

22nd SEPTEMBER 2015

A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 22nd September 2015 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 K Collins, Mr J Leggett & Mr L Ready & District Councillor, Mr F Sharpe plus 29 members of the public.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Blackman.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Mr Ketteringham declared an interest in the Planning Application for the Chicken Farm.

Before the meeting commenced the Chairman welcomed Mr Matt Beckett a Youth Worker from the Fountain of Life, who wishes to start up a Youth Club in the village.

He is hoping to start this after the October half-term in the Community Centre on Tuesday afternoons from 3.30pm to 5.00pm for High School children. This will be weekly during term time.

This received a positive response and he was advised to contact Breckland Council to see if there is any funding available.

The Chairman thanked Mr Beckett and wished him well with this project.

The Minutes of Meeting held on 25th August 2015 were taken as read, passed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

HIGHWAYS - The Clerk had met with Mr Jacklin from Highways and he had informed that the footway for Hale Road would be difficult to install and costly due to a ditch, poles and cars parking outside cottages. It was therefore decided to look at other traffic calming measures and it was proposed by Mr Leighton seconded by Mr Ready that the Clerk ask for cost of installing slowing measures in front of Millfield. Mr Collins thought that 'flashing signs' near the School should be considered and made an amendment to this effect but as there was no seconder the proposal was passed.

It was reported that the School sign opposite entrance to The Oaks has been broken and there is a large pothole at the cross-roads in Sth. Pickenham.

The Rangers are to carry out removal of overgrown footways and the remainder of work in Cressingham Road will be carried out shortly.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Monthly check carried out.

The new 'Springies' are now installed and are proving very successful.

The remainder of matting is now being stored at Reeves Farm.

Mr Ready is endeavouring to organise meeting for Working party.

PLAYING FIELD - Mr Wil Smith has not carried out the work at the Community Centre as yet.

The Clerk reminded Members that we will need to get quotes for next year's maintenance of Field and green areas in Acacia and Limes. Agreed to contact NORSE, TTSR and CMG.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – Mrs Forsyth reported that the Partnership is dealing with Broadband and phone problems. The Partnership are holding a celebration evening at Broom Hall on 9th October. Mrs Forsyth and Mr Ketteringham to attend.

Also event at Sports Centre in October - Theme Bond Evening. Tickets £5-00.

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POLICE - The Crime Report for August showed 1 other crime, 1 burglary of dwelling and 2 violence against a person in Ashill.

FOOTPATHS - There was nothing to report. Overhanging hedge at Seymour Cottage will be cut shortly.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - Mrs Lusher reported that 4 sessions had been held with 12 drivers at 37mph or more and further 12 at 35/36 recorded. One session recorded one vehicle at 53mph. She informed that one of the volunteers has had to stand down for time being due to ill health so if anyone would like to help to contact her. Also she has been invited to attend the Annual co-ordinators meeting at Dereham in October.

COMMUNITY CENTRE - Mr Collins reported that the Upton Room is now finished and the hedge has been cut back at front and frame made for notices and banners to be displayed. Thanks to Mr Ketteringham and Mr Leggett.

BUS SHELTER - Now installed but opening is on wrong side but company has admitted that they got this wrong and will correct this in next few weeks.

LYCH GATE - Still awaiting visit from PRONTO. Chase Mr Hyde. Query as to rededication. This is being looked into.

WEBSITE - Nothing further to report.

SAXON GREEN - The Trustees have made application for the overhanging branch to be removed and Breckland officer cannot see a problem with this. Our Solicitor has advised that dispute over boundary should go forward for litigation but this will be costly and should be avoided.

Bennetts have submitted 2 Discharge of Conditions ready for commencement of building and this shows boundary with The Green to be in centre of hedge so this matter will be discussed further.

DEFIBRILLATOR - Still no date for training received.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - Following information that the land to the rear of The Willows Hale Road was being surveyed together with the road access, the Chairman had contacted the Planning Department to ascertain the likely-hood of development being permitted on the 5acre site outside of the village guideline. He was told that with Government pressure being brought on local authorities to provide more houses, it was most likely this would be allowed, especially as the 3 houses to front of area had just been given permission. No account is taken of availability of Schools or Medical facilities but as village has several amenities it is likely to be included for future development.

It was decided that it is now a matter of urgency to get a Neighbourhood Plan in place and Clerk to contact Mr M Brennan asap.

ALLOTMENTS - Clerk has now signed application for Land Registry. Hedge to be cut back inside and out.

CHURCH CAR PARK - The Chairman was still very concerned that the Church would be left with no parking facilities and proposed that a letter be sent to the PCC asking them to withhold payment to the Diocese until they have assurance that a car park will be provided. This met with much dissent and Mr Ketteringham made an amendment that the PCC should be allowed to sort this out. No seconder to proposal so amendment was passed

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ASHLINK - Mr Grant Long attended to give an update. The 1st edition following their take over has gone to print and apart from printing problem and one small error, all went well. He

explained there would be changes and work is in progress. Mrs Blackman and himself would welcome feedback and ideas.

The Chairman expressed thanks from the village.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

AVA Quiz - Result. Parish Council team came 3rd out of 10.

Recycling Centre - Reminder of temporary closure from 19th October and notice received that there will be reduction in opening hours from next year.

Street signs - Both Church Street sign and Millfield sign are now in place.

CORRESPONDENCE

Norfolk ALC - Information to be provided on Transparency Code but as our turn-over is above the limit, Clerk does not think this will affect us.

Autumn Conference 12th November at Ffolkes Arms Hillington 10.30 to 3.00.. Booking required by 30th October £40-00 each.

Survey re management of Parish Green Spaces.

CAB - Request for donation. It was proposed by Mrs Helsby seconded by Mrs Lusher that a donation of £50-00 be given under section 137. All agreed.

Community Action for Wildlife - Sat 26th Sept.. 10.00 to 3.00 Green Britain Centre Swaffham. Booking required.

The Brecks Wildlife Recorders of Tomorrow. Various ways to get involved. Anyone interested should contact Clerk for info..

Daisy Programme - Charity set up to work with those in abusive relationships in Breckland area. Request a letter of support. It was agreed to send this.

NORSE notification of services available.

AT THIS POINT THE PUBLIC WERE INVITED TO SPEAK

Mr Sharpe, District Councillor informed that Council Leaders from Norfolk & Suffolk had met to discuss Devolution that Government want for more local control. Breckland had sent a letter expressing an interest and await further discussions. He will keep us informed. He also informed of the buying group for gas and electricity and the solar panel purchase scheme.

Mrs Barnes requested that Rangers be asked to clear nettles from path in Swaffham Road from Rectory to Cress. Road.

Miss Eagling asked if the Council were aware of DOC applications from Bennetts for Saxon Green. The Clerk had not received the details as yet.

Mrs Barnes reported that AW had again been out re sewer problems in Dunnetts Close and had been told that this is due to new Dunnetts Close houses.

Mr Long reported that the set-a-side has now been ploughed at top of Community Centre and with footpath being practically non-existent, this was making walking very difficult. If this has not been reinstated with next 2 weeks he should advise Clerk.

Mrs Lewin was most concerned about the speed problem outside the School and requested that the proposal from Mr Collins be followed up. The Chairman explained that for many years the Council had tried to get traffic calming measures in place but her comments would be noted.

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The revised application from Mr R Spaul to erect 1 no free range poultry house (213' x 68') with connecting egg store (25' x 68') on Land East of Harvest

Lodge/The Stables Swaffham Road was discussed and although the Members felt that most concerns had been addressed, the problem with access although moved to a new site, was still dangerous. They also asked that it be recorded that if the village perceive a problem with dust or smell that Environmental Health follow this up with the report

finders and if there is a problem would there be any re-dress against them. It was therefore proposed by Mr Leighton seconded by Mr Collins that these concerns be sent to Breckland.

3PL/2015/1042/F

The application from Client of J M Cable Architectural Design for extension to dwelling at 33 Cressingham Road was discussed. It was proposed by Mr Ketteringham seconded by Mr Ready that objections be made on the grounds that it is too big for the site, height problem and out of character. Also other properties on the site have been extended without need to raise roof to create second floor.

3PL/2015/1017/F

The application from Mr & Mrs Miller for Internal alterations and contemporary extension to Crossways Farm, Watton Road, Ashill was discussed and no objections raised.

FINANCE

ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Sept...	£120-13
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Expenses Sept..	£59-68
HMRC PAYE Jul. Aug. Sept.	£361-00
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Aug..	£212-00
NORSE Maintenance Limes + Acacia Sept..	£90-34) £921-52
NORSE ½ Maintenance Playing Field	£831-18)
Mr James Marshall Strimming at Comm. Centre.	£50-00
Ashill Parochial Church Council 2/3rd Upkeep Churchyard for Aug.	£106-66
Norfolk RCC Play Inspection Course	£40-00
Ashill Community Centre Hire Hall July Aug. Sept.	£35-00
Park Leisure & Sport Ltd Supply & Fit 2 'Springies'	£3024-00
Andrew Hyde Construct concrete base for bus shelter	£468-00
Shelter Solutions Installation new bus shelter	£3951-60
Mazars Audit Fee ?	
Norfolk County Council Rent Ashill Estate	£530-00
Replacement for lost chqs in Feb. Mr M Fletcher	£11-54
Mr D Green	£13-04
Donation to CAB under section 137	£50-00
Car Scheme Payment to Drivers for Aug. & Sept.	to be advised

8. (b) Current Account Details attached.

8. (c) Confirmation that £80,000 has been reinvested for further 1 year with Nationwide Building Society. Note that interest from Close Brothers of £2400 has been paid into current a/c.

8. (d) Audit Report received - The clerk reported that although there had been many problems completing the end of year declaration, the final report was very favourable with no actions required. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for all her hard work.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Smells from sewer outside School to be reported to AW.

The Clerk informed Members that she has a meeting with Norfolk County Farms rep on Monday 28th September to discuss the rent review. She was instructed to ask if they would consider selling Ashill Estate to the Parish Council.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - **TUESDAY 3rd November 2015** at 7.30pm in Community Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.20pm.