

24TH FEBRUARY 2015

A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 24th February 2015 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:- Mr R Leighton - Chairman, Mrs M Forsyth - Vice-Chairman, Mrs J Gray, Mrs J Lusher, Mr K Collins, Mr A Ketteringham, Mr L Ready & Mr R Wright.
Apologies for absence were received from Mr B Corps due to work.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were no additional declarations made.

The meeting was attended by Irene Barrowman from Wayland First Response to give information and advice on installing a Defibrillator in the village.
She explained that it is quite safe and will only work if the heart has stopped - training would be given. The machine has to be housed in a special box with a key pad and it was suggested this was placed either at the shop or the Call-In for easy access.
The cost would be approx £2000 to £2500 but the Ambulance Service do some times have these out on loan so only the cost of the box would be incurred. The defibrillator is a vital help to saving lives as every minute counts.
The Chairman thanked Mrs Barrowman for attending and assured her that this would be discussed later in meeting.

The Minutes of last Meeting were taken as read, passed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

HIGHWAYS – All matters reported last month are being dealt with.

The Rangers will be visiting the village week commencing 30th March - ask to clear branches from verge in Church Street.

Mr Groom had informed that he was still working on quote for lay-by.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Letter of support from Mrs Anna Yeomans who had been good enough to get many signatures in support of new equipment for 2 - 6 year olds. Thanks expressed for her help. Application for grant to be made.
Reported that small slide is still collecting water and this will be dealt with in due course.

PLAYING FIELD - Tennis Court netting has now been repaired and Mr Barrett has carried out repairs to seat at entrance.

The Chairman will deal with molehills shortly.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – February Newsletter includes welcome from Suzanne Rhind, Participatory Budget projects display and presentation on 24th Feb, for public vote, Dementia Café opening on 3rd March with training launch on 27th Feb. and list of events for Dragonfly Gallery through to December.

POLICE - Crimes already reported at last meeting. Next SNAP meeting is on Tues. 17th March .

FOOTPATHS - The warden had nothing to report.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - Mrs Lusher gave her report. Four sessions held with 15 drivers recorded as being over 35mph or more.

The Enforcement Officer has held several sessions at Millfield since October and figures reported as follows :- Oct. - 29, Nov. - 31, Dec. - 23, Jan. - 20.

The Team feel that the 'flashing signs' have made a difference to speed of vehicles.

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SOLAR PANELS FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE - Following many emails backwards & forwards to British Gas it was felt that only solution would be to have a post box sited at Community Centre and address registered. However today the Clerk had been advised that we could use the Council address to claim the feed-in tariff so box will not be needed.

BUS SHELTER - No news until next month re Partnership funding.

WEBSITE - Mr Sayers has now included notices on front page of Parish Council news which includes Election time-table and poster about Standing for Election evening on 2nd March at Dereham.

LYCH GATE - Cheque rec'd for £18,842 - 40 (the full amount to cover Church wall as well). Mr Andrew Hyde instructed to carry out work and letters of thanks sent to other two builders for their quotes. Mr Hyde had requested an up-front payment of £3000-00 for PRONTO to carry out work to frame. Request made for wall either side to be raised and width of gates will also be discussed with Mr Hyde. This will obviously increase cost. Mr Johnson placed sacking over the Church wall to tidy it up for funeral and this will be left in place until Mr Hyde commences work.

SAXON GREEN - The Chairman had attended the Planning Committee meeting at Breckland and had been able to put across the three main concerns re this development in the 3minutes allotted. However he did feel that it was a complete waste of time as these were not considered relevant as this was only a Reserved Matters application and was passed by the Committee.

DEFIBRILLATOR - This was discussed further and agreed that this should be purchased for the village with some of the money from the land sale. Agreed to proceed.

LITTER PICK 2015 - Reminder that this is to be held on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th March. Already several people have volunteered and Clerk will organise areas.

BIKE RIDER - Mr Ketteringham had met with PCSO Bailey and he has requested that anyone seeing the culprit should phone 101 to make sure this is recorded and if possible to make a record of times he is seen using the footpath. A statement has been made to Police and this will be followed up. Further action will be taken and the rider will be given a warning. If he fails to comply then his bike could be taken away.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Replacement trees for playing field - The Chairman is to purchase further stakes and guards and planting will be carried out on Friday 13th March at 10.00am.

CORRESPONDENCE

Norfolk ALC - This one seems to have been missed sending on to Members but only thing to point out is Section 137 expenditure increased to £7-36. Clerk to attend Election Training 25th Feb.

Mazars - Change of address and key contact for this years Audit.

T.T.R.S. Wil Smith - Change of address and contact details.

Able Community Care - Looking for Care Workers.

Fete Working Party - Next meeting 4th March at 7.30pm in Upton Room - help needed for Fete on 12th July.

Clerk had received notification that there is money available for Neighbourhood Plan but Members felt there is a need for a better working relationship with Planners and suggested a simple guide for planning in villages. Clerk to write to MP.

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MEETING ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC TO ASK QUESTIONS

Mrs Pickering reported that she had attended the Planning Committee meeting and also felt that it was a complete waste of time and money. They had explained that no objections could be raised as the outline application had been passed 6 years ago.

Other residents of Dunnetts Close had attended and felt let down by District Councillor who should have supported them.

Mrs Thomas said she felt let down by Mr Freeman MP who she had written to and had no reply.

The site for Defibrillator was discussed but felt Call-In was best site.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No Applications this month.

Applications Granted

3PL/2014/1335/F Mrs J Buscall 33 Dunnetts Close.

3PL/2014/1059/F Mr T Rowe Land at Hale Road for 3 new dwellings.

3PL/2015/0026/F Mr & Mrs Thomas Fairwinds for new access.

ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT FOR FEBRUARY

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

Car Scheme Payments for Dec. + Jan.	PAID £548-18
Andrew Hyde Building Contractor	£3000-00
(upfront payment for Lych Gate)	
K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Feb.	£115-27
Mrs J Pickard Playing Field Warden Feb.	£74-00
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Feb.	£312-00)
Additional 4.5hrs in last ¼	£32-50) £ 420-01
Expenses Feb.	£75-51)
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Jan.	£164-93
Manor Farm medical Centre 10 Medicals for Drivers	£228-00
Norfolk County Council DBS check for new driver	£25-00
Mr R Barrett Repairs to seat at C.C.	£65-00
AW Water for Allotments to 6th Feb.	£11-01

Cheque authorised for Mr Leighton for Stakes and Guards.

Details of Current account and Reserve account were given to Members.

It was also agreed that every three months a Member of the Council should carry out a random check of payments and accounts. Mrs Lusher offered to do this.

CLERK'S APPRAISAL

This will be carried out before next meeting.

TRAINING FOR PROSPECTIVE COUNCILLORS

Breckland Council are holding an evening of training at Elizabeth House on 2nd March to encourage people to stand for their Parishes. Notice already displayed and anyone interested should contact Breckland Council.

REMINDER OF DATE FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This is on THURSDAY 23rd APRIL 2015 at 7.30pm.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The state of telephone box on corner of Church Street was raised and Clerk was asked to contact BT to ask them to repair glass as this still belongs to them and also to ask if this is still required.

At this point Mr Wright informed Members that he did not intend to stand as a Councillor in May and nor does Mrs Gray and Mr Corps. The Chairman expressed sorrow at losing these three Members and thanked them for all the hard work they had done over the last few years.

The Chairman reported that he had been unable to get a team of Councillors for the AVA quiz but those who had attended had a most enjoyable evening and hoped that next time he would get a team together.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

The next monthly meeting will be held on TUESDAY 28th APRIL 2015 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

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