

23rd APRIL 2024

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday 23rd APRIL 2024 in the Community Centre at 7.00pm

In attendance: Mr A Ketteringham (AK) Chair, Mr R Leighton (RL) Vice-Chair, Mrs A Binns (AB), Mr A Howell (AH), Mr J Leggett(JLg), Mrs J Lusher (JL), Mrs A Shepherd (AS), Mr A Thomas (AT), 7 members of the Public and the Clerk Jean Sangster..

Apologies were received from Mr J Pearson (JP) & Mr F Eagle

REPORT FROM DISTRICT /COUNTY COUNCILLOR

As Mr Eagle had given a full report earlier in month at Annual Parish Meeting there was nothing further to report.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

The BT box in Ch. St. was again queried. No reply as yet.

The access to Permissive Path from Hale Road was again queried and this has been checked and at the present time is fenced off for safety reasons.

No sign of car park area.

Fly-tipping was reported in Cressingham Rd. although this appears to be only garden waste from houses opposite. Residents to be advised to cease this action.

MEETING CONTINUED

Matters arising from last meeting

Highways – Still having problems getting replies from Darren. There has been no response to the enquiry re installation of gates nor Ch. St/Watton Rd hedges.

He had advised that PC could apply for help from the Partnership Scheme for the installation of dropped kerb opposite Comm. Centre and estimated cost would be £3200-00. As the Scheme does not come into operation until later in the year this is not really the solution.

Numerous potholes will be reported on-line.

Play Equipment – Monthly Inspection was carried out.

Tennis Court surround is very overgrown and Clerk to ask Contractor to spray as soon as possible.

Agreed to purchase 200 cable ties to place above swings, AH to purchase.

The bench is being repaired.

It was agreed to get quotes for a Zip-Wire and also to try for a grant for this. AH and RL to get quotes.

Playing Field – AK had checked with Ashill Community Football Team regarding the Insurance for the wooden compound sited against the container as PC Insurance provider had queried this. Football Team confirm this is not Insured.

Also Clerk informed that the Team have not yet returned the GDPR forms issued to them last year and repeated requests have been made. It was agreed that the lease should not be renewed until these have been received.

Police – AK and Mr Street will attend the next SNAP meeting at Nth Pickenham.

Speedwatch – Mr Street advised that recent 2 sessions had resulted in 20 vehicles being recorded. Still no response for additional helpers.

Footpaths – Warden reported that sign in Common Rd. now reinstated.

Ashill Estate – Discussed later.

Wayland Partnership – Nothing to report as no further meeting held. Clerk advised that usually the PC give a donation in April and it was proposed by AH seconded by AT that £100-00 be donated under Section 137 and all agreed.

Allotments – Posts and numbers will be sited.

Ashlink – Arrangements made for meeting with people who have volunteered. Suggested that only village news be include and only village businesses to advertise.

Phone box Church Street – AK to meet with Mr Barrett to clarify what needs repairing.

Fire Meeting – The request for the Service to link in with our Emergency Plan will be followed up and a check on Risk Assessment made. Also it is time for a review to be carried out on the Plan.

Defibrillator – The one from the Call-In has now been sent away for repair and the loan one has been registered on the Circuit so there should be no problem.

Litter Bin Church Street On inspection it was agreed that this should be re-sited further down the road. Once the size of bag allowed, the Clerk will get price for new bin,.

Trees on Limes - AK had inspected these and felt that the lower branch hanging down on Oak tree should be removed. JLg and AT will look and see if this is something they could carry out and if not get quotes.

ANNUAL MEETING matters:

The Tree Warden had reported that the guards on trees in copse were a problem and agreed that the guards from larger trees be removed and placed round small trees..

The Clerk advised that she had given the incorrect figure for the Recycling Credits which were in fact well down on previous year £734.17 and Clerk to check how this is calculated with Breckland. It was agreed by 7 votes to chase up the re-building of fire damaged properties in Edward Close with Victory Housing and if no action we will report to Press.

The 30mph sign in Church Street is in need of cleaning and will be reported.

CORRESPONDENCE

NorfolkALC and Healthwatch Norfolk - Newsletters circulated.

RBLI – D-Day Commemorative decorations but as nothing planned these are not needed.

CADENT – Two documents to sign as pipework on Parish Council land.

NCF – Grants. Nth Pickenham Wind Farm Fund now available up to £5000-00

RNNA – Royal Norfolk Show Young Diamonds Tribute. This is still open for nominations and this will be placed on Face Book

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2024/0187/HOU - 8 Church Street for Single storey extension to rear to replace existing & proposed oak framed porch to front. Permission granted

FINANCE

PAID Direct Debit - SSE Energy payment for Power supply for Mar. £253.09

Direct Debit - ICO Data Protection £35-00

The following accounts due for payment for APRIL 2024 were passed for payment proposed by AB seconded by AH :-

Breckland Council Election Reimbursement	£2045.19	Now paid
K & M Lighting Services Maint St Lights	£150-03	
Mrs J Pickard Play Field Warden Apr.)		
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Apr. + 18.5hrs)	Undisclosed	
Expenses Apr..	£151-96	
Norfolk County Council Rent Ashill Estate	£1000-00	
Environment Agency Drainage Charge Ashill Estate	£15-34	
NorfolkALC Annual Subscription 24/25	£365-70	
NorfolkALC Website Hosting Fee	£70-00	
Wayland Partnership Donation Section 137	£100-00	

B) Current A/C details circulated

C) Investments & Reserves update.

D) Insurance – Awaiting revised quote to include cover for containers.

THE MEETING WAS AGAIN OPEN TO PUBLIC

The question of Dog Bins throughout the village was raised and explained that these are restricted by Highways.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was suggested that the village be asked if they wish the Beacon to be lit to commemorate D-Day.

The cutting of Village Green was raised as it was considered it should have been cut sooner but Trustees explained that this was due to weather and is now sorted.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

The following resolution was passed proposed by AK seconded by AH :-

“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 Allotment Site & Reserves

Date of next monthly Meeting is TUESDAY 28th MAY 2024 AT 7.00PM IN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

This Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed

Date
