

ASHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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31st JANUARY 2017

A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 31st JANUARY 2017 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 and Mr L Ready.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J Leggett due to work commitment, Mr F Sharpe & Mr I Monson.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were none.

The chairman welcomed Mr P Fuller from Breckland Council who attended to give information regarding funding available through Breckland. The 106 Funding due to the Council can be topped up with matched funding to provide for a MUGA.

Also in attendance Mr K Griffiths and Mr S McCarthy from the newly formed football club to update the Council on progress. They hope that they will be able to start training at Community Centre in near future with the prospect of playing matches in September.

The Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd January 2017 were read, passed and signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING

HIGHWAYS - Concerns expressed regarding the lack of repairs carried out and the state of Hale Road since Anglian Water have installed new mains. Clerk to query all this with County Council.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Check to be carried out. Following meeting with Action Play & Leisure a quote has been received but Clerk to obtain 2 more. Also to ask Officer from Planning department to come out re application for siting MUGA.

It was felt that football club should apply for funding to help set up their club and Chairman offered to assist in completing forms.

PLAYING FIELD - Since last meeting the bollard lighting has been further damaged and on inspection it was felt that the job had not been carried out to a satisfactory standard and as nobody had checked before payment was made, it was down to the Council to get this put right. Clerk to contact K & M Lighting Services again for assistance. The Chairman pointed out that this has just highlighted the need to be more diligent when work is carried out for us.

Mr G Ashman has carried out work on the field to alleviate mole problem and to this end he has suggested and quoted for an annual contract at a cost of £1280-00. It was felt that this was rather excessive and would be better to employ him as and when necessary.

The post at entrance to driveway will be dealt with shortly.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – Mrs Forsyth reported the following :- The Happy Project is to hold an art & craft morning at Community Centre on 11th Feb 10-12 for all ages.

Job Fair in Queen's Hall on 28th March 1.00 - 6.00pm.

Book Event 'Once upon a Time' 25th Feb - 11th Mar.

There is help available from Breckland if elderly are unable to put their bins out for collection.

Wayland Visitor Brochure to advertise main events in Wayland 2017.

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POLICE - There are no crime figures added to website for December as yet and Clerk has queried this. Mrs Helsby and Mr Ketteringham had attended the SNAP meeting at Swaffham which was rather disappointing and poorly attended. Concentrated on Swaffham problems but pointed out that car patrols through village on regular basis and stressed that any information can be given in confidence on vandalism. Warning of door to door scam. Next meeting 21st March.

Mrs Helsby had also attended the Breckland Policing meeting at Watton which was well attended. Amy Lucas is the person to pass any information on to regarding crime and she wished to engage more with the villages. There was also much discussion re Speedwatch schemes and Neighbourhood Watch schemes and Mrs Helsby asked if we had a Neighbourhood co-ordinator. She was advised to contact Mr Hinds.

FOOTPATHS - Mr Collins informed that he has some maps available and that the Ramblers have requested to use car park at Community Centre and will pay. Agreed that payment should go to C.C.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - Mrs Lusher reported that 1 session held resulting in 2 drivers being reported over the speed limit. The equipment does not work well in cold weather and the work being carried out by AW at the moment is causing traffic to slow.

Two members of the Team will attend Annual County Co-ordinator's meeting at Dereham to represent Mrs Lusher and there will be no sessions held during February due to family commitments.

Also pointed out that the Speedwatch Administrator has advised that any adverts should be run past her before printing.

COMMUNITY CENTRE - Mr Collins the Chairman, thanked Mr Blackman and Jean for taking over the running whilst he was ill. He expressed concern re football club proposals to commence playing matches and thus requiring changing facilities which at present time are being used for storage. Mr Ready felt that the changing rooms should revert back to that use and storage could be placed in a container to be sited near building. Mr Collins said he would speak to St John's and Cubs who are using these facilities and see how they felt. Cheaper to do this than build new changing facilities. There were also concerns regarding the hiring of the hall by football team and the state it was left in and damage caused. This is to be discussed by Committee.

LYCH GATE - Mr Hyde has assured that work will be carried out shortly. The Church warden requested permission from the Council to place a plaque on wall of Lych Gate to indicate that there are two war graves in churchyard.. This was given.

SAXON GREEN - No result received re Appeal. Breckland had refused permission requested by Trustees for the removal of Ash tree but lower branches can be removed and hedge has been cut on Green side only.

LOCAL PLAN - Officers had attended meeting at Breckland and confirmed the views of Council that including the School Piece site would accommodate the number of dwellings that they were looking to achieve in the plan. This will now go before Committee for approval before being sent to London.

ALLOTMENTS - Quotes still awaited.

WEBSITE - Mr Blackman has now got new site set up through County Association but having just paid Mr Sayer to continue with existing site it was proposed by Mr Ready seconded by Mr Collins that both should run side by side until established.

New site : ashillparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

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LEASE FOR GAS REDUCTION STATION - Still being investigated.

TREES ON LIMES - Tree Warden had inspected and could see no problems and Mr Blackburn did not think it necessary to remove any.

COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME - The presentation evening had gone well and Mrs Norman will be taking over shortly. It was felt that her request to use mobile number for contact was not a good idea as could cost the customers more to call her so agreed to advertise both numbers.

ANGLIAN WATER - Great concern expressed re traffic lights not informing that they are split 3-ways and people were ignoring the fact that vehicles would be coming out of estate entrances and there had been several near misses. Clerk to contact Highways/AW.

SHARED ACCESS LTD - Email received that site has started to be marketed and awaiting surveys to be carried out,

STREET LIGHTING - Following the complaint from resident of Acacia Avenue re leaning column, this had been inspected and will be rectified but also Engineers found that one column on Orchard Close had split and therefore needs to be replaced.

Quote for this work is £987-72 + VAT and £106-00 + VAT for Acacia. It was proposed by Mr Leighton seconded by Mrs Helsby that these be accepted. All agreed.

ASHILL IN BLOOM - The first meeting had not been well attended due to bad weather but had been agreed to ask Parish Council to provide barrels for siting on verge through village. The Clerk pointed out that for this the Highways have to issue a licence and approve the sites. Investigate further. Request was also made for fence to be removed along side path near pond but Trustees informed that this had to be in place to obtain Insurance cover. Also suggested that hold Open Gardens. Next meeting 16th February.

CORRESPONDENCE

Norfolk ALC - Newsletters.

Community-led Housing - Info on what this is and what it can offer local authorities.

Community Housing Fund.- Support to enable local community groups deliver affordable homes.

Arrangements for Audit from 2017/2018. This will be carried out by PKFLittlejohn LLP. Scale of fees to be kept on file.

Breckland - Guidance notes on applying 5 year Housing Land Supply. Keep for future reference on planning applications.

Breckland - Consultation on Housing & Homelessness Strategy 2017-2021.

NCC - Norfolk Community Learning Services (Norfolk Adult Education). Courses.

Funding Details.

Letter from Mr & Mrs Smith Dunnetts Close requesting copies of minutes under the Freedom of Information Act regarding Ashill Parish Council former allotment land and Peddars Way HA development which includes new access road to Goose Green site from 1994-1996. Clerk to provide these.

Email from Mrs Seager re dog fouling on tennis court and request for notice to be displayed saying no dogs allowed but members felt that there was already too many notices that people just do not take any notice of them.

Mr Monson had forwarded an email that had been sent to George Freeman MP regarding the lack of youth facilities in village from a village resident. It was pointed out that when there was a youth club this was not supported and that the Parish Council are doing their best to provide more outdoor facilities for the youth.

NORSE - Grounds Maintenance - Notification of increase of 2% for 2017 season.

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AT THIS POINT THE CHAIRMAN INVITED QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The hiring of Community Centre was raised due to the fact that following the recent fund raising event held by football team, there was broken glass left outside and could have caused harm to the children and bags of rubbish were left on car park. The question was asked if a deposit is taken and Mr Collins said this had been done away with as it was felt that it prohibited some bookings.

Mrs Peckham informed that PCC had accepted the quote from Wil Smith for the maintenance of Churchyard for this season as his was cheapest. There will be no charge for cutting laurel hedge.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To Discuss

3PL/2016/0034/VAR - Mr A Fell Old Hall Farm - Revised application for Barn 4.

No objections.

3PL/2016/1489/F - Mr V Somers Old School Hall Watton Road. Change of Use to residential & Proposed Garage. No objections.

Applications Granted

3PL/2016/1465.HOU - Mr & Mrs Fields 6 Lewis Close.

3PL/2016/1349/VAR - Lodge Care Home Watton Road.

Application Refused

3PL/2016/1467/HOU - GJ & PE Brooking 11 Fir Park (first floor extension).

FINANCE

The following Accounts were passed for Payment for January proposed by Mrs Forsyth seconded by Mr Collins :-

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Jan.	£120-13
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Dec.	£217-87
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages Jan.	Undisclosed
Expenses Dec. + Jan.	£167.51
Ashill Comm. Centre Hire Hall Jan x 3.	£36-00
Ashill Comm. Centre Donation 137 Feed-In Tariff	£89-15
K & M Lighting Services Ltd Connecting power to Bollards	£144-00
Mr Gary Blackburn Work to trees on Limes	£90-00
Gary Ashman Control of Moles on Playing Field	£83-00
Mr R Leighton Reimburse Driver's Evening Expenses	£100-00

Car Scheme Payments for Nov. + Dec

to be advised

Current A/C details had been circulated.

Business Saver A/C + Details of Reserve had been circulated and Clerk asked if everyone was happy with how she had allocated the spending of Reserve fund. All agreed.

LITTER PICK - This has been arranged for FRIDAY 3rd March & SATURDAY 4th March. Clerk will collect equipment from Breckland on the Thursday and allocate areas.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Team for Quiz night on 4th March - The Chairman will arrange this.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 28th February 2017 at 7.30pm in Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.