

26th MARCH 2019

The Monthly Meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 26th MARCH 2019 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Councillors Present :— Mr R Leighton – Chairman, Mr A Ketteringham – Vice-Chairman, Mrs M Forsyth, Mrs M Helsby, Mr M Blackman, Mr K Collins. Mr J Leggett and Mr L Ready. Also in attendance :- Jean Sangster, Clerk, Mr F Eagle County Councillor and 10 members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J Lusher due to illness

Declaration of Interests – none

The minutes of the meeting held on 26.02.19 were then taken as read, passed and signed as a correct record.

The County Councillor informed that he had nothing new to report and as there were no questions for him, he left the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

HIGHWAYS – Email received informing that the Rangers are to visit the Parish and it was agreed to request they clean all signs, straighten 30and40mph signs in Watton Road, strim the pathway from Church to Swaffham Road Council Houses and TROD, clear drains in Swafham Road and at entrance to Acacia Avenue. Other matters to report to Highways are broken manhole cover in Hale Road near shop and sunken road outside The Firs.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Inspection carried out. Awaiting prices for new swing seats. Trell to be contacted regarding the concreting. Quotes awaited for roundabout surround.

PLAYING FIELD – It was pointed out that much of the perimeter fence is broken on southern side of field and it was agreed to get this repaired and gap or gate put in to allow people to get onto the field without getting through fence. A notice will be displayed at this point stating that DOGS NOT ALLOWED ON FIELD. Chairman to deal with moles.

It was also noted that drones are being flown on the playing field and it must be pointed out that the Parish Council take NO responsibility for any damage or accidents that may occur as a result of this and request that people refrain from carrying this out in a public place where there is a children's play area.

STORAGE CONTAINERS – Lever system pending..

WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP – Mrs Forsyth informed that there was nothing to report.

POLICE – Crime Report showed that there had been 5 crimes reported in Ashill in January. The Beat Officer has been unable to attend the Coffee mornings as yet.

FOOTPATH MAPS – It was agreed that KC take over this task and he had been advised that Breckland Council should have a licence that we could come under so this is to be checked. However also advised that we cannot hand out the maps to the public so when it is on display the public will have to take a photo to use. Copy-write to be checked.

Display Board – Further details needed and discuss at next meeting.

PERMISSIVE FOOTPATHS - Reply received from MP Mr George Freeman who has consulted with Department for Rural Affairs who advise that funding is to cease. This is to be discussed further at Annual Parish Meeting.

SPEEDWATCH – Report for February showed that 22 vehicles had been recorded exceeding the speed limit and 20 letters had been sent. This had resulted in the Enforcement Officer attending in the village. However there have been numerous complaints regarding the cars speeding through to the Brethren Worship Centre and as they have been requested to refrain from this both verbally and in writing and there has been no notice taken, the PC are to contact Police.

COMMUNITY CENTRE – MB apologized for the Hall being closed for one week but it was felt that the new floor coating needed time to dry out fully. He reported that the recent Race Night had been a great success and everyone had a most enjoyable evening. The Annual General Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 and all invited to attend.

ALLOTMENTS – Regarding an alternative site for Allotments this has been put on hold until the PC have had a meeting with Planning Department.

ASHILL ESTATE – Nothing to report

CAR SCHEME – The Administrator reported that there had been further problems in last month with a passenger not paying the driver. It was agreed that in future the driver should be paid at pick-up time from home to prevent this happening again.

COMMUNITY GARDEN –MH reported that the bulbs are now in bloom.

OLD ALLOTMENT CLOSE – No further news.

TELEPHONE KIOSK – Awaiting quotes.

LITTER PICK – The Chairman reported this had been very successful and thanked everyone for their help on the two days and he felt the village still looked very tidy.

ELECTIONS – The Clerk reminded everyone that nomination papers had to be handed in at Breckland Council by 4.00pm on Wednesday 3rd April 2019.

ANY OTHER MATTERS - The overhanging branches in Cressingham Road and at entrance to Woodlands have been dealt with.

CORRESPONDENCE

All emails from NorfolkAssoc. had been circulated during month. This included notification of details for Audit by PKF Littlejohn.

Reminder that the renewal of Data Protection is now due.

Ashill & Holme Hale Garden Club – request for donation towards plants for village planters. It was proposed by JL seconded by LR that the usual £50 be given under Section 137 but not to be paid until new financial year, the same as in previous years. All agreed.

Breckland Council – Information re new website –Visit Breckland where details can be added to publicise villages.

Rural Services Network have launched a campaign to develop a Rural Strategy to help sustain rural communities and it was proposed by RL seconded by MH that PC support this campaign. All agreed.

Hastoe Housing Association had advised that there is a two bed house in Common Road coming available for Social Rent and any local people interested should contact Breckland Key Select. Advert to be placed in notice board.

AT THIS POINT THE CHAIRMAN INVITED QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

It was suggested that the display board in the bus shelter be used for the footpath map and this will be investigated.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Discussed

3PL/2019/0207/HOU for Detached Garage with open plan living space above at Lower Homestead Farm for Mr & Mrs Mower Returned with no objections.

3PL/2019/0205/F for Erection of Detached Stable Block at Lower Homestead Farm for Mr & Mrs Mower. To be returned with comments as follows :- Agricultural Covenant be placed on this application and concerns re large vehicles from driveway going over the gas main on opposite side of road a real danger so request to widen splay

Applications Approved :- 3PL/2018/0840/F Conversion of redundant workshop to dwelling at Holmere House.

FINANCE

The following Accounts were passed for Payment for MARCH proposed by MF seconded by LR:-

O/S Invoice Gary Blackburn Work on allotments.	£380-00
K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Mar.	£127-19
E.ON Power Supply to Street Lights Feb.	£252-08
Jean Sangster & Mrs J Pickard Wages Mar.	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Expenses Mar..	£74-34
HMRC PAYE Jan.Feb.Mar.	£505-02
ICO Data Protection Fee	£40-00
Ashill Comm.Centre Hire Hall Jan.Feb.Mar.	£36-00
Car Scheme Payments for Feb. To 23 rd Mar. 14Drivers + Admin.	£501-23

Report from RFO

(b) **Current A/C Details circulated**

(c) **Deposit A/C, Reserves Investments**

(d) **Update On-Line Banking.**

(e) **Renewal of Insurance.** The Chairman & Clerk had met with Broker and adjustments to Policy are to be made and quotes will be sent out shortly.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This is to be held on Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 7.30pm.

DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

This will be held on **Tuesday 23rd APRIL 2019** at 7.30pm in Community Centre.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

The following resolution was passed proposed by JL seconded by MH :-

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

To Discuss Reserves for 2019/2020

Meeting closed at 8.25pm .

Signed _____

Date _____