

28th NOVEMBER 2017

A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 28th NOVEMBER 2017 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:- Mr R Leighton – Chairman, Mr A Ketteringham - Vice-Chairman, Mrs M Forsyth, Mrs M Helsby, Mrs J Lusher, Mr M Blackman, Mr J Leggett & Mr L Ready.

Also in attendance Mr F Sharpe, District Councillor & Mr F Eagle, County Councillor.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr K Collins due to illness.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None.

The Minutes of Meeting held on 31st October 2017 were taken as read, passed and signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING

HIGHWAYS - David Jacklin replied to problem with Dunnetts Close pavement assuring that this will be dealt with. Also regarding our enquiry re Swaffham Road footway he is not happy to recommend this for Partnership Scheme.

Clerk was asked to request that the raised edge outside 19 Dunnetts Close where Parishioner tripped over, be dealt with and query when Saham Toney bend is to be resurfaced.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Monthly check carried out. Noted that steps on Multi-Play are rusty, water collecting in small slide and picnic tables have scratch marks on them
Roundabout – Mr Leighton reported that this is in a much worse condition that initially thought, now that it has been removed this requires more work. Resurfacing for underneath is being looked into with Wicksteed.

Clerk will get spikes ordered.

MUGA – The Clerk informed that still no news of Section 106 money and that she had received a request for details of the Reserves but was told that with such a large amount of money in accounts, it was most unlikely that we would be approved for Match Funding but the application for Sport & Play Fund from Cluster Group would be submitted as there were no other applications.

PLAYING FIELD – Mr Leighton informed that no football can be played until the moles have been eradicated but Mr Griffiths assures that he still wishes to play here so Mr Leighton is to deal with moles.

Mr Fletcher had checked copse and informed that 30 new guards and stakes are required and he will be asked to get quotes for these and Mr Leighton will also get some prices.

FOOTBALL TEAM – Quotes now received for concreting paths to containers and path to rear access door of Community Centre. These as follows :- Mr K Stebbings £2880-00
Mr A Hyde £2380-00 + VAT (can be reclaimed).

It was proposed by Mr Leighton seconded by Mr Leggett that Mr Hyde be asked to carry out this work and all agreed.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – Mrs Forsyth reported on recent meeting. New project called Peddar's Way is hoped to form a link between Watton and Swaffham. Planning permission being sought for Memory Garden, 170 plots have been allocated for housing at Gt Hockham, Christmas Exhibition at Wayland House and Ovington has set up Lottery to raise money for village hall.

POLICE - Crime Report for September from website shows :-

1 Criminal Damage & Arson nr Dunnetts Cl.

1 Anti-Social Behaviour & 1 Criminal Damage & Arson – Fir Park

1 Criminal damage & Arson nr Orchard Close

In light of the recent removal of farm gates in the village and recent burglaries, the Clerk was asked to write again to the Commissioner.

Report on SNAP meeting from Mrs Helsby – she noted the worries from other villages and that most village halls had installed CCTV cameras but they were informed that unless infrared cameras were installed they were virtually useless.

The Police advised to look out for high speed cars locally and a Sporle Councillor informed that the SAM2 speed camera can be switched off but that it still recorded speeds and it was noted that this does make a difference.

The Police assured that the new changes to the force should have little impact on the Policing of the villages.

FOOTPATHS – Maps still to be investigated.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - Mrs Lusher reported that 4 sessions had been held with 34 drivers being reported between 35- 47mph.

The October return showed that 13 of the drivers that had received letters were residents of Ashill.

Mrs Lusher had attended the Summit for Speedwatch co-ordinators at Wymondham and reported that it was a most interesting morning and made her realise how fortunate we are to have such a supportive team.

At this point it was reported the concern of high speed cars coming into the village to attend meetings at the Gospel Hall and the Clerk was asked to write to them expressing our concerns.

COMMUNITY CENTRE – The Chairman reported that the painting of the hallway and small hall was nearing completion but there had been complaints about the lack of heating and he said this would have to be looked into. The recent Pudding Evening had been very successful.

LYCH GATE – The wording for the plaques is still to be clarified and then Mrs Lusher will get these made.

OLD ALLOTMENT CLOSE – No further news.

ALLOTMENTS - Quote received from Mr Blackburn for cutting trees is £120-00 so it was proposed by Mrs Helsby seconded by Mr Leggett that this be accepted. All agreed. There then followed a discussion regarding the offer made from Clayland Homes for a 'SWAP' of land for new allotments to the west of the new development on Hale Road. There would be a car parking area and access track to the site in exchange for the School Piece site and additional money. This would involve having valuations from at least 3 independent valuers and he had also offered the services of his own Architects to apply for planning permission. The Clerk did point out that the Council is yet to apply for permission from Secretary of State for the sale of the School Piece site as previously Members had voted not to do this so until this is granted nothing can move forward. It was therefore proposed by Mr Leighton seconded by Mr Leggett that this permission be applied for. All agreed. The Clerk also asked the District Councillor if this would affect what we had submitted to Local Plan and he stated that it shouldn't.

Mr Ketteringham went on to explain how the grievances had arisen at Bradenham which were in no way down to Mr Tilley.

ASHILL ESTATE – No news received regarding our offer.

COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME – The Administrator again stated that there is a need for more drivers. Also Breckland had asked if the drivers could display notices re future Silver Social events to encourage people to attend. This was agreed.

TREES ON LIMES & ACACIA & CHURCHYARD – These are now being dealt with.

COMMUNITY GARDEN – Committee now formed and Constitution to be agreed at village meeting on 9th December and then a bank account can be opened and funding applied for.

TRAINING AND DATA PROTECTION – Training was attended and sounds quite complicated but hoped that NorfolkALC will send out simplified instructions when available.

STREET LIGHTING – The Clerk had been in contact with Police and following numerous emails now has a Crime Number and they are following this up.
It was reported that the seat on corner of Cressingham Road has been damaged but it was established that this is the property of AVA.

POSTAL SERVICE – Replies received from Royal Mail and MP both saying that they are trying to resolve the problem. However there is little change and Clerk is to write to Mr Freeman again.

LITTER PICK – A request had been received for quarterly Picks to be carried out but it was felt that it is hard enough to get people to help once a year so it was decided that Annual Litter Pick will be held on 2nd & 3rd March 2018.

CORRESPONDENCE

Norfolk ALC – Weekly reports circulated.

Norfolk ALC – Info from National ALC re Data Protection.

CGM Group re Maintenance for Parishes. Keep on File for future reference.

Louise Fenwick had requested permission to display poster in village notice board but Clerk had advised this is not possible so she then wished to know if it is legal to place posters on poles. As this has become the norm the only request that is made is that following the event these are removed.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Mr Sharpe informed that he had received from UK Power Networks information for vulnerable people to register with them for help when there is a power failure.

Posters to be displayed.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mr Eagle informed that the hedge cutting in Church Street will be carried out shortly. He urged the Parish Council to put questions to the Police Commissioner re increase proposed for Council Tax and how much it would cost the Parish to employ their own Officer. He also suggested that if the Library Van visits are done away with in the cutbacks by County, that Ashill introduces a library in the village.

Also he advised that bus services could be cut in rural areas and to take part in the consultation but another suggestion could be for Parishes to administer the service and have control over the operating.

MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC – Concerns were expressed by resident of Acacia re tree cutting and asked if the lower branches could be removed to prevent the children from climbing the trees as he was experiencing problems. It was explained that this is already costing the Parish money with the removal of two trees and trimming and suggested that we wait and see the outcome of this.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2017/1343/HOU – Application from Mr S Pegley 3 Green Farm Cottages for replacing small porch with larger one and new flue for wood burner. Return with no objections.

NOTIFICATION of 3DC/2017/0193/DOC – Clayland Homes application for DOC re carriageway width due to restrictions re gas main.

TRE/2017/0269/TPO – Bennett Homes for permission to carry out work to Ash Tree overhanging new development on Green.

FINANCE

The following accounts Due for Payment for NOVEMBER were passed for payment proposed by Mrs Forsyth seconded by Mrs Helsby :-

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Nov..	£120-13
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Oct...	£266.30
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages Nov...	Undisclosed
Expenses Nov.	£130-03
James Marshall Strim.C C.Oct..	£50-00
Brown & Co Valuation Ashill Estate	£600-00
M P Dennis & Sons Work on Allotments	?
Removal of Trees in Church Yard	?
Mr Hartnell Instalation of Electric to Containers	£739-00
Ashill PCC. 1/2 yr Maint Churchyard 2/3 rd Payment	£507-00
UK Power Networks Disconnection & Reconnection	
Light Acacia	£1201-00
Mrs J Lusher Travel Expenses Speedwatch Meeting	£19-80
Mr B Corps Reimburse payment for Parts for roundabout	£801-97
Ashill Comm Centre Hire of Hall Oct x 2 Nov	£36-00
Mr J Leggett Cutting at Comm Centre & Work on Allots.	£78-75
Car Scheme Payments to Drivers for Oct. & Nov.	to be advised

The following Accounts Due for Payment for DECEMBER were passed for payment proposed by Mr Leggett seconded by Mr Ready :-

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Dec.	£120-13
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Nov.	£257-71
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages Dec.	Undisclosed
HMRC PAYE Oct. Nov. Dec.	£441-80

Current A/C details already circulated.

The Budget for 2018/2019 had been presented to each Member previously. Following discussion and advice from Clerk, it was proposed by Mr Ketteringham seconded by Mrs Helsby that Precept should remain the same as last year £19,624.

Mr Leighton felt that this should be increased in line with inflation as it had not been increased for a number of years. He therefore proposed an increase of 2% and this was seconded by Mr Ready. A vote taken resulted in the amendment failing by 3 votes to 5 and the Clerk will therefore submit the Precept for £19,624.

The support fund will reduce again this year.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman expressed disappointment that so few Councillors attended the Church Remembrance Service as he felt that this was one time when all Member should attend. Several explained that they had had other commitments but this did not mean they had no less respect for the local war dead and those who had given their lives for the country.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 2nd JANUARY 2018 at 7.30pm in Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm