

820. 24th NOVEMBER 2015

A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 24th November 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, Mr M Blackman, Mr K Collins, Mr J Leggett, Mr L Ready.

Also in attendance District Councillor and County Councillor plus 9 members of the public.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J Lusher due to holiday.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were none.

The Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd November 2015 were taken as read, passed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

HIGHWAYS - The potholes reported last month have been marked for repair. The footway and edge of road in Acacia Avenue is sinking following work by Utility so this will be reported to Highways.

Mr & Mrs B Lee had reported the problems at the closed Recycling Centre to Highways who had informed that the fly-tipping had been cleared promptly and new notices displayed. Highways had also informed that from 18th January 2016 the site will only be open for 4 days a week and concern expressed that this could cause even more fly-tipping. Mr Collins felt that the site should be closed completely but remainder of Members did not agree but the situation will be monitored when opening hours cut.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Monthly check carried out. Mrs Helsby reported that roundabout will need to be painted soon and baby swings need replacing. It was agreed that painting of equipment should be done in Spring to include football posts. Also to varnish seating.

Also agreed to order 2 new swing seats.

PLAYING FIELD - The Clerk has signed and returned the contract for maintenance with NORSE for 2016. It was also agreed to ask Mr James Marshall to continue to trim at Community Centre in 2016. Mr Leggett offered to trim the overgrown weeds on car park.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – Mrs Forsyth reported that the WW1 Exhibition in Sports Centre had been very successful and well attended. There is to be a seasonal exhibition 'Mistletoe & Wine' in the Dragonfly Gallery from 28th Nov. to 19th Dec.

The Gallery and Tourist Office will be closed until March.

Newsletter received which includes request for more sponsorship from local businesses. Poster to be displayed.

POLICE - The Crime Report had not been received and on checking the Clerk was informed that the procedure for these reports has changed and are accessed on line

through the Police website :-

<http://www.norfolk.police.uk/aboutus/yourrighttoinformation/streetlevelcrime.aspx>

Any further information can be obtained from PCSO's.

FOOTPATHS - The Clerk had written to Miss Tufts but had not yet received a reply.

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SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - Mrs Lusher had sent in her report as follows :- 2 sessions held. 1 driver registered at first session and 11 at second with a motorbike registered at 60mph coming into village. Unfortunately number could not be noted. It is to be noted that the Speedwatch Scheme cannot operate within the 20mph signs.

COMMUNITY CENTRE - The Clerk has now received the payment for Feed-In tariff which will be donated to Community Centre. The Clerk requested that it is put on record that the Panels are actually owned by the Parish Council and that it was an agreement that Tariff is donated to Community Centre.

LYCH GATE - Chairman assured everyone that he will contact Mr Hyde again.

SAXON GREEN - Mr Adam Bell has now made contact to arrange meeting on site to discuss the boundary hedge further. Clerk to arrange time and advise Members.

DEFIBRILLATOR - Mrs Barrowman has had to hand over to someone else due to family commitments and apologises for not passing on our request for training but this is now in hand.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - Clerk still to arrange time with Phil Mileham to discuss this but Clerk had received info from a company called Small Fish who help compile Plans.

Clerk to contact Mulbarton Parish Council who they helped.

CAR SCHEME - Report attached re meeting held with AVA to discuss concerns raised last month. To this end it had been agreed to hold a 'get together' with all drivers on 19th January 2016 at 2.00pm to discuss the possibility of them all carrying out an assessment through the GOLD scheme. The Welfare Trustees have also agreed to fund these sessions if Drivers agree to carry these out. Invitations to be given out beginning of January.

The Clerk had been informed by Breckland Council that they would still be funding the Car Schemes although this will be managed by the Norfolk Community Foundation.

Also that DBS checks are still required every 2 years.

ANY OTHER MATTERS - There were None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Norfolk ALC - NCC Re-imagining Norfolk meeting at Swaffham Town Hall 3rd December 7.00 - 8.30pm to present options under consideration.

Norfolk ALC Newsletter. Write up on Necton Parish Council and what they have achieved in last year. Noted that they employ a handyman.

Hastoe Housing. Info on proposed provisions in the Housing & Planning Bill.

Request for views.

Email from Mr Davidson re condition of Pond. He has been informed that this is a Trustees matter and is being dealt with.
Employee of NORSE giving info to highlight harmful weeds and invasive plants.
NCC re Warm & Well Norfolk. Poster to be displayed.

AT THIS POINT THE CHAIRMAN INVITED DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO GIVE THEIR REPORTS.

Mr Sharpe reported that there are funds available for play equipment and fitness equipment in the 106 fund. He informed that the grant funding is to be handed over to the Community Foundation and this means there will be better access to grants .
Dog fouling should be reported to Breckland Dog Warden
The District budget is expected to show a balance budget with no dependency on reserves.

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Mr Monson also commented on the fly-tipping at recycling centre and assured that when site is only open 4 days, County Council will check on other days.
Unfortunately these cuts are required.
The Budget is being discussed at the moment but there is money for Highways.
The Chairman asked Mr Monson about the reports he had read that it is the intention not to cut the verges. He assured that the verges will be cut at junctions and if the Parish Council felt there was a dangerous place, they could request this be cut.
Mr Monson was not happy about this situation and felt that pedestrians would be put in a vulnerable position but there had to be cut backs.

MATTERS RAISED BY PUBLIC

Mrs Lewin raised the problem of the overgrown hedges along Watton Road in front of Woodlands obstructing the views towards Watton. This to be reported.
Concern was expressed regarding the permission granted for poultry farm on Swaffham Road and a request was made for the 40mph limit to be extended to beyond the recycling centre. Also for the cross roads visibility to be checked. Mr Monson said he would back us in this request.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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Application from Mr Spaul for poultry house Swaffham Road has been granted.

FINANCE (a) Accounts due for Payment for month of NOVEMBER:-

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Nov..	£120-13
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages Nov.	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Expenses Nov..	£45-38
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Oct..	£212.00
Mr James Marshall Strimming at Comm. Centre.	£50-00
Ashill Parochial Church Council 2/3rd Upkeep of Churchyard	
	For Oct. to be advised
Ashill Comm. Centre Hire hall Oct. 1hr Nov. x 2	£27-50
Ashill Comm. Centre Donation under section 137	
For solar panel tariff	£251-41

Car Scheme Payments for Oct. + Nov. to be advised
Anglian Water Supply to Allots. Aug - Nov £19-86

Accounts due for payment 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.	£341-80
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Nov..	£205-16

(b) **Current Account Details provided.**

(c) **The Interest from investment accounts cannot be transferred to current account until term of investment ended.**

(d) **Update on Reserve A/C.**

(e) **The Budget presented by Clerk for 2016/2017 was again discussed and several queries were raised by Mrs Helsby regarding the income from Parish properties. It was agreed by all Members that the Precept for 2016/2017 remain the same as this year.**

(f) **Notification of changes to arrangements for Audit 2016. To be investigated further.**

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Ready informed that the first meeting of the Play Equipment Working Party had been held with several suggestions made and the School are to be asked if there is any equipment that they would make use of. Also to invite suggestions from the new Youth Group. Starting to price small projects.

The request for the extension to 40mph limit was discussed and agreed to invite Highways Engineer for site visit.

Mrs Helsby asked if it was the right time to investigate if there is any person interested in taking on the Clerks position. It was felt that it is far too soon for this as Clerk has no intention of giving up for several years.

The Clerk informed that there is still money in the donation fund from Mrs Perry after the purchase of second bus shelter. It was suggested that a further shelter be sited at other end of village and this will be investigated when Highways Engineer visits. Also check if there could be an official bus stop near Horns Corner.

Mr Collins requested that if a further shelter was erected that a seat be provided inside as many people have complained that there is no seat in the one on The Green.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 5th JANUARY 2016 at 7.30pm in Community Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.10pm.