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5th JANUARY 2016

A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 5th January 2016 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 J Leggett,

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R Leighton due to other commitments, Mr K Collins due to other commitments and Mr L Ready due to holiday and from Mr F Sharpe, District Councillor.

In the absence of the Chairman Mr Ketteringham took the Chair.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were none.

The meeting was also attended by PCSO Bailey who informed that since new computer system was installed, report figures are running a month behind and are available to public as reported last month on Police website. Thanks expressed for his attendance.

The Minutes of Meeting held on 24th November 2015 were taken as read, passed and signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING

HIGHWAYS - Following Meeting with David Jacklin he has confirmed that Rangers will be asked to trim overhanging hedge along edge of Woodlands in Watton Road.

He also identified potholes in Church Street and is going to instruct that pathway be resurfaced from Watton Road junction to corner opposite Caradoc.

He inspected the entrance to Acacia Avenue where maintenance work had been carried out but this had already been repaired.

He did not feel there was anything he could do outside 11 Dunnetts Close as traffic is constantly running over verge. An email had been received from Mr Symons of 47 Dunnetts Close complaining about state of road. Clerk to reply to this with explanation. Concerns were raised as to who would be responsible if water meters get damaged by traffic and Clerk will raise this with Mr Jacklin.

With regard to our request for 40mph limit to be extended beyond Recycling Centre, he did not see that this could be done at present time and could not see a problem with view from cross-roads but if when hedge starts growing again, this is responsibility of land-owner. Mr Ketteringham agreed to speak to land-owner.

Report potholes outside School and Cressingham Road junction.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Monthly check carried out. No further problems. Clerk has ordered one new standard cradle seat and one new Tango seat at a cost of £584-76.

These will be delivered the beginning of Feb. and Mr Leggett and Mr Ready will install.

PLAYING FIELD - Mr Leggett reported that he will attempt to remove the weeds growing on car park and then this will require spraying in the Spring.

Reported that bottle banks full.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – Mrs Forsyth reported that Nov-Dec exhibition in Gallery had been well attended. There is to be a 'Farmhouse Breakfast' on 29th January 2016.

The 'Well Wayland' meeting had been well attended by organisations.

There is to be a photography competition in August - theme is 'Norfolk Scenes'.

The Dragonfly Gallery celebrates 10th anniversary in April.

Letter received notifying of successful funding and thanking partners for their support.

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POLICE - Crime Report for November shows 3 crimes in or near Dunnetts Close and 1 burglary in or near Chapel Yard.

Public Consultation meetings by Police & Crime Commissioner on his 2016/2017 Precept proposals. Dates - Wed. 13th Jan. 2016 County Hall at 6.30pm and Mon 18th Jan. 2016 Town Hall Kings Lynn at 12.00 noon.

FOOTPATHS - Nothing to report.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - Mrs Lusher reported that only 2 sessions had been held since last meeting. 4 drivers were reported. It is hoped to recommence again this week. One session had been held at junction of Church Street/Watton Road but those carrying out the session felt that this is not a good site to observe the vehicles. However they will attempt another session there.

COMMUNITY CENTRE - No further information.

LYCH GATE - Mr Ketteringham had spoken to Mr Hyde who assured him that he would contact PRONTO again and ask them to carry out inspection.

SAXON GREEN - Mr Adam Bell had met some Members of the Council on site. He had asked if the Parish Council wished to take back the ditch and hedge but this had been refused. Land Registry shows boundary as middle of hedge so it was suggested that Trustees maintain the Green side and cut top of hedge. To be agreed by Trustees. The question was then raised as to ownership of trees - awaiting confirmation from Bennetts. It was also noted from plans that the bridge across to Green had been moved and after much discussion a new access was agreed and at the Parish Council request, the width of footway to Hale Road is to be decreased from 3 metres to 2 metres.

The Vice-Chairman pointed out that the ditch does get blocked and Mr bell assured that a maintenance agreement will be incorporated into residents sale details.

DEFIBRILLATOR - It was felt that it is too late to advertise for January training so Clerk will arrange some February dates and get them put in Ashlink.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - The Consultation period on Local Plan proposals commences on 11th January and drop in sessions around the District are to be arranged. Also meetings for Town & Parish Councils to be held on 18th January - times to be confirmed.

CAR SCHEME - Reminder of get together with Drivers on Tues. 19th Jan. at 2.00pm in Call-In. Emma Lewins from Breckland Council and a lady from 'GOLD' will be attending. Clerk to organise tea and cakes.

ANY OTHER MATTERS - There were None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Norfolk ALC - Newsletter. Notification that the referendum principles will not apply to the Parish Sector in 2016-2017.

Norfolk ALC - Copy of Resolution submitted by Hickling Parish Council to be put forward at AGM. This is a proposal that decisions reached by huge majority votes by Parishioners should not be overturned by Parish Councils causing large amounts of money to be wasted.

Hastoe Housing - Concerns being expressed by the new Bill going through Parliament regarding Right to Buy, Pay to Stay and would like views from Parish Council. Clerk to respond.

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Letters from Savills on behalf on Anglian Water re Water Main replacement scheme in the village. Form to be completed as this will affect the mains across land at front of Comm. Centre entrance.

Norfolk Age UK - Request for Parish Council to help with a donation. Unable to assist.

AT THIS POINT THE CHAIRMAN INVITED QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mrs Fulcher informed the meeting that following a meeting between NCC and Governors of the School, it had been agreed that the 106 Education money from the Bennetts development should come to the Primary School. This amounts to approx £80,000 and it is proposed to use this to extend the Hall. The money will not become available until 50% of houses are occupied. This is a great achievement.

Mrs Fulcher asked if the pothole o/s The Old Smithy could be reported to Highways.

Mrs Yeomans expressed great concern that the 40mph limit could not be extended and asked what had been decided re Horns Corner. The Clerk explained that she had inspected the site with Mr Jacklin and he felt that it would be much more dangerous if the island was removed so not being considered.

Mrs Pickering asked if a footpath could be put in place along Swaffham Road to Horns Corner but as there are so many utilities along verge this is not viable.

Mrs Bunn asked if any organisation was taking up the offer to collect the tokens from EDP. This is already being arranged by Comm. Centre.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Returned between meetings.

3PL/2015/1380/F - Thomas & Pickard The Old Crown for first floor rear extension & single storey rear extension. Returned with no objections.

3PL/2015/1387/F - Yeomans & Pickering for erection of 4 bed dwelling on land adjacent Redmoor Cressingham Road (Re submitted). No objections.

The following applications were discussed:-

3PL/2015/1427/O - Bennett Homes for Removal/Variation of condition 10 following outline approval 3PL/2006/0441/O. These are for changes as stated at meeting so no objections.

3PL/2015/1476/F - Norfolk Camping Brick Kiln Farm for change of use of agricultural land to camping & caravan park & erection of 2 toilet/shower blocks. No objections.

3PL/2015/1454/F - Mr R Weedon Willow Lodge Cressingham Road for revised plan for extension & erection of solar panels in garden. No objections.

3PL/2015/1462/F - Mr R Spaul for siting of temporary mobile home on site of new poultry house on land east of Harvest Lodge/The Stables Swaffham Road. After some discussion it was proposed by Mrs Helsby seconded by Mr Leggett that this be objected to as concerned of future development. Vote taken resulted in 3 votes for and 3 against. The Chairman having casting vote, the motion was not carried and application to be returned with no objections.

FINANCE - Revised Accounts paid for December

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Dec..	£120-13
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages Dec.	Undisclosed
HMRC PAYE for Oct. Nov. Dec.	£342-00
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Nov..	£205-16
Ashill PCC 2/3rd upkeep of Churchyard for Oct.	£53-33

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Reserve Account money from Mrs Perry. As Mr Jacklin Highways could not find a suitable site for another shelter where buses actually stop it was felt that the Chairman should speak to Mr Perry regarding the remainder of the donation.

Details of new company created to appoint Auditors for smaller authorities and unless we opt out by 31st March 2016 we will automatically be part of this scheme. This will mean that from 2017 we will be advised which Auditors to use. It was proposed by Mr Ketteringham seconded by Mrs Lusher that we accept this.

Letter received from Breckland re Grant Scheme for funding to celebrate Queen's Birthday but event has to be held in April and to qualify a clean up event has to have been held between 1st Feb. & 19th Mar. As the Parish Council normally carry out a Litter Pick at beginning of March it was agreed that Clerk arrange this for 4th & 5th March 2016. Also to confirm when event to qualify for grant is to be held.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The question of lighting on the car park at Comm. Centre was again raised and Clerk will research this matter.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed to hold this on Tuesday 12th April 2016 and normal monthly meeting on 4th Tuesday 26th April.

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

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.15pm