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A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 23rd JUNE 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 M Blackman, Mr K Collins, Mr J Leggett & Mr L Ready. Also in attendance Mr F Sharpe, District Councillor and 12 Members of the Public.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were no additional declarations made.

The Minutes of Meeting held on 21st May 2015 were taken as read, passed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

HIGHWAYS – Reply received that drains in vicinity of Green are to be jetted and monitored. The clearing of debris from paths following cuttings is not normally carried out but cleared on yearly basis to keep costs down.

Notification that Mr Paul Groom is being seconded and Mr David Jacklin will be taking over his position on 6th July.

Notification from Norfolk County Council that they will be carrying on the Parish Partnership Scheme for 2016/2017. It was proposed by Mr Ketteringham seconded by Mrs Lusher that quotes should be obtained from Highways for a footway from The Willows to Seaview, Hale Road with view to submitting to scheme.

The overhanging tree in Swaffham Road had been dealt with immediately today following the visit from Mr Groom and Mr Jacklin. Ownership to be checked.

Clerk was asked to report the overgrown hedge opposite the Recycling Centre.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Monthly check carried out. No problems.

Still no news of 106 money for new equipment but Mr Stefan Clifford at Breckland Council assures that should have decision by end of June.

Meeting arranged with Sovereign for 13th July at 11.15am to obtain further quotes for MUGA and ideas for additional equipment for older children.

PLAYING FIELD - Mrs Forsyth reported that the new trees planted in the copse have been vandalised. Some have been pulled out and many of the stakes and covers were found across the field. Mrs Forsyth has taken the damaged trees home to plant in pots until they can be replanted. Agreed to contact Mr Fletcher.

The contractor has asked that the moles at back of Comm. Centre be dealt with.

Quotes received for spraying of weeds on car park. NORSE had quoted for the tennis court surround to be cut back and then sprayed but members felt that it was not necessary to cut back first so it was proposed by Mr Leighton seconded by Mr Ketteringham that the quote from TTSL Ltd (Wil Smith) for £35-00 + VAT be accepted and ask him to quote for tennis court and the allotments.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – Mrs Forsyth reported that there is to be an art exhibition by our village artist Mr Chris Warne from 4th to 18th July and the Business Lunch at Broom Hall on 9th July with speaker Anna Graves Chief Executive from Breckland Council .

POLICE - The Crime Report for May showed that there had been no crimes reported in Ashill. Next SNAP meeting 21st July.

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FOOTPATHS - The warden had nothing to report but warned that walkers should be aware of Adders.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - Mrs Lusher reported that only 3 sessions had been held since last meeting with 15 drivers recorded driving at 37mph or more. One was recorded at 50mph. An early morning session was held but this proved not to be as successful as hoped as visibility was poor and not good for equipment. She explained that due to family commitments further sessions would not be held until later in July.

COMMUNITY CENTRE - The Chairman informed that the work on Upton Room is to start shortly and should be available for St Johns in early September. Also that a grant had just been obtained for new tables and chairs.

BUS SHELTER - Mr Groom had given the go-ahead for the new shelter at top of Fairholme Close and quote to be obtained for the base. Mr Leggett to see owner of 28 and letter to follow. It was agreed to get this underway. Clerk to chase IRS re repairs to existing shelter.

LYCH GATE - 2 letters of complaint had been received from Mr D Green owner of 1 Church Street regarding damage caused to his plants when work was being carried out to Lych Gate. The Council had understood that Mr Hyde had met Mr Green and offered to pay for this damage but Mr Green was not satisfied and he also made complaints regarding parking outside his property so that he is unable to get into his parking space. He requested that the Parish Council get signs put up to prevent this happening. It was proposed by Mr Collins seconded by Mr Ready that the Chairman speak to Mr Green and explain there is little that Council can do regarding parking. Regarding the Lych Gate, concern was raised that joints are already coming apart and this will be checked with Mr Hyde before final payment is made. The Funeral Directors had expressed thanks for new Lych Gate being built higher.

WEBSITE - Mr Sayers having taken photos prior to commencement of meeting, will get these onto website together with write-ups. He had suggested that the press release for each meeting be placed on site and then removed and replaced with minutes when they have been passed. This was agreed.

SAXON GREEN - Mr Leighton had visited the Solicitor who is still investigating the problem over ownership of hedge on boundary of Green. Letter received from Mrs Molony regarding the registry of village land and informed that cost would be approx £375 so it was proposed by Mr Ready seconded by Mr Leggett that registry should go ahead.

DEFIBRILLATOR - Mr ready has attempted to site the box but until this can be wired in cannot be left in place. Agreed to get quotes from Mr S Dack, Mr D Jackson and Mr J Watts.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - The Clerk had approached Shipdham for assistance but had had no reply. The District Councillor explained that Mr Phil Mileham from the Planning Department had been appointed in a temporary position to assist with NP. He also explained that the NP has to fit in with Local Plan and as Breckland had fallen short of land supply this is why the new plan is being set up. Also cost of appeals is prohibitive and developers realise this and are pushing their applications through knowing there is every possibility the Council will not object.

It was agreed to look further into NP and there should be another meeting with Wayland Partnership on 16th July.

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ALLOTMENTS - The plot next to Mr Couzen's has now been let to Toni Walden and she is quite happy not to have this sprayed. However it was agreed to ask Wil Smith for quote to spray remainder of site.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Pensions Regulator. Workplace Pensions and enrolment by 30th June 2015. However don't think this will apply as both employees are over retirement age but Clerk will check this. Watton Community Action Group - request for support in campaign against large developments in Watton.

CAN - Invite to AGM on Wed. 15th July.

CAN - Play Inspection Course Wed 19th August 10.00am to 1.30pm at Dereham.

Gt Cressingham Fete 27th June.

Breckland Council re Transparency Code. Clerk has replied to queries.

NALC - Admin info of what should be displayed on website.

Salvation Army - Request to site Clothing bank in village but as we already have one, this does not seem viable.

Norfolk Parish Training Partnership - Notice of training course for Chairmen at Swaffham on Wed 16th and Thurs 24th September.

MEETING ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC TO ASK QUESTIONS

Mrs Hardy raised the question of the trees being cut back on Acacia. Mr Fletcher will be asked to check these.

She also queried the use of the access at side of The Firs which leads to the garden of 24 Fir Park as she understood when she was a Councillor it was stated that this could not be used and it appears that Mr Thomas is now using this for parking and for building materials for new bungalow. As Mrs Thomas was present she was asked to explain the situation but she refused and said she would speak to Chairman at end of meeting.

Mrs Hardy also raised the matter of footpaths being cut but it was thought that NCC were not undertaking this.

Mr Rudd raised a matter of concern to residents of Millfield of the empty property at no 31 and the condition it has been left in. The Members felt they could not get involved in this and suggested that he contact Breckland and Mr Sharpe offered to support him.

He also expressed concern re noise from workmen on nearby building site.

The clerk was asked to write to Highways re condition of road near pond and The Green

Mr Sharpe informed the meeting that a new campaign to reduce incidents of dog fouling is underway and new signs will shortly be displayed in 5 market towns and surrounding areas. Apply to Environmental Health.

He also informed that there is grant money available from the 106 fund for sport.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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The application from Mr & Mrs Spaul for Poultry Shed and dwelling has now been withdrawn but it is understood that it is their intention to resubmit when amended.

ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT FOR MONTH OF JUNE

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

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Car Scheme Payments for Apr. + May PAID	£705.34
K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Jun.	£115-27
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Expenses Apr.	£67-21
HMRC PAYE Apr. May June	£331-20
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights May.	£212-00
 NORSE Maintenance Limes + Acacia Jun.	 £90-34
Mr James Marshall Strimming at Comm. Centre.	£50-00
Ashill Parochial Church Council 2/3rd Churchyard Maint.	
Apr. & May	£213-33
Mr D Barber Payment for Internal Audit.	£70-00 (prop Mrs Forsyth sec Mr Ready)
 NPTP Training for 3 New Councillors	 £135-00
Ashill Comm. Centre Hire Hall 2 x Apr. May Jun. + extra	
May morning 1.5 hrs main hall	£53-75
Andrew Hyde Building Contractor Lych Gate	£16,610-40 (providing no problems)

AUDIT

The Internal Audit having been completed satisfactorily, the Annual Governance Statement for Audit was then completed and agreed by all Councillors. The Chairman & Clerk then signed the document to be sent to external Auditors for the appointed date of Audit 31st July 2015.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The question of duck signs was raised but these are already in place and question of culling was raised. Informed that some ducks have been re-housed.

Trees on Limes to be cut back in Autumn.

The question of dogs being allowed on playing field during Fete was raised as last year this created problems afterwards. It was agreed by all Members that Clerk should display notices requesting that no dogs be taken onto field.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 28th JULY 2015 at 7.30pm in Community Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.