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A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 28th April 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 B Corps, Mr A Ketteringham, Mr L Ready & Mr R Wright.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Ian Monson County Councillor.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were no additional declarations made.

PCSO Bailey attended this meeting having been unable to attend The Annual Meeting last week. He reported that there had been 1 other crime in March and 1 other and 2 criminal damage in April. Mrs Helsby asked if the criminal damage was anything that Parish should be concerned about and he said no. Mr Collins reported that cars are still parking outside the School on the yellow zigzags and PCSO Bailey said that this would be investigated. The Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

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

MATTERS ARISING

HIGHWAYS – The pothole reported in Sth Pickenham is to be dealt with. Still problems with Church corner. The indents reported at Annual meeting in Cressingham road will be reported to Highways. Still concern re overgrown pavement in Watton Road and Clerk to ask what work the Rangers can carry out.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Mr Wright has carried out inspection. Need to monitor round-a-bout and new equipment still in need of a wash down. He reported that one of the boundary posts has broken and Mr Ketteringham offered to replace this.

The grant for the 'springys' has been made but no news as yet.

It was agreed to wait until new Council is in place before setting up the working party.

PLAYING FIELD - The Chairman informed that he will be dealing with the moles shortly.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – This was all reported at Annual Meeting.

POLICE - Already reported.

FOOTPATHS - The warden reported that Mr Ralli is concerned that people are walking over the cattle grid rather than using the gate to the side and requested that this be noted.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - Mrs Lusher updated the report given at Annual Meeting confirming that the site at top of Fairholme Close has been used once. The village has received 2 visits from Police Enforcement Officer and recorded 12 speeding motorists. The team had recorded a driver entering the village last Saturday at a reasonable speed but by the time he reached Dunnetts Close he was doing 57mph.

SOLAR PANELS FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE - Reported that these are working well and the first payment of £61-04 has been received which will be paid to Community Centre as agreed.

BUS SHELTER - Further information received from Paul Groom re ownership of land outside Millcroft. Mr Ketteringham co-owner states that map does show that the land

goes with the house and Highways cut it along with other verge. It was therefore agreed to ask permission to site the new shelter by post box on Highways land outside wall of no 28 Fairholme.

LYCH GATE - Mr Hyde has commenced work on the wall and the time capsule is to be placed in the wall. The plaque is not in fact cracked and will be put back into the side wall. The Chairman reported the Archive Group have found some names of men from the village who served in WW1 and it will be discussed in the future where these should be displayed.

SAXON GREEN - Mr Adam Bell had sent letter explaining that the hedge boundary was still in question and being investigated. All the points raised at the meeting with him had been answered as follows : -

1 It will be difficult to amend the Ixworth type to reduce overlooking but as I explained the length of the gardens are very long so the opportunity for overlooking is greatly reduced. We have already agreed to plant two trees on the boundary in this location and will look again at the issue when we come to agree the fencing and landscaping details with Breckland to see if we can improve the situation further.

2 We are fully aware of the surface water drain serving Mrs Fulcher's property and this will be incorporated within our new drainage system.

3 Assuming that the Parish "Trustees" land at Goose Green abuts the land we have purchased (which I believe it does) then we should be able to create a connection from our development to the playing field. I will consult with our engineer to see how this can be safely achieved and get back to you in due course.

4 The issue of maintenance of the southern boundary hedges and trees was raised, and as far as I can tell the trees are generally located on the boundary. In this case it is conventional for each side to maintain their side of the boundary. I do not think that the trees will require much maintenance but if ever they do in the future it will be sensible to co-ordinate so that any tree works, e.g. crowning, are properly balanced.

5 Our engineers strongly believe that they will be able to produce a design that will be to a standard that is acceptable to Norfolk County Council to enable adoption.

6 We are aware that street lighting is required, particularly along the footpath leading to Hale Road, and will incorporate this within the scheme.

We will be undertaking the engineering design work over the next few months, and will then apply for the planning conditions to be discharged. We have no planned date for commencement of works at present but it will not be until later this year at the earliest.

There had been concerns reported to Breckland Council regarding lorries using access at side of shop and leaving concrete on road. Clerk to inform Adam Bell of this.

DEFIBRILLATOR - The box has now been received and it was confirmed that Trustees are happy for this to be fixed to wall of Call-In. As this requires an electricity supply, the AVA will be asked for this to be connected to their supply. Mr Ready to fix this and advise Clerk when work is completed so that training can be arranged. The box has been paid for by Trustees and Clerk has sent letter of thanks.

ELECTRICITY CONTRACT - Details of 12 month Fixed Contract but this had to be returned immediately as present contract runs out 1st May.

As unable to obtain further quotes (some suppliers cannot deal with UMS), the Chairman had instructed to accept this but ensure that we do our best to get further quotes for the next year.

INSURANCE - Chairman and Clerk to meet rep from Came & Co to discuss alternative companies to provide cover. Also need to update what we have covered.

CAR SCHEME - The Clerk explained that two of the drivers had lost their cheques paid to them at beginning of February and she asked what Members wished her to do about replacing these. It was thought that the cheques are valid for six months and as it will cost more to put a stop on them, it was agreed that the drivers concerned would have to wait the six months.

PARISH MEETING - Members felt that this had been a very good meeting and so much better to hold on a separate evening from monthly meeting. With regard to the Neighbourhood Plan discussed it was felt that any further decision should wait until new Council in place.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

There is a large gap at top of new bus shelter and it is to be queried as to why. Also to get further quotes for 2 bay shelter.

Trees on Limes - Mr Ketteringham has met Mr Fletcher on site and it was agreed to get quotes for Leylandi to be taken down and low branches to be removed from Fir trees but best time to do this work is not until Autumn.

CORRESPONDENCE

Weekly news from Norfolk ALC - Noted that Jane Scarrott is moving on to become Clerk to Watton Town Council and that Clare Watkins is also leaving shortly so things are changing at Norfolk ALC and there is new email address - training@norfolkalc.gov.uk.

Breckland - Info re video on the recycling facility available to view on Recycle for Norfolk website : link is recyclefornorfolk.org.uk/content.asp?pid=293

Breckland - Notification of new Waste Management and Engagement Officer.

Breckland re Heritage Open Days 10-13 Sept.

Dereham Town Council - request for information re emptying of dog bins.

Ashill & Holme Hale Garden Club - Letter of thanks for donation.

CAN - Notification of Membership renewal. Agreed to enrol as Bronze Members only as in previous years.

Also Newsletter includes info re grants available.

Play inspection Course to be held on Wed. 20th May at CAN offices at Dereham - 10.00 to 1.30pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC TO ASK QUESTIONS

Mrs Barnes stated that some work has been carried out to Church corner but road surface still to be repaired.

Street lighting for Saxon Green was queried and it was stated that this will not be responsibility of Parish Council.

Mrs Barnes asked again why Council had not purchased the moveable SAM speed signs that show the speed the traffic is travelling.

Mrs Thomas requested that a letter be sent to First Steps Nursery congratulating them on their outstanding Ofsted report.

The question of payment for water at allotments was raised now that meter disconnected. This can now be used by everyone and will be monitored and if excessive. charging will be included in rents. Situation will be reviewed in October.

Chairman informed that money is available for business improvements from Wayland.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2015/0344/F

Application for Mr & Mrs Blackman Westcroft Watton Road for new vehicular access to existing dwelling returned with no objections but concerns re traffic.

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Application for outline permission for Ashill Precision Engineering Swaffham Road for extension to light engineering workshop was discussed and agreed to return with no objections.

3PL/2015/0285/F - Application from Mr A Rees 3 Chapel Yard for erection of double cart-shed type Garage has been granted.

3PL/2015/0239/F - Mr & Mrs B Thomas - Proposed dwelling (Revised Design to 2nd Bungalow) The Firs has been granted.

ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT FOR APRIL

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

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Apr..	£115-27
Mrs J Pickard)	
Jean Sangster) Salaries for April	Undisclosed
Expenses April	£60-96
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Mar.	£164-93
Norfolk County Council Rent Ashill Estate	£530-00
Environment Agency Drainage Charge Ashill Estate	£14-28
Norfolk ALC Annual Subscription	£235-31
NORSE ½ yr Maintenance Playing Field	£831-18
NORSE Maintenance Limes + Acacia April	£90-34
Ashill Community Centre Donation under Section 137	
for Solar panel tariff	£61-04
Norfolk RCC Annual Subs.	£20-00

End of year Accounts had already been supplied for Annual Meeting.

Date for Audit - Internal Audit cannot be carried out until end May so Statement of Accounts will have to be signed at June Meeting.

ELECTIONS - 7th May. The Clerk reminded that all elected Members will be required to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office prior to commencement of May Meeting. Also Notification of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Registrable Interests need to be signed and returned to Breckland by 4th June.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Wright thanked everyone for their support whilst he was a Councillor and Chairman expressed thanks on behalf of the village to him, Mr Corps and Mrs Gray for all the work they had done over last few years.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday 21st May 2015 at 7.30pm in Community Centre.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

The following resolution was passed :-

“That under Section 100(A)(4) of Local Government Act 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on grounds that it includes the likely disclosure of confidential information”.

Further discussion re staff pay is recorded separately.

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