

ASHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The October meeting of the Ashill Parish Council was held on Tuesday 31st October, in Ashill Community Centre. At the beginning of the meeting Richard Otterway from Wayland Partnership introduced himself and gave a short report on what was happening in the partnership. Fabian Eagle the County Councillor gave a report. He informed the Parish Council that he was aware of the vandalism to a number of road signs in the area and said these were already being attended to at a huge cost to the County Council. Chris Tilley gave an update on the building site next to the Community Centre, all footings are now in. He apologised for any mud on the road but assured that if this happens it would be immediately cleaned up. With regard to the outline planning application for land further along Hale Road, following amendments, including preservation of trees and re-aligned entrances, the plans have been re-submitted to Breckland Council.

HIGHWAYS – Repairs to the pavement in Dunnetts Close are required and a large pot hole reported near The Firs.

PLAY EQUIPMENT AND PLAYING FIELD – Now Half term is over the missing bird spikes above the swings, refurbishing the roundabout and laying safety matting will begin. The cost for spraying around the tennis court will be queried. It was agreed to go ahead with installing electricity and locks to the storage containers.

FOOTBALL TEAM – It is not possible to use the pitch due to mole damage. Cody Griffiths and Richard Leighton will look into this and hopefully get the pitch in a usable condition for the new year. Until that time the Ashill team will play their matches at Watton and Hingham.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – Marcia Forsyth gave a report.

POLICE REPORT – There were 8 reported crimes in August. A letter will be sent to the commissioner regarding future policing.

SPEEDWATCH – Since the last meeting there have been 6 sessions with 55 drivers reported travelling over 35 mph. In one hour alone 16 drivers were recorded at over the limit. There are now ten members of the public trained to act as recorders.

COMMUNITY CENTRE – Martin Blackman gave a report. Work has started on repainting the hallway. A grant for the external toilets has been received.

OLD ALLOTMENT CLOSE – The District Councillor will look into the change of address to the two existing bungalows at the entrance to the site, but assured the council there would be no charge to the residents. The Parish Council had not been informed of the change.

COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME – More drivers are required for the scheme anyone interested should contact The Clerk.

ALLOTMENTS- A useful meeting with allotment holders had been held. The hedge at the back of the allotments will be cut back.

TREES – Work on trees at Acacia Avenue, The Limes and the Churchyard will be carried out shortly.

COMMUNITY GARDEN – The Trustees have offered a piece of land on the Green for a Garden. A committee has been formed and a further meeting will be held on the 9th November. Cont.....

ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK – Following a request to extend the pavement near The Glebe, Highways will be contacted. A street light in Acacia Avenue has been knocked down.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – Gave a brief report.

PLANNING – It was agreed not to change the Councils view on the amended plans for outline planning by Clayland Estates for 7 bungalows on land between Edelweiss and 6 Hale Road. Plans passed by Breckland since the last meeting were, alterations at Lower Homestead Farm, Variation on conditions at the Old Hall Farm, Reuse shop at Recycling Centre and MUGA at the Community Centre.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS - The Clerk to write to the Post Office and the MP regarding lack of postal deliveries to Acacia Avenue.