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A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 28th JUNE 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. Also in attendance Mr F Sharpe District Councillor.

Apologies for absence received from Mr J Leggett & Mr L Ready both due to family illness.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were none.

The Minutes of Meeting held on 24th MAY 2016 were read, passed and signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING

HIGHWAYS - Info returned from Highways that pothole opposite Holmere House has been dealt with and the footpath to Low Common is being investigated.

Resurfacing work is to take place in Swaffham Road at Recycling Centre and Church corner. Road will be closed overnight from 19.00 to 7.00 on 4th July for 2 days.

Westcotec notified us that awaiting clarification of gas main position before 20mph signs can be installed.

Following the recent storms reported that flooding again in Swaffham Road near Womack House. Drain blocked. Also road opposite The Mere near Call-In has been flooded and on checking it is thought that the ditch is blocked near allotments. It was proposed by Mr Blackman seconded by Mrs Helsby that if work is required to dig out ditch, it should be carried out. All agreed.

It was agreed to ask Mr Jacklin to meet to discuss TRODS for northern end of village to Granary Fields and Swaffham Road.

Pothole opposite Holmere House to be reported again as repairs not satisfactory.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Monthly check was not carried out due to unforeseen circumstances.

ROSPA inspection is due to be carried out shortly. Quotes received from Sovereign as follows :- MUGA - £79,686.89

Timber Zip Wire & Table Tennis Table - £15,598.47

Metal Zip Wire & Table Tennis Table - £14,001.41

These will be sent to Breckland to register for 106 money in the future.

PLAYING FIELD - Quotes on their way for spraying weeds, for digging trench for lighting and for lights and cable. Concern expressed that field has not been cut for over three weeks and this will be taken up with NORSE as needs to be cut for Fete on 10th July.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – Mrs Forsyth had nothing to report but Partnership News rec'd with information of future events.

POLICE - Crime Report - These showed no crimes reported in April.

Police & Crime Commissioner Meeting 21st July at 5.30pm at Elizabeth House Dereham. 4 to attend.

FOOTPATHS - The Clerk confirmed that she had found the documents relating to the path through to Saham Waite. This was confirmed as a Bridleway.

Letter from Mr T Evans re path to Council Houses being overgrown. Request for this to be cut back.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - Mrs Lusher reported that 7 sessions had been held since last meeting at different times of the day from early morning to late evening. This resulted in 54 drivers being reported at 35mph or more with several over 40mph and one at 50mph. There has also been at least one visit from the Speed Enforcement Officer.

COMMUNITY CENTRE - The clerk was still endeavouring to obtain quotes for digging trench and installing bollards. The Chairman of Comm. Centre reported that a sensor has now been installed in gents toilet to save on water.

The Clerk requested that a 'Keep Clear' notice be painted on ground in front of gate to field and that the rear storage cupboard be cleared for use by Community Centre.

It was agreed that both jobs could be carried out and white lining machine and 5 aside football posts will be stored at Reeves Farm, thanks to Mrs Lusher.

LYCH GATE - The Clerk has still not received the letter from Mr Hyde that he promised to send confirming his guarantee.

SAXON GREEN - The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk had met with Mr Parker, Director of Bennett Homes and an agreement has been reached regarding the hedge and ditch to southern side of site. The side of hedge to The Green and top will be maintained by Trustees and the ditch and hedge on site side will be maintained by a Maintenance Company and each resident will pay towards this.

He has now confirmed that the pathway to the Hale Road at side of shop will be owned by Local Authority. Also that a post and rail fence will be put in place along edge of path and again maintained by Maintenance Company.

He confirmed that the land drain from Lowenva has had to be diverted and a new drain put in place which is functioning properly.

The question of the access road was raised with Mr Parker but he stressed that they had had to comply with all stipulations that the Highways made or the road could not be adopted. He felt that there had been a lack of communication from Highways when Bennett's plans were submitted as he knew nothing of the stipulations that had been made to Parish Council when outline permission was made. He felt that the residents complaints should be made to their landlord Flagship to take up.

LOCAL PLAN - There is to be a consultation meeting at Watton Sports Centre on Tuesday 19th July a 9.30am to discuss proposals for Watton and surrounding villages.

Members and Clerk to attend with District Councillor.

CAR SCHEME - Clerk has now received notification from Breckland Council that Ashill has not be keeping to the conditions of the agreement in regard to the ceiling limit of £1800 per year on claims for reimbursement. This has been exceeded over last few years and it was pointed out that this cannot continue now that administration has been handed over to Norfolk Community Foundation. This could cause the Car Scheme a shortfall at end of year and the Clerk wished to know if she should take on any more drivers as each time there is costs of DBS checks and medicals. It was agreed that the people waiting on list could be taken on and Mr Sharpe is to query this with Breckland.

Letter already sent in reply.

INSURANCE - Chairman has had a quick look through and can only find one item of concern and that is travel insurance for Clerk. This will be queried and additional items of equipment added.

FLY TIPPING - The Clerk informed that the Breckland website shows details of the procedure and advises that the public should NOT attempt to deal with bags of rubbish but to notify Council on the on-line form.

GLASS RECYCLING BANKS - The Clerk had contacted Breckland with regard to the problem of these not be emptied on a regular basis and made a request for further bank. Await their reply.

REPORTS ON TRAINING COURSE AND DEVOLUTION MEETING

Mr Ketteringham informed that the Chairmanship course had been most informative and the Devolution meeting had raised many concerns.

MR & MRS THOMAS - The Clerk had been advised to issue a letter of refusal re latest request due to this being a repeat. This had been done and a reply received from Mr & Mrs Thomas that this matter is now with their Solicitor.

ENFORCEMENT

This is in regard to the former garage site in Swaffham Road. Information received from Breckland following an enquiry by Clerk, that the Council had made a decision in May 2014 to extend the compliance period due to personal circumstances of the occupant's health issues and the fact that the Enforcement Notice prevents future residential use. Full compliance can be secured if there are any changes to circumstances.

ANY OTHER MATTERS - There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE

Norfolk ALC - 3 Newsletters. Included Tackling Child Abuse. NCC, Norfolk Constabulary and members of Norfolk Children's Safeguarding Board are encouraging people to take action as part of a National Department for Education campaign. Further details available from Norfolk Police website.

NCC Partnership Scheme is again going to be supported. Bids have to be in by 16th December. List of schemes that are included. PC to consider putting forward TRODs after talking to Mr Jacklin.

Notification of transport survey.

NALC - 'ProHelp' a network of firms that provide free advice for projects.

CPRE - Request for Planning Wardens to take part in protecting vulnerable areas.

CAN - Invite to Annual General Meeting 20th July 4.00pm

NCC Trading Standards Service. Market Fair Scheme.

Breckland Community Funding Applications. Details from Breckland meeting re admin of funding. Concerns raised. This is the money from DC11 funds secured from developments. Parish Councils would need to have their schemes costed before applying and produce a list for the future.

KONECT - New bus timetable. After several years of complaining Mrs Goodwin has finally managed to get the timetable changed so that buses actually connect at Watton to go through to Norwich without long waits.

AT THIS POINT THE CHAIRMAN INVITED QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mrs Blackman informed that she had been advised that a person had been bitten by an Adder along footpath to Swaffham Road. Item to be included in Ashlink.

Mr Sharpe District Councillor reported that second period of consultation was under way and an audit of services carried out to ascertain which villages are suitable for LSC. Also to consider settlement boundaries and land available

Re Devolution - The District Council had today thrown out the proposal for Devolution as there are no definite figures for cost and this could have a big impact on district, they had felt that figures presented to them were not correct and Government money not secured.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2016/0327/HOU - Application granted to Mr & Mrs Linsdell 19 Cressingham Road.

3PL/2016/0560/VAR - Application granted for Mr & Mrs Field 17 Fairholme Close.

3PL/2016/0363/F

Amendments to application for Clayland Homes (Ashill) Ltd were discussed.

The Chairman proposed that objections be raised against the increase in entrances onto Hale Road due to speeding traffic hazard, drainage problems. Request that Chairman be notified when this application goes before Committee so that he can go and speak and he stressed that public need to write in with their concerns.

The problem of parking along Hale Road was raised especially outside Westholme when cars are parked on pavement causing pedestrians to walk in road. Clerk was asked to contact PCSO Bailey.

Letter re Tree Preservation Order on trees at 53 Woodlands - Removal Refused .

ACCOUNTS

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

PAID Car Scheme for Apr. & May - 19 Drivers	£458-80
K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Jun.	£120-13
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights May,	£217-87
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages Jun.	Undisclosed
Expenses Jun.	£61-50
HMRC PAYE Apr May June	£473-28
NORSE Maint. Limes & Acacia Jun	£94-85
James Marshall Strim Comm, Centre May	£50-00
Ashill PCC 2/3rds Upkeep Churchyard	£120-00
Mr D Barber Internal Audit	£70-00
Ashill Comm. Centre Hire Hall Apr x 2 May June	£48-00
NCC Car Scheme Driver Assessment	£29-00

AUDIT

The Annual Governance Statement for Audit was read, confirmed by all Members and then signed by Chairman and Clerk. The appointed date for Audit is 8th August 2016 and Public inspection period ends 5th August 2016.

MAINTENANCE WORK

It was agreed to advertise in Ashlink for people interested in carrying out routine maintenance work for Parish Council to be on a list so that they can be called upon as necessary. They must have own Insurance cover.

DEFIBRILLATOR BOX

It was proposed by Mr Collins seconded by Mrs Forsyth that a new Stainless Steel box should be purchased to replace the damaged one as this is no longer secure. Mr Blackman to organise.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Request for verge in front of Comm. Centre to be cut back as blocking visibility. To be arranged. Thanks to be expressed to Mr McWilliams for cutting Horns Corner.

Agreed to inspect Allotments as some very untidy and neglected.

Reported that branches broken off trees in Church Street and branches overhanging footway to Fir Park will be dealt with.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 26th JULY 2016 at 7.30pm in Comm. Centre.

Meeting Closed at 9.45pm