

25th MARCH 2025

A meeting was held on Tuesday 25th MARCH 2025 in the Community Centre at 7.00pm.

In attendance: Mr A Ketteringham (AK) Chair, Mrs A Binns (AB), Mr A Howell (AH), Mr K Kissiedu (KK), Mr J Leggett(JLg), Mrs J Lusher (JL), Mrs A Shepherd (AS), Mr A Thomas (AT), the Clerk Jean Sangster, County/District Councillor, Mr F Eagle & 7 Members of Public.

No apologies for absence had been received.

Declaration of Interests – It was agreed to grant Mr A Howell a further six month Dispensation from 1st February 2025.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25.02.25 had been circulated and were passed as a correct record and signed.

OPEN TO PUBLIC – Potholes in Hale Road still not repaired.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT/ COUNTY COUNCILLOR

FE arrived later due to other commitments.

MEETING CONTINUED

Matters arising from last meeting

Highways – Replies re reported problems but to inform that Hale Road still needs attention especially at Uphall entrance.

Also to report pothole outside Fir Tree Cottage Watton Road.

Dog Waste Bin – Now awaiting to be moved.

The Waste Bin in Ch.St has been repaired.

Play Equipment – Monthly check carried out. All equipment requires cleaning and this will be carried out in near future.

It was reported that broken glass has been found on the MUGA and camera will be checked.

Quote received from HAGS for replacement Dome following damage to this. The quote of £1204-00 was considered to be too high and JLg will see if possible to do straight swap with the chalk board.

ZIP-WIRE – On checking with suppliers, Clerk found that they had lost our order submitted at end January but gave apologies and will do their best to supply within next 3 -4 weeks.

Moving of remembrance seats to further up field has been confirmed as ok.

Clerk to now book Annual Inspection.

Playing Field – The damaged tree at top of field has been removed and AK to obtain quote for inspecting all trees.

Football Club – Clerk has checked with Insurance over the nets being left on goals and they have advised that this is responsibility of Shipdham Club.

Community Centre CCTV – The Members confirmed that AB remain as representative on Comm. Centre Committee. AGM to be held on 22nd April.

Footpaths – Notification of new sign now in place.

Police – Next SNAP meeting will be at Ashill on 8th April in Comm. Centre. Poster to be displayed re thefts from Allotments.

Speedwatch – No update this month.

Allotments – These are in a terrible state and one couple who took on a plot have already given this up. Inspect in Jun/July.

High Grove Solar Farm – The meeting held on 18th March was well attended and information given by Mr Mark Aitken was most helpful. From this it was proposed by AK seconded by JLg that this group be formed as a working party for the Council. This was agreed by all and they will report back at each meeting to us.

Meeting with Terry Jermy MP – This has been confirmed for him to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 15th April at 7.00pm.

LGR-Devolution Consultation – Breckland has advised that their preference is for 3 Unitary Authorities under the reformed Government Strategy and members to reply to consultation with their views.

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Parcel Collection Unit – Resident confirmed that this has now been resolved.

VE & VJ Day Events – The Church is holding a display in May and Archive Group have event in August. It was suggested that organisations be asked if they wish to organise something for the lighting of the Beacon. New Vicar to be approached to help.

Wayland Partnership Meeting- AS reported that all Parishes are concerned about the Solar proposals. The Men's Shed and Memory Café are now very well supported.

The CAB are now going to use Wayland House once a week.

Request for usual donations from the Parishes and volunteers needed.

AS to request that our village events are publicised by them.

CORRESPONDENCE

NorfolkALC and Healthwatch Norfolk - Newsletters circulated.

NorfolkALC – Notification of Annual Subscription to be paid in new Financial Year.

Gallagher – Insurance Renewal Questionnaire to be completed.

Fir Park Resident – Information re 25 Fir Park. This is now a private residence and not a HMO.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PL/2025/0250/HOU – Glebe Cottage Church Street Ashill for internal alterations to doorways and windows was returned with no objections. (Listed Building).

FINANCE - ACCOUNTS

To be PAID Direct Debit 27th MAR. SSE for Power supply – Dec.Jan.Feb £1303-54.

The following accounts due for payment in March were passed for payment proposed by JL seconded by AT :-

K & M Lighting Street Light maintenance Mar.	£120-50
Mrs J Pickard Play Field Warden Mar.)	
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary + 14hrs	Undisclosed
Expenses Mar.	£117-67
HMRC PAYE Jan.Feb.Mar.	£1016-59
M P Dennis & Sons Hedge Cutting in Parish	£543-00
Broke Brothers Farmers Grant Permissive Path	£291-34

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

OPEN TO PUBLIC – Concerns re posters being displayed in bus shelters and as previously agreed that this is not allowed, notice will be displayed on facebook to this effect. AT to arrange for bus shelters and notice boards to be cleaned.

It was suggested that a membrane be put down on the un-let allotment plots.

AT this point FE arrived and gave information about Devolution and LGR.

NCC is going with the 1 tier but Breckland would prefer 3. He stated that it is too early to say what the right thing for residents will be.

He has concerns that if we become part of K/L Unitary car parking fees will have to be imposed as they already exist in K/L Borough Council.

He informed that potholes will be filled and hoped that these would be done properly in the first place to prevent future work. He is concerned about the link road from Nth Pickenham to A47 especially as more units are proposed on airfield. He asked that he be kept informed of any problems.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The gate to Common is in need of replacing and still work to be done to Swift Tower. Both to be followed up by Trustees.

AK advised that there are problems with AW in Churchyard in that a disused pipe cannot be removed and burials cannot be carried out on much of the additional site. This is to be investigated further but PC should be aware that a further area of land may have to be purchased in the future

AK had been asked if the newly formed Pickleball Club could mark out an area on the tennis court or MUGA. It was agreed that the tennis court should not be restricted as used most of the summer but they could look at marking out the MUGA but must realise that it cannot be booked.

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

Date of next monthly Meeting is **TUESDAY 29th APRIL 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
