

25th AUGUST 2015

A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 25th August 2015 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:- Mr A Ketteringham - Vice-Chairman, Mrs M Forsyth, Mrs M Helsby, Mrs J Lusher, Mr M Blackman, Mr K Collins & Mr J Leggett.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R Leighton due to hospital appointment and Mr L Ready due to holiday and from Mr F Sharpe District Councillor.

In the absence of the Chairman Mr Ketteringham took the chair and commenced by informing public of the new procedures for meetings which had been circulated.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were no additional declarations made.

The Minutes of Meeting held on 28th July 2015 were taken as read, passed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

HIGHWAYS - Reply received re blocked drain and surface of pavement. Drain to be jetted as resources allow and in accordance with defect risk register, Watton Rd pavement has been inspected - no immediate risk but identified for future work.

Advance notice received from NCC that recycling Centre will be closed temporarily for repair work to hard standing from Mon. 19th Oct. for a period of 5 weeks - reopen Mon. 23rd Nov. Cost around £30,250 and necessary to prevent a hazard to staff and public.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Monthly check carried out. Mrs Helsby reported that there are two broken fence posts on boundary which need replacing and the plank on wooden seat near old swings needs replacing.

Notification received that 'Springies' are to be delivered on Mon. 7th Sept.

Quotes now received from Sovereign for MUGA and information re other equipment.

Mr Ready to organise work party meeting after his holiday.

Mr Wright is trying to get numbers from large play equipment re-made.

PLAYING FIELD - Mr Wil Smith from TTSR has provided quote for clearing tennis court £25-00 + VAT. Proposed by Mrs Forsyth seconded by Mrs Helsby that this be accepted.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – Mrs Forsyth reported that 'Summer Time & the Living is Easy' art exhibition being held in Dragonfly Gallery followed by 'Mosaic Magic' in Sept.

The Sports Centre is now providing additional activities for youngsters - hockey for 6year olds, fit families on Weds 1.00 - 3.00pm and roller skating Thurs. 4.00 - 10.00pm.

Partnership had also advised that they are proposing to hold a Broadband Summit for Wayland residents to identify problems and solutions. Likely to be 22nd Sept.

POLICE - The Crime Report for July showed 1 other crime and 1 violence against a person in Ashill. Next SNAP meeting 15th Sept.

FOOTPATHS - There was nothing to report.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - Mrs Lusher reported that sessions had recommenced at beginning of August and 4 have been held. 12 drivers reported at 37mph and over and a further 15 travelling at 35 & 36 mph.

COMMUNITY CENTRE - Mr Collins reported that the Upton Room is now completed apart from alarm and carpet to be fitted. The roof repairs have now been carried out apart from lead flashing but when completed anti-vandalism paint should be applied. He informed that the Food and Craft Market had decided that not viable to continue.

BUS SHELTER - Quote for base from Andrew Hyde for £390-00 + VAT had been accepted by all members. Mr Leggett has offered to cut back hedge ready for shelter to be installed. Agreed to meet Andrew Hyde on 3rd Sept. to mark site for base.

LYCH GATE - Still awaiting visit from PRONTO.

WEBSITE - Nothing further to report.

SAXON GREEN - A reply from Bennetts had been received by Trustees following their request for ash tree to be cut back . Bennetts still feel that this is responsibility of PC as there is a dispute over the ownership of boundary and also pointed out that there is a TPO on this tree. Trustees are investigating further.
Also received a letter from NCC re street lighting for new site asking if PC wishes there to be lighting on site and who should be responsible for maintenance of this.
The Council had agreed with Bennetts that lighting must be provided by them and Councillors agreed that Clerk complete form to indicate that NCC should be responsible for maintenance and ensure that this would not be handed over to Parish. It also stated that if NCC are responsible lighting will be considered for part night-lighting.

DEFIBRILLATOR - Letter of thanks sent to Mr Watts for installing this at Call-In free of charge. Training being organised.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - No further news of meeting at Wayland Partnership.

ALLOTMENTS - Quote received from TTSR for clearing the unused areas - £45-00 + VAT. It was proposed by Mrs Forsyth seconded by Mrs Helsby that this be accepted but wait till Spring to spray. This was agreed.
Clerk is dealing with Solicitor for Land Registry.

CHURCH CAR PARK - Mr Ketteringham has spoken with Vicar who has assured that she is here for further 6 years and that this matter is being dealt with.

ASHLINK - The responsibility for this has now been taken over by Mrs Jo Blackman Westcroft. Watton Road, Ashill and it is hoped that Mr Grant Long will assist. Mrs Blackman feels that this is a Community magazine and welcomes ideas from residents.

COMMUNITY CENTRE ENTRANCE - Mr Ketteringham had met Mr Oxborough re cutting back of hedge by gate so that banner can be sited for events. Mr Ketteringham to get hedge cut and Mr Leggett offered to supply posts and rails. Thanks expressed to all.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

AVA Bus for Luncheon Club - This matter has now been dealt with by Mrs Turner & Mrs Goodwin and this should continue until next April when it will be reviewed.

AVA Quiz - Confirmation of Members to attend on 12th Sept.

Clerk also to report potholes on edge of Hale Road from Fairholme to Cottages.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Breckland Council - Meet the Breckland Buyers Event Sept. 29th from 4.00pm. Chance for businesses to find out more about winning contracts to provide services for the Council.

Breckland Council Heritage Open days 10 -13 September. Chance to visit some of Brecklands sites FREE.

Norfolk ALC. Appointment of new County Officer - Helen Ollett-Nash.

Mld-Norfolk CAB AGM on wed. 16th Sept. 7.30pm at Holt Comm. Centre.

NCC Farms Estate, Changes to management. Now brought back in-house and whole area to be managed as one. Western area still with Brown & Co until October.

Ashill & Holme Hale Garden Club - Letter from Mr Green re plants being stolen from planters and front gardens in Church Street. Garden Club may want to consider if worthwhile continuing to maintain planters. Clerk to send letter of thanks and express Council's support for planters to continue.

CAN - Play Inspection Course at Dereham on Wed. 4th Nov. 10.00am to 1.30pm. Mr Ready offered to attend and PC to cover cost of £40-00.

MEETING ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC TO ASK QUESTIONS

There were no questions from the public and as neither District nor County Councillors were present there were no reports.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2015/0897/F

The application from Mr Robin Morris for alterations and extensions to GreenGate Farm Cressingham Road was discussed and agreed to return with no objections.

3PL/2015/0508/F

Application from Mr Clamp 9 The Oaks for changes to roof has been granted.

3PL/2015/0757/F

Application for Mr Laddiman 4 Holmere Cottis for single storey & two storey extension has been granted

FINANCE

ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT FOR MONTH OF AUGUST

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

Car Scheme Payment to Drivers for June & July	£676-46	Paid
K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Aug..		£120-13
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages	Undisclosed	
Jean Sangster Expenses Aug..	£75-22	
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Jul.	£212-00	
NORSE Maintenance Limes + Acacia Aug..		£90-34
Mr James Marshall Strimming at Comm. Centre.	£50-00	
Ashill Parochial Church Council 2/3rd Churchyard Maint.		
Jul.		£106-66
Anglian Water - Water Supply Allotments May -Aug.		£46-11
Ashill Comm. Centre Donation under section 137		
(Feed-In Tariff)	£435-47	

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Reinvestment of £80,000

This was discussed and it was proposed by Mr Leggett seconded by Mr Collins that this sum should be reinvested for further 1 year with Nationwide Building Society.

Confirmation received that £100,000 has been reinvested with Julian Hodge Bank in a 1year fixed rate at 1.75%.

Auditors

The Clerk reported that since last meeting there had been further queries from Auditor but hopefully all is now sorted and the Asset Register has been amended accordingly.

ALLOTMENTS

Discussion re increasing rents from 2016 as notice has to be given to holders.

As Mr Blackman is a Holder he took no part in the discussion.

It was proposed by Mrs Forsyth seconded by Mrs Helsby that these remain at £22-00 per 1/16th acre. This was agreed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Street Signs - Reported that Millfield sign is unreadable and that Church Street sign has not yet been put back now Church wall repaired.

Police - Report of attempted burglaries in Millfield and Lewis Close. Residents warned to keep doors locked.

Overhanging Hedge - This is overhanging footpath at side of Seymour Cottage. Mr Leggett offered to contact owner to offer help in cutting this back

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - **TUESDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2015** at 7.30pm in Community Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8.55pm.