

ASHILL PARISH COUNCIL

1196.

25th FEBRUARY 2025

A meeting was held on Tuesday 25th FEBRUARY 2025 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 K Kissiedu (KK) Mr J Leggett(JLg), Mrs J Lusher (JL), Mr A Thomas (AT) the Clerk Jean Sangster, County/District Councillor, Mr F Eagle & 7 Members of Public.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs A Shepherd (AS) due to illness.

Declaration of Interests – There were none.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28.01.25 had been circulated and were passed as a correct record and signed.

OPEN TO PUBLIC – Resident requested that thanks be recorded to the AVA who organise the Breakfast Club on a Saturday morning which has proved to be most successful.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT/ COUNTY COUNCILLOR

FE reported that NCC had now set their Budget and he had secured money for the addition cuts of the junctions for the next season which includes 2 full cuts across the district. Also weed-killing on the estates.

There is to be additional weekends when hazardous waste can be booked at Recycling Centres. It had been suggested to include Ashill Centre in this but it was generally felt that the site is unsuitable for this to be carried out.

He has also secured funding for small grants for the High Street businesses and a 2nd year of Rural Communities Business Awards sponsored by local businesses.

Breckland Council has paused the discussion on Car Parking charges for 18 months until the position is clarified on devolution. The consultation on Devolution is due on 21st March and there is an online briefing arranged by Breckland on 3rd March to give the public more information.

The Government has allocated further funding for the repair of potholes but Members felt that this money should be used for proper resurfacing as just a waste to keep filling holes that constantly reappear.

MEETING CONTINUED

Matters arising from last meeting

Highways – Reply received from Luke Denney that all potholes being investigated.

Noted that the pavement from Ch.St. along Watton Rd. has been cleared but not sure if this was Highways.

Roadside Nature Reserve – The Clerk had checked the map and advised that this was in fact in Caudle Hill and would not cause a problem to traffic.

Dog Waste Bin – This had been sited but unfortunately was not placed where Highways had agreed so JLg and AT will get this moved.

It was reported that a resident of Acacia Avenue had informed Breckland Council of a Dog Fouling problem on the Green area of Acacia. They had passed this to Dog Warden but resident asked if a Dog Waste Bin could be sited.

Members felt that if the person could not be bothered to clear up after their dog they were unlikely to use a waste bin and as there is one just round the corner it was agreed not to purchase another. The Waste Bin in Ch.St. will be repaired.

Play Equipment – Monthly check carried out. Request for hedge at entrance to Comm. Centre to be cut will be arranged.

Sovereign Playgrounds – Info has been checked and all looks too good to be true and Clerk concerned that could prove more expensive for repairs so AH proposed that we stay with the Inspection Company used last year. This was seconded by JL and agreed with one abstention.

ZIP-WIRE has been ordered but no further info on installation. Check. There was concern expressed regarding the siting of this and the moving of a bench and this will be checked.

Playing Field – The field is in very good condition and John from Groundscape has already checked ready for new season and is very pleased that the moles have been eradicated.

Football Club– Nets have remained on goal posts although Club had been requested to remove. It was agreed that Clerk should check with Insurance over this matter.

Community Centre CCTV – It was reported that Comm. Centre have now had the alarm system connected to the system and JLg will now be connected on his phone. The warning signs are all in place.

Footpaths – No problems but still no sign of rail or replacement sign that had been requested.

Police – No contact from Police. Next SNAP meeting will be at Ashill on 8th April in Comm. Centre.

Speedwatch – No update this month.

Allotments – All plots now allocated leaving just one half plot.

High Grove Solar Farm – The Solar Action Group has requested that a meeting with other local Parishes that will be affected by this proposal be called at Ashill and Clerk has booked the Hall for 18th March at 7.00pm. This will be circulated and it was agreed that to have any affect every household needs to send in their objections not just sign a petition so RL will put a write up in next Ashlink requesting that this be carried out. This will advise of the effects this Solar Farm will have on the whole Community.

Meeting with Terry Jermy MP – The Clerk has arranged for Mr Jermy to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 15th April at 7.00pm.

NorfolkALC – RL proposed seconded by AH that Ashill agree to their proposal to change to a Company Limited by Guarantee and this was agreed by all.

Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance – Trash Screen. This would have to be paid for by PC so it was agreed to leave as is.

Parish Boundary – Reply from Breckland that best to leave an application to change this until after the Ward Boundaries have been agreed.

Any Other Matters – Complaint re collections from Parcel Collection Box at shop again being carried out in night. Clerk to contact company again.

CORRESPONDENCE

NorfolkALC and Healthwatch Norfolk - Newsletters circulated.

Membership CPRE – confirmation that PC are now Members and Chair pointed out that individuals can apply to join.

Breckland – Request for Emergency Rest Centres for their list. This is to be passed to Community Centre for response.

Breckland - VE & VJ Days – Grants. The question was asked if there is anything planned in the village for these events. Exhibition at Call-In for VJ Day 16th & 17th Aug. and Church holding event for VE Day. The question of lighting Beacon will be discussed at next meeting.

Keep Britain Tidy – Annual Spring Clean. The Members felt that an annual clean-up is not necessary as we have so many volunteers keeping the village tidy all year and thanks are expressed to them for their support for the fantastic job they do.

The request for notices to be displayed in village notice board for a Letting Agency was refused.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PL/2024/0997/FMIN The Old Hall Cressingham Rd. All applications REFUSED

FINANCE - ACCOUNTS

To be PAID Direct Debit 28th FEB. SSE for Power supply – to be advised.

The following accounts were passed for payment proposed by AH seconded by JL :-

K & M Lighting Street Light maintenance Feb.	£120-50
Mrs J Pickard Play Field Warden Feb.)	
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary +27.5hrs	Undisclosed
Exenses Feb.	£165-38
WAVE (AW Business) Supply to allots.	£24-31

The Current A/C and Business Savings A/C statements circulated and confirmed.

OPEN TO PUBLIC –

A resident felt having spent a lot of money having the Beacon repaired it should be put to good use.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

JLg advised that the street light in Dunnetts Close o/s 15 is still not working.

AT feels that the trees on The Limes have now grown very close together and asked that PC get these inspected. Chair to arrange.

AK will also check that the remaining hedge on allotments will be cut.

The trees in copse on playing field still to be checked.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – This is arranged for Tuesday 15th April 2025.

Date of next monthly Meeting is **TUESDAY 25th MARCH 2025 AT 7.00PM in the Community Centre.**

EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

The following resolution was agreed and passed :-

**“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 - ALLOTMENTS.**

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed

Date
