

ASHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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2ND JANUARY 2018

A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:- Mr R Leighton – Chairman, Mr A Ketteringham - Vice-Chairman, Mrs M Helsby, Mrs J Lusher & Mr K Collins. Also in attendance Mr F Sharpe, District Councillor & Mr F Eagle, County Councillor.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs M Forsyth due to other commitments, Mr M Blackman due to illness, Mr J Leggett due to other commitments. Apologies were received from Mr L Ready the following day due to work.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Mr Ketteringham declared interest in Ashill Estate.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mr Eagle informed that the overspend on new NDB road was due to Network Rail. Mr Leighton then asked what was happening to the land at Kings Lynn that had previously been allocated for the incinerator but Mr Eagle did not know at this point in time. He also informed that the official opening of 'shop' at recycling centre would be on 2nd Feb. He reported that the 'hump' in road at Holme Hale had been removed but the recent flooding in Saham Toney should be reported as no signs had been put out. He suggested that photos be taken of any trouble spots.

The Minutes of Meeting held on 28th November 2017 were taken as read, passed and signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING

HIGHWAYS - Reported that Dunnetts Close footway still not repaired and Clerk informed that she had now reported this six times.

Matters to report :- 30mph sign knocked down in Cressingham Rd near entrance to Old Hall Farm, Flooding problem o/s Saham Hall.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Monthly check carried out. Roundabout – Mr Leighton reported that the bearings had now been obtained and paid for.

MUGA – The Clerk informed that she had now received the Section 106 money and thanks were expressed to her for all the hard work that had gone into getting this. It was therefore proposed by Mr Collins seconded by Mr Ketteringham that the MUGA be ordered. All agreed. The Clerk will speak to Mr Leggett re bird spikes.

PLAYING FIELD – Quote received from Mr Fletcher but he will be asked to check if these will be same as at present because if so Mr Leighton can get these cheaper. Mr Leighton informed that some of the moles had been eradicated. However the football team were now playing at Hingham and he felt the Council had let them down by not providing suitable facilities in time but the remainder of Members did not agree and felt this was mainly due to Mr Griffiths not fulfilling his part as promised. The matter of work to the containers was discussed and agreed to get quotes for painting these.

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – Nothing to report.

POLICE – Reply received assuring that there will be an excellent policing service under the new scheme and still a police presence in rural areas.

Also received letter re accident in Acacia Avenue to lamp post stating that this will go no further at the present time.

FOOTPATHS – Maps still to be investigated.

SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - Mrs Lusher reported that just 1 session had been held due to bad weather and also the co-ordinator was not available to send out letters between 9th Dec and 9th Jan. so even if drivers were reported this would not be followed up. However normal service will be resumed next week.

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

ALLOTMENTS - The Clerk informed that she had now received a further lease for the Gas Reduction Station due to a new company now taking over. It was proposed by Mr Leighton seconded by Mr Collins that due to change of circumstance we should request that lease be amended to 5years rather than 10 years for review. This was agreed.

ASHILL ESTATE – Letter received from NCC that they will not accept our offer and they consider there are other options for use of the site and would like to meet to talk this through. Clerk to arrange meeting.

COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME – Information received re the Foundation for Integrated Transport. This provides grants for projects that are trying to make improvements to local transport
Administrator also received letter from QE Hospital asking for number of parking permits required and car registration numbers.

TREES ON LIMES & ACACIA - Letter of thanks received from Mrs Seager and Mrs Hardy for work to trees on Acacia.

TREES IN CHURCHYARD – These will be dealt with asap.

COMMUNITY GARDEN – Committee now formed and Constitution adopted. Hoping to fence area and awaiting grant application.

TRAINING AND DATA PROTECTION – Further Training is arranged for January and Clerk to attend.

POSTAL SERVICE – Clerk to check with residents if this has improved and if not write again.

LITTER PICK – This is confirmed for 2nd & 3rd March 2018.

CORRESPONDENCE

Norfolk ALC – Info re subscriptions and increase of 1.93% should be allowed for next year.

Burger Van – Letter of thanks and this is now visiting village on a Friday late afternoon.
NCC re Budget Consultation.

Watton Town Council – Invite to Charity Ball at Lynford Hall on 7th April 2018.

Info re Local Plan – Dates and venues where pre-submission documents are to be displayed for public inspection.

Norfolk Accident Rescue Service – Request for donation. Unable to assist.

Letter from NORSE re maintenance of playing field and green spaces for 2018. Their charges are to be increased by 8.5% which Members felt was rather high so instructed Clerk to write and ask, as we are long standing customers, if this could be reduced.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Mr Sharpe informed that there is a meeting to introduce the new 'ourbrecklandlottery' on Wed. 24th January at Elizabeth House Dereham. Organisations have to register to attend and details will be circulated.

MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Concern still being expressed re footway in Swaffham Road and it was requested that Mr Jacklin from Highways be asked to meet on site.

It was reported that elderly people are being 'scammed' by cleaning companies offering to clean solar panels. One couple had signed up and paid for two different companies to carry out this work but fortunately the Police had been involved and they have managed to get money back but it was requested that people be made aware of this going on. Mr Hinds will be asked to put notice in boards.

Residents of Lewis Close asked why their footway had not been resurfaced when other estates in village had been. Parish Council could not give answer but will query with Highways.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2017/1492/F

Application from Ashill Precision Engineering to convert building to dwelling and the erection of new dwelling and garage on site was discussed. There were no objections raised but Clerk to request that a condition be made that the new TROD opposite this site be extended to opposite Worship Centre.

FINANCE

Urgent A/C paid in December

Wicksteed Leisure Supply of Bearings for Roundabout £229-15

Update on Reserves - This shows that Clerk has transferred from Current a/c to Savings a/c the sum of £34840-00. This being the 106 money for MUGA will be included as RESERVE.

Notification of External audit arrangements for financial year 2017/2018.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The clerk raised the question of what the Council intended to do with Telephone Kiosk opposite Church now that this is owned by them. It was suggested that a second Defibrillator be placed in there but Chairman to check first to see if power is still connected and clerk to contact Emergency Services to see if this is a good idea. The Clerk informed that a Parishioner had expressed concern re standing water in Community Centre Car Park but it was felt this was only due to excessive rain of late. It was also asked why AW had not replaced all pipework – only some estates had been done. It was stated before work began which areas were to be covered.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 30th JANUARY 2018 at 7.30pm in Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.47pm