

A meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 8th January 2015 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:- Mrs M Forsyth - Vice-Chairman, Mrs J Lusher, Mr A Ketteringham & Mr R Wright.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J Gray, Mr K Collins, Mr L Ready all due to illness and Mr B Corps due to work.

In the absence of the Chairman who had not advised the Clerk that he was unable to attend, Mrs Forsyth took the Chair.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were no additional declarations made.

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

MATTERS ARISING

HIGHWAYS – All problems reported in November are to receive attention in Spring.

Meeting arranged with Mr Groom for 14th January 2015 at 2.00pm to discuss site for bus shelter and lay-by for Dunnetts Close.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Application in hand.

PLAYING FIELD - Tennis Court netting still not repaired. Mr Ketteringham has spoken to Mr Heffron again. Repairs to seat at entrance to Comm. Centre to be dealt with at next meeting. Still awaiting quote from Mr Barrett.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – No Meeting to report. Newsletter informs that there is to be a Farmhouse Breakfast at Broom Hall on 30th January at 8.00am - tickets £10-50.

Dementia Aware Programme are holding Fashion Show at Broom Hall on 17th March at 7.00pm - tickets £6-50.

POLICE - Crime report for November - 1 Criminal Damage, 1 Theft from Motor Vehicle and 1 Violence against a person.

PCSO Bailey had replied to our concerns re broken window in Watton Road house but stated that no further action was required.

Norfolk Constabulary - info re matched funding for PCSO's. Discuss at next meeting.

FOOTPATHS - NCC Public Rights of Way - information re Landowner statements.

ALLOTMENTS - Mr Evans to be asked to check tap during cold weather.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - Mrs Lusher to give report at next meeting.

COMMUNITY CENTRE - Clerk has now applied to register for Feed-In tariff.

BUS SHELTER - Quotes received for 2 bay shelter ready to make bid with Norfolk Parish Partnership scheme when site allocated.

VAS - Now up and running. Power had been installed but signs not activated at same time.

WEBSITE - Mr Sayers has requested that Chairman compose an introduction to the Parish Council site.

LYCH GATE - Still no reply from Insurance Co.

SAXON GREEN - The Chairman and Clerk had met with Heather Byrne and Mr Moys at Breckland Council to make all the points raised against the plan submitted by Bennetts. These were taken on board and Mr Moys assured the Chairman that if this application went to Committee (which he thought most likely) then Mr Leighton would be able to speak. Since then the Clerk has received email from Heather Byrne informing that amendments had been requested to Bennetts and they are still awaiting these details. No date set for Committee meeting.

TREE WARDEN - Councillors had checked the trees on The Limes and it was felt that no action is required at present time.

AW PUMPING STATION - Reply received re problems at The Limes but as Chairman had correspondence this could not be read.

DEFIBRILLATOR - Mrs Lusher is to arrange for the trainer from Wayland Response Team to come to our February meeting to give information and advice.

LITTER PICK 2015 - This has been arranged for Friday 6th & Saturday 7th March. Equipment booked from Breckland. Notice in next edition of Ashlink and further arrangements next month.

CORRESPONDENCE

Breckland Council - Forum Meeting at Green Britain Centre Swaffham 15th January at 6.30pm. Clerk and Mrs Forsyth to attend.

Pride in Breckland Awards - Closing date for nominations 18th January.

Breckland Pride Officer - Projects required for volunteer work. Passed to Comm. Centre. Participatory Budget Funding. Breckland have allocated money to Wayland Partnership for schemes in area to be applied for through grant applications. Closing date 23rd January. Norfolk ALC - Weekly reports forwarded to Councillors. Notification of Pay Award for Clerks to be discussed.

Rural Services Network - info re Affordable Housing.

Labour Candidate for South West Norfolk wishes to know if a 'meet the candidates' event could be arranged. As he is not in our Constituency there would be no point.

Request from Cinnamon Trust for volunteer dog walkers in Ashill. Notice to be placed in board.

Notification of free NHS Health checks - Notice to be placed in board.

MEETING ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC TO ASK QUESTIONS

Mrs Thomas raised the question as to what happens if Bennett's application is not passed by 2nd Feb. 2015 as this is date on Breckland website for decision to be made.

The Clerk informed that the outline planning application states that 'an application for approval of Reserved Matters must be made not later than the expiration of Three Years beginning with the date of the permission 20th February 2012'.

As amendments have been requested from Bennetts the decision date of 2nd Feb.2015 on website may well be changed.

8th January 2015 Cont.

773.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2014/1057/F

Capercaillie Cottage Hale Road - Permission for conversion and extension to existing garage to form annexe has been granted. It is stipulated in conditions that this cannot be sold or used separately from Cottage. Concern that there is a Right of Way between cottage and garage to be looked into.

It is noted that 2 new businesses have been set up in village and Clerk to notify Breckland for confirmation that no planning permission was required.

Clerk to remind Mr Paul Darby that he will need to Call-in applications.

106 CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BENNETTS

These will need to be clarified at next meeting as Chairman has 106 Agreement but Clerk had managed to get some figures stating Schools contribution is £2305 per multi-bed house, bungalow or maisonette and £1152 per multi-bed flat or apartment and Library contribution is £50 per dwelling.

CAR SCHEME ADMINISTRATION

The Clerk asked for agreement from Members that as this was handed over for the Council to administer she should do her best to alleviate so much paperwork by only taking on new drivers every three months to try to bring everyone into same time of year for renewing medicals and DBS checks. This was agreed. She has also drawn up new 'check lists' to be completed by each driver and these will be reviewed and verified at a meeting to be arranged at end of Feb. beginning of March. She also feels that it is essential that each driver informs of any changes to vehicle, insurance or circumstances as soon as possible as failure to do so could impact on the Council as administrators.

AGENDA

The positioning of the item for the Public to speak was discussed but with so few Members present it was agreed to defer making any decision until next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Lusher felt that new VAS is having little impact on slowing traffic coming into village from Holme Hale end.

Mr Ketteringham reported further 'fly-tipping' in Cressingham Road.

Request for notice in Ashlink re Dog Fouling as more and more people are not clearing up .

Mr Ketteringham said he had been informed that the bike rider was again using footpath from Low Common to Cressingham Road. This will be discussed with Mr Groom.

Request for new play equipment to be cleaned. Clerk and Mrs Lusher will wash this down when next at Comm. Centre.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on TUESDAY 27th JANUARY 2015 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

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