estimate £16,410.62

Watton Road from speed limit to entrance to Meadow Barn - concerns that verge unstable and further investigation to be carried out - estimate £6,743.93

Swaffham Road from junction Grange Lane to chicken farm entrance - estimate £8,037-70.

However the verge to other side of entrance to chicken farm is not suitable and he suggests further consultation with owner to see if trod could be carried on inside hedge.

Owner to be contacted.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Monthly check carried out. Still same problems.

The Clerk, Chairman and Mr Ready had met with Mr Peacock with regard to installing the new fencing and it was agreed that this should be placed on inside of existing white posts with the seats either moved forward or sited near old play equipment. Mr Peacock also to quote for the repairs to tennis court netting and new access gate for southern end of tennis court.

The picnic tables have now been re-installed following the spate of vandalism.

The Chairman has spoken to Head-teacher regarding the School making use of a MUGA if installed on field and he felt that they would be able to make good use of it.

PLAYING FIELD - This is now looking very good after the earlier problems. Mr Ketteringham had had to ask people to stop metal detecting on the field recently.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – Mrs Forsyth reported the following :- The Happy Project is well underway helping to bring children as well as the elderly together. There will be a meeting in Call-In Sunday afternoon.

The Men's Shed now has 20 members and should be meeting in Church but Wayland Prison has offered to make them a shed.

Dragonfly Gallery to hold various exhibitions up to Christmas, Firework display on Wayland Showground and Festive Street Market with Pipe Bands on 27th November.

Wayland Tourism Conference October 21st at Broom Hall 9.00 - 4.00.

POLICE - Crime Report for July shows 1 Criminal damage and arson near Hale Road, 1 other theft near Dunnetts Close and 1 other theft near Green.

The Crime Prevention Officer had sent through a copy of report from 2008 which showed that only some of the measures had been put in place so agreed to ask for an up to date report and investigate the cost of CCTV again. Also discussed if entrance gate should be locked overnight but decided that this could cause even more problems so leave for time being.

Mrs Forsyth explained that the car abandoned outside her house had been reported but Breckland still had not had this removed. This to be checked.

The bus shelter on Green has also been vandalised and there is evidence that drug dealing is being carried out in village. This will all be reported and Clerk to write to Commissioner.

FOOTPATHS - Report received from CPRE on Parish Paths Seminar. Suggested that leaflets and mapping be looked into for local paths which are being well used. The Ramblers have own equipment to loan for cutting if it becomes necessary to carry out work ourselves.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - Mrs Lusher reported that 5 sessions had been held and 35 drivers had been reported. The return for August shows that a total of 19 drivers received letters (4 were village residents).

Mrs Lusher had attended a meeting at Dereham Police Station with the new Breckland Community Engagement Officer who will be involved in Speedwatch schemes.

She also requested more help as numbers will drop to 6 by end of October. Also has been approached by Gt Cressingham for information.

COMMUNITY CENTRE - The Clerk has now received the quote for connection of bollard lighting to pole for £120-00 plus VAT. It was therefore proposed by Mrs Helsby seconded by Mr Blackman that this work should be carried out asap.

The Clerk informed that the bottle bank revenue for the last year amounted to £1085-32 and asked if this was to be donated to Community Centre as in previous years. However it was proposed by Mr Leighton seconded by Mrs Forsyth that this be put aside for possible CCTV. All agreed.

LYCH GATE - Still no guarantee letter. The Clerk informed that she had written to the Insurance company but had received no response. It was therefore agreed that a meeting be arranged with members of PCC, Mr Ready, the Vicar and Mr Leighton or Mr Ketteringham.

SAXON GREEN - This matter was discussed in camera due to confidentiality.

LOCAL PLAN - Further consultation to 31st Oct. Drop-In events at Swaffham & Watton. The Chairman asked that as many people respond to the online consultation.

There seems to be a dispute between departments over the site next Comm. Centre as Planning Committee has refused development but still remains as preferred site. It was agreed to discuss this matter further on 6th October and put forward other sites.

ALLOTMENTS - Meeting to be held with Allotment Holders on 13th October at 7.30pm followed by collection of rents.

ANGLIAN WATER - Reply received that further information is required before data can be assessed.

FOI & DATA PROTECTION - Report of meeting attended and handouts from that meeting given to all Members. The Chairman felt that this is very one sided and that the Public want to know everything about Council but if they remain anonymous then their matters shouldn't be discussed. Noted that permission to publish names of correspondence from public is required.

MOBILE POST OFFICE - This is now in attendance on the Green between 9.00 and 10.00am and offers a full range of postal services.

ROYAL MAIL - Delivery Office manager has advised that there has been no issues with deliveries.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Trees on Limes - As person will not disclose name or contact details this was not discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Norfolk ALC Newsletters x 4. These had been circulated to Members.

Letter from Gavin Barwell MP - Neighbourhood Planning Bill.

Norfolk ALC - Precept Consultation. Clerk to respond to this on behalf of Council.

Suffolk & Norfolk Assocs of Local Councils - Response to consultation on Devolution.

CPRE - Request to join in opposing damaging new housing targets. Clerk authorised to sign this.

Norfolk Community Foundation Grants. Clerk to look into submitting application for MUGA.

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

NCC - Review of Small Schools. Encourage more liaison with Head-teachers.

CAB Letter of thanks.

The Breckland View. Promote Parish CoUncil news on-line magazine.

Clerks & Councils Direct.

Norfolk County Council request to circulate information re road safety campaign encouraging drivers and cyclists to do more to keep each other safe.

Norfolk County Council - Dates for Mobile Library visits.

AT THIS POINT THE CHAIRMAN INVITED DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TO GIVE HIS REPORT AND QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Sharpe informed that Breckland Council are holding a Job Fair on 5th October at 3.00pm for employers of temporary and seasonal staff.

Breckland with support from Creative Arts East are giving further funding until 2019 for dementia sufferers to provide days out and fortnightly outings.

He also explained that even if the Clayland site was removed from Local Plan it would not guarantee that the site could not be developed before Local Plan is adopted.

PUBLIC - Representatives from FOL wished to discuss the TROD for Swaffham Road.

Question raised as to who would pay if ditch could be piped and some felt that even if path only went 2/3rds of way it was better than nothing. Mr M Spaul owner of caravan site felt that it was essential for path for visitors to walk to village which would bring in revenue and it was agreed that Parish Council would talk to Mr R Spaul re filling ditch and permission to go on his land.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2016/1086/O

Application from Clayland Homes (Ashill) Ltd for Residential Development consisting of 7no single storey bungalows with separate or integral garages and Carports on Land adjacent the Community Centre Hale Road was discussed and agreed to object on same grounds as for last application and request that site be removed from Local Plan.

3PL/2016/1125/HOU

Application from Mr Hatherly Bittern Cottage Hale Road for Rear Conservatory was discussed and no objections raised.

ACCOUNTS

The following accounts due for SEPTEMBER were passed for payment proposed by Mrs Forsyth seconded by Mrs Lusher :-

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Sept.	£120-13
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Aug. £217-87	
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages Sept.	Undisclosed
Expenses Sept £78-80	
HMRC PAYE July Aug. Sept. £455-38	
NORSE Maintenance Limes + Acacia Sept..	£94-85)
NORSE 1/2yr Maint. Playing Field (with reduction)	£655-99) £750.84
James Marshall Strimming at Comm. Centre Sept.	£50-00
Ashill PCC 2/3rd Upkeep Churchyard	?
Luke Property Services Replacing Picnic Tables	?
Breckland Council Briefing Session for Clerk + 2 Members	£120-00
Ashill Comm. Centre Hire hall Jul.Aug.Sept.	£36-00
Mazars Audit Fee	to be advised
Car Scheme Payments for Aug. + Sept.	to be advised

Current A/C details had been given to Members.

The Clerk confirmed that all Investments had now been reinvested as agreed.

Result of Audit had been received and the Chairman congratulated the Clerk on her handling of the financial arrangements. However the Auditors had pointed out that the Parish Council holds rather a higher than normal Reserve and that this should be reduced. Clerk to write back to them to inform that this money can only be spent on capital projects and is held for the future of the village.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk requested that thought be given to any projects that the Council are considering as she has to compile the Budget for the November meeting to establish the Precept request for 2017/2018.

A suggestion was made to enter the Village in Bloom competition next year.

It was pointed out that traffic entering Watton Road from Church Street do not realise that there is now a 20mph limit when children are coming and going to School. Look into cost of another sign and where to site.

Mrs Lusher informed that the yard next to her property was being used by AW while they are working in village to store aggregate.

Mr Sharpe informed that Breckland Council had met with AW to discuss the state of water and drainage throughout the district but very little had been resolved. They had pointed out though that AW is obliged to lay on water and drainage to any new development regardless of any problems.

Mr Leighton reported the state of The Glebe Church Street as this is the only Listed Building in the village and concerns had been raised that the property has been empty and neglected for a while now. Clerk to contact Listed Building Officer.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 25th OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.30pm in Community Centre.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

The following resolution :-

“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” was passed To Discuss Saxon Green further.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.