

ASHILL PARISH COUNCIL.....1176

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday 23rd JULY 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), District Councillor Fabian Eagle (FE), 10 members of the Public and stand in Clerk June Smith (JS). Unanimously approved JS could Clerk meeting.

Chair read out text message from Clerk, Jean Sangster apologising for her behaviour at previous meeting. Mr J Pearson had resigned from the Council.

1. Apologies for absence – none.

2. Declaration of Interest

Members are no longer required to declare personal or prejudicial interests but are to declare any new Disclosable Pecuniary Interests that are not currently included in the Register of Interests. Members are reminded that under the Code of Conduct they are not to participate for the whole of an agenda item to which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest – none.

3. Minutes of meeting held on 25.06.24 circulated – Various amendments to the minutes as read out, the minutes were then agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by Chair – agreed unanimously.

4. Report from Mr F Eagle for District and County Councils – Car parking issue from BDC. FE not happy with the decision but mentioned that car parking costing £450,000 a year, cabinet decision with consultation to follow, where residents can have they say. He explained it was a cost recovery programme and not for profit. 1 hour free parking and 3 hours free parking on market day. FE would like to see a resident's permit. He explained that a referendum to increase council tax by £10 per Band D property per year would cover the costs. Noted petition raised and given to an Independent had not been received. Chair thanked FE for using members budget for cutting verges on corners and junctions. FE County Council launched Rural Business Rewards with 9 categories with 2 winners within this area, HRH Duke of Edinburgh met all the winners along with a delegate from Ukraine.

5. PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO SPEAK AT THIS POINT – matters included: blocked drains, several Councillors had walked down the road with engineer to point out locations last October - matter still not resolved. FE to chase.

6. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Highways – Matters from last month. No report received from Highways. Meeting with Highways still to be arranged. FE expressed the Highways Officer had resigned - village gates, were not to right standard and had to be sent back to the manufacturer. Council asked Highways to contact residents of Woodlands and Church Street, re responsibilities for clearing overgrown hedging. Footpath works in Dunnets Close, missed two residents' driveways. Rangers to cut back foliage, Clerk to write to Cadent re blocking dropped kerb in Dunnets Close to clarify to time frame. Foliage at Phone Box on Church Street – Clerk has already reported. All these matters outstanding and awaiting meeting with Highways to resolve.
- b) Play Equipment & Adult Fitness Equip – Monthly Check. Grant to be applied for from Breckland Inspiring Communities before Friday 13th September. Multiplay stacks - bottom blue disc needs replacing, old swing frame needs removing. JLg would replace spring for gate. Waste bin reinstalled but needs moving to concrete pad so can be grounded JLg happy to do works and would provide a specification and quote for works. Clerk to get other quotes once spec received. Clerk to inform BDC/Serco that there are 2 x bins needing emptying. Multiplay has areas of rust. AS to ask Men's Shed, if there is anyone who would be willing to become handyman to do

these works.

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AS requested, risk assessment form needs to be in excel and given to all Councillors. Quote for zipwire but need to wait for another quote. Clerk to apply for 50% grant monies by 13th September.

- c) Playing Field – Additional Cut Authorised. Discuss Mole Problem. JLg to get quote for vermin.
- d) Community Centre CCTV proposal – 3 quotes for CCTV cameras, Surelock Security approved unanimous. Council to pay in full and Community Centre to reimburse 50%, Community Centre would also need internet in hall. CCTV to be added to Community Centre insurance.
TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON COMM, CENTRE COMMITTEE TO REPLACE THE CLERK. JS resigned as the Parish Representative. AB nominated to be Parish Representative – approved unanimously.
- e) Police – Next SNAP Meeting 29th July Swaffham. Check if meeting will be zoomed. No Priorities, no crimes recorded in Ashill in last month.
- f) Speedwatch & SAM2 - Report from Mr Street. 2 sessions a week on average, numbers climbing and speeds climbing. 11 incidents at 11 o'clock slot. Cut down on locations as verges too long for signage but had now been cut. Close to folding as numbers are low. Has organised table at village fete, PC Paula Guilley and PC Justin Clarke to attend to try and raise numbers. Article in Ashlink contained figures.
- g) Footpaths – Report from Warden. Sign opposite Panworth Hall Drive missing, Clerk to report. Footbridge incident at land behind Community Centre – landowner responsible for keeping it accessible and not obstructing. Clerk to contact NCC to inspect bridge and request another rail.
- h) Ashill Estate – To discuss later.
- i) Wayland Partnership. Minutes circulated.
- j) Allotments – Numbering - waiting for vegetation to die down. Clerk to place on September agenda.
- k) Ashlink – Discuss Funds. Request from Editor. AS and AK have sorted bank details and signatories and money to come back to Parish if fails. Not taking outside advertising, only business/organisations from village. £325 to be paid for this first addition. AH & AS propose parish council fund magazine, to go on September agenda.
- l) Emergency Plan box at Comm Centre is in place.
- m) Litter bin replacement – Church Street. Agreed to purchase, Clerk to inform BDC/Serco re movement.
- n) Defibrillator Update.- new defib at Call In in place.
- o) Website/Facebook – Info from Grant Long. Awaiting to hear regarding changes to website.
- p) Casual Vacancy- Notice displayed.
- q) Any Other Matters – none.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

NorfolkALC Newsletters circulated – noted.

Healthwatch Norfolk News – circulated – noted.

Local Gov. Boundary Commission – Breckland Consultation extended to 9th Sept – noted.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2024/0566/LU - CERT.LAW.PROP. single storey side extension compliant with permitted development at The Anchorage Sw. Rd. for Miss Tufts
No objections

3SR/2024/0003/SCR - Proposed 1no. flood attenuation areas - Screening Opinion
Land east of Watton Road. This has been approved.

BRECKLAND LOCAL PLAN – already discussed.

9. FINANCE (a) Accounts

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Clerk requested permission to transfer £740.69 from capital account to current account to pay Bidwells invoice. Proposed JL Seconded AB, 5 in favour 2 against. Motion passed.

Reimbursement of the Feed in Tarriff £6.00 per week to be paid quarterly to Community Centre – in lieu of changing room facilities.

PAID Direct Debit - SWALEC payment for Power supply JUN. £253-09
WEL Medical Ltd. Replacement Defib for Call-In £834.00

To authorise the following accounts due for payment for JULY 2024: - Payments approved proposed JL seconded AT – unanimous.

K & M Lighting Services Manit St Lights Jul.	£150-03
Mrs J Pickard Play field Warden Jul.	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Jul. + 22hrs.....	Undisclosed
Expenses Jul.	£124.10
Ashill Community Gardens Donation Section 137	£100-00
Ashill PCC Donation 137 2.3 rd Maint Ch Yard	£326.59
Bidwells LLP Services re Land negotiations	£888.83
WAVE (AW Business) Supply to Allots.	£24.98
Ashlink.....	£325.00

9. (b) Current A/C details circulated - agreed. No report from RFO. Business A/C Update – noted.

10. OPEN TO PUBLIC – only matters raised at this meeting can be discussed. Question raised re Bidwells payment – expressed for work carried out on behalf of Parish re allotment site. Minuted AT and AH did not agree to the works at Bidwells.

Hale Road to the Common permissive footpath is not being cut. AH to make enquiries.

Grass cutting on footpaths on field at back of Church, Clerk to get confirmation from NCC regarding rules of footpaths on privately owned ground.

Parish Council website changing format and hopefully easier to use.

How nice to have Ashlink back JS to thank editors.

11. TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE FOR 4 YEARS FROM SEPT. 2024 AS AN ASHILL WELFARE CHARITY TRUSTEE. – RL Proposed AK to be representative, AT seconded.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

AT asking about Swaffham Road Trod becoming over grown Clerk to report to Highways urgently. AT reapply for dog bin end of Tollshort Drove, opp Church Farm house. Clerk to inform BDC/Serco.

JLg raised query of bench at junction of Cressingham Road/Swaffham Road to be re-sited – Cllrs to look and see where to go.

JLg had request for sandpit at park – Cllrs to think about it and on for next agenda.

AH residents asked parish to join a scheme to have bee hives to boost bee numbers. Voted against.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 27th AUGUST 2024 AT 7.00PM IN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

June Smith
Clerk/Financial Officer

Signed.....Dated.....

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