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25th NOVEMBER 2014

A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 25th November 2014 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 B Corps, Mr A Ketteringham, Mr L Ready & Mr R Wright & Mr I Monson County Councillor.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were no additional declarations made.

The Minutes of last Meeting were taken as read, passed and signed. Thanks expressed to Mr Collins for assisting with pigeon spikes.

MATTERS ARISING

HIGHWAYS – Problems from last month are in hand. Mr Groom doesn't feel there is adequate room to site bus shelter near Woodland entrance but meeting to be arranged to inspect the area and Dunnetts Close.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – All in good order. The baby seats now repaired.. Problems still with bench seat in driveway. Chairman still to contact Mr Barrett.

Mr Wright had written article for Ashlink for work party but unfortunately this had not been put in. Must ensure it is in February issue.

The Clerk has info re unilateral contribution fund so it was felt that application should be made for funds towards the 'rockers' for the play area. Clerk to complete form.

PLAYING FIELD - Still not sure if repairs to tennis court have been carried out - Check. Court still being used so net will be left up for time being.

NORSE - Notification of maintenance amount for 3rd year of Contract - £1385-30.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – Mrs Forsyth reported that Pride in Breckland application forms are now available from Partnership.

Dementia Programme - Age UK Norfolk and Voluntary Norfolk to help support. Also hope to set up Dementia Café . Anyone interested should contact David Smythe at Wayland House. The Youth Focus Group is looking for suitable venue.

Local organisations and businesses have 4 page spread in The Best of Norfolk 2015 magazine.

POLICE - Crime report for October - 1 Criminal Damage and 1 Drugs Offence.

Minutes of SNAP meeting reported that parking problem in Ashill is being looked into by PCSO Tampin.

Concern expressed re the incident in Watton Road when a window was shot out by BB gun. Police attended but little they could do. Letter to PCSO Bailey re concerns.

FOOTPATHS - All fine.

ALLOTMENTS - Thanks expressed to Mr Evans and Mr Couzens for lagging the water tap.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - Mrs Lusher reported that there had been 6 sessions this month with 57 drivers travelling at 35mph or more and highest speed registered was 50mph. The Police Enforcement Officer has been in village again.

Since January 197 drivers have been reported at 37mph or more and 155 at 35mph across 39 sessions. Mrs Lusher extended thanks to her 8 volunteers.

COMMUNITY CENTRE - Solar Panels now installed. Certificates have now been received but in name of Community Centre so Clerk to return these for amendment. Agreed not to pay invoice until documents correct.

BUS SHELTER - Mr Ready has now put plaque in place. Thanks expressed. Clerk to contact IRS again to find out how to open board.

It was pointed out that there is not an actual bus stop near Woodlands.

VAS - Still awaiting connection by UK Power Networks. Clerk to chase up.

WEBSITE - Mr Sayers has requested historic minutes but this could be difficult as these were hand written but will look into this. It was agreed to leave write-ups for Councillors until after the May Elections.

LYCH GATE - No further quotes have been received but letter from Insurance Company has been received but very little information at moment. It is considered that it is not a good time for flint work to be carried out - leave to March.

GOOSE GREEN - In future to be recorded as Saxon Green. This matter was discussed further when open to Public.

TREE WARDEN - Mr Fletcher has checked tree on Limes and feels that large conifer needs to be removed. However some Members felt this is not necessary so Members asked to check site for January meeting.

He also reported that if we are successful in application to Woodland Trust protectors and stakes will be needed. Mr Collins informed that some of the old protectors are stored in outside cupboard so this will be looked into.

Mr Fletcher thinks there could be TPO's on Woodland trees. Check.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Election Expenses - Breckland has sent out details of the expected charges for the May Elections. This could amount to £2108-21.

Unilateral Contribution - Breckland has advised that there are funds in this so agreed to apply.

Problems with refuse bins at Call-in and Dog Bins.- Notice in Ashlink.

Mr Ketteringham and Mrs Lusher had attended the Local Plan Open Evening at Breckland which they found very informative. Generally felt that Planning Department needs to liaise with Parishes more, should Village development boundaries be done away with, concerns expressed re plans going to Committee and time allowed for speaking and should this be structured.

Developments proposed were discussed and it was felt that these should only be allowed where infrastructure in place.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Norfolk ALC - Weekly updates had been forwarded to all Councillors.

The date for Health & Safety training had been changed so Mr Ketteringham had been unable to attend.

Details of courses for future reference and CIL details of how it can be spent.

NCC - Budget Consultation open until 18th Dec.

NORSE - Landscape Development.

Letter from Mrs Seaman re defibrillator for village. Also email from Mr B Home re Public Access Defibrillator Scheme. All thought this was a good idea and grants will be looked into for this. Clerk to send letters of thanks.

Norfolk Assoc. for Blind - Collectors required. Poster in Notice Board.

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MEETING ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC TO ASK QUESTIONS

Mrs Fulcher requested that the Council support her in her objections to the development on Saxon Green regarding the planned 4 bedroom houses to rear of Hale Road properties and the land drain across her land that there is no mention of in the plans. Bennetts had assured her and the Council that this would be dealt with.

Mrs Thomas requested that the figures from the 106 Agreement for Bennetts contribution to services, be stated.

She also asked why the adjournment for the public was placed before Planning applications on the Agenda. She thought it would be better after Planning. This will be looked at.

Miss D Eagling stated her objections to the Development on Saxon Green - the access through Dunnetts Close is not suitable, the Common Road already services 102 houses along with the farm traffic and she felt that the access should be onto Hale Road beside shop. The Chairman explained that the Planners had looked at this when the outline permission was applied for and rejected this as inadequate and therefore the access agreed was with a conveyance from Peddars Way Housing Assoc. in exchange for a reduced figure to purchase the allotment land that was behind Dunnetts Close at that time.

Mr D Abram stated that in 2006 the residents had met with the Highways Agency at the side of shop and they had advised that there was adequate space for a roadway and that all residents of Dunnetts Close were against the access through Dunnetts Close.

Mr Wilson suggested that the Common Road should be widened and provide a lay-by for parking.

Miss Eagling queried the details of the access plan as to which side the pavement is to go and concerns expressed re the accessibility to the disabled bungalow.

The Chairman explained that all objections should be sent to Breckland Council.

The following were to be reported to Highways - Manhole cover opposite Call-In, Large puddle in front of bus shelter, pothole o's 31 Cressingham Road. Also report fly-tipping in Cressingham Road.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following were discussed :-

3PL/2014/1059/F

Mr T Rowe - erection of 3 new dwellings and detached garage on land adjacent Capercaillie Cottage Hale Road. Objections raised that o/s the village development guideline, could lead to excessive development in the vicinity. It was proposed by Mrs Gray seconded by Mr Ketteringham to object on these grounds. This was passed by 8 votes with 1 abstention.

3PL/2014/1105/D

Bennett Homes - Development of 25 dwellings on land off Dunnetts Close now known as Saxon Green.

Concerns raised - the siting of 4 bedroom houses to rear of Hale Road, the drainage to SW corner of site. Road widening, footway to access and landscaping.

These issues will be raised with Mr Moys when Clerk and Chairman meet him.

3PL/2014/1119/O

Bennett Homes - Removal of Condition 5 of Planning Permission 3PL/2006/0441/O on land off Dunnetts Close. This is to be queried with Mr Moys.

The Chairman informed that he had investigated the breach of the 106 Agreement and had been told that very difficult to claim anything against another Government Authority and that a Barrister would no doubt be required at a great cost thus costing the Parish a lot of money.

He did feel however that he should pursue this further with the Local Government Ombudsman.

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ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT FOR NOVEMBER

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

Accounts due for November

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Nov.	£115-27
Mrs J Pickard Playing Field Warden Nov.	£74-00
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Nov.	£312-00)
Additional 10hrs in last ¼	£72-00) £460-09
Expenses Nov.	£76-09)
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Oct.	£ 164-93
James Marshall Strimming at C.C. Oct.	£40-00
Wicksteed Leisure Parts for Swings	£85--80
Ashill PCC 2/3rd Upkeep Churchyard Sept. & Oct.	£181-33
Mr L Ready Reimburse for Plaque for Bus Shelter	£12-00
Ashill Comm. Centre Hire Hall 2 x Oct. & Nov.	£33-00
AW Water supply to Allotments	£16-15
Car Scheme Payments for Oct. + Nov. to be advised.	

The December accounts were passed for payment proposed by Mrs Forsyth seconded by Mr Ready:-

Accounts due for December

Cookes Renewable Energy Ltd Solar Panels for Comm. C.	£5026-66
K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Dec..	£115-27
Mrs J Pickard Playing Field Warden Dec..	£74-00
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Dec..	£312-00
HMRC PAYE Oct. Nov. Dec.	to be advised
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Nov..	£159-62
M P Dennis & Sons Hedge Cutting	to be advised

ACCOUNTS

Up to date figures supplied to all Councillors.

BUDGET

The Clerk had prepared and presented the forecast for remainder of this year and expected expenditure for 2015/2016.

From this it was proposed by Mr Ketteringham seconded by Mr Wright that the Precept should remain the same as last year £19,624. This does NOT include the Support Grant.

This was agreed by all Members.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

At this point Mr Monson gave information regarding the County Council.

From next April the refuse site will only be open for 4 days Thurs. - Sun. and a recycling charge could be introduced in 2016.

A review of the Cottishall site bought by NCC is to be carried out with a Solar Farm proposed and the buildings being dealt with as and when Business interest comes along. Crime Panel is to be set up for Public to ask Police what they are doing.

Services are having to be reduced.

He felt that every possibility should be explored in regard to the access to new development in village.

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It was reported that the hedges at two bungalows in Dunnettts Close are very overgrown. This will be investigated.

The Clerk was asked to write to Police re the recent incident in Watton Road regarding the shooting out of window panes and the broken glass in phone box opposite Church.

It was agreed to carry out the Annual Litter Pick on Friday and Saturday 6th & 7th March 2015. Clerk to order equipment from Breckland Council

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed to hold a meeting on Thursday 8th January 2015 at 7.30pm in Community Centre as there is no meeting in December.

Notices will be displayed to this effect.

Normal monthly meeting will be Tuesday 27th January 2015.

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