

ASHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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29th APRIL 2025

A meeting was held on Tuesday 29th APRIL 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 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 & 8 Members of Public. Apologies for absence had been received from Mr K Kissiedu (KK) due to work commitments. 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 25.03.25 had been circulated and were passed as a correct record and signed.

OPEN TO PUBLIC – A query was raised by two members of the Public regarding the end of year accounts for 2025. This was regarding Wayleave which had not been received and the Clerk will look into this further.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT/ COUNTY COUNCILLOR

FE assured everyone that the road leading from Nth Pickenham to the A47 was to be surfaced properly.

He also stated that future proposals will include it mandatory to install Solar Panels on all new houses.

A member of public asked him why Breckland are so lax in carrying out Enforcement in regard to the new houses in Hale Road where permission was only granted providing the parking area for vehicles from the cottages was created and a footpath laid to their frontage. It was also a stipulation that the properties should not be occupied until all work completed. AK assured that information has been received that builder has been given 3 months to complete work.

The numbering of these dwellings was also queried.

Problems reported to FE regarding the Swift Tower and this will be dealt with.

MEETING CONTINUED

Matters arising from last meeting

Highways – All potholes have now been marked for repair. Question asked why the 'skid signs' have not been removed. Speed sign in Hale Road still not showing the '0' to be reported again to Westcotec.

Dog Waste Bin – Still waiting to be moved.

Play Equipment – Monthly check carried out.

Old swings need filling underneath, fault with twist & step to be reported to installers. JLg has made a good job of replacing the dome on Multiplay and thanks expressed to him.

Both basketball nets are now broken but agreed NOT to replace

Annual inspection will be carried out in July.

Zip-wire – The complaint was followed up regarding sharp edges to steps and company immediately put this right. Discussion re weight limit or number of persons at one time on seat followed and RL to check with AP&L if there is any restriction and notices but to place request in Ashlink not to abuse this equipment.

Playing Field – Pickleball not yet set up outside.

It was agreed to remove the mounds to front of Comm. Centre to enable additional parking and this will be carried out after harvest.

Football Club – Meeting with Shipdham Football Committee arranged for 1st May.

Community Centre CCTV – It was agreed to leave the addition of extra camera on MUGA for time being. AB reported on AGM and that the insulation of loft areas above small hall and Upton Room will be carried out shortly. JLg asked if an outside socket could be installed along with an outside tap and this will be raised at next C.C. Meeting. Fund raising has gone really well in last year and a healthy balance shows on accounts.

Solar Panels on roof of C.C. – Two quotes received – Rooftop Renewables £500-00
G B Cleaning Services £216-00

Proposed by RL seconded by AS to accept G B Cleaning. All agreed,

Footpaths – Still no rail installed on bridge. Problem with safety on bridge across land owned by Mr Ralli and it was assured this is being dealt with.

Police – Report on SNAP meeting but very little to concern Ashill. We were advised that there are Travellers in the area and it was suggested to lock entrance gate but it was felt this would only be an inconvenience.

Speedwatch – No update this month.

Allotments – Working Group has cleared all rubbish from recently let plots and thanks expressed to all helpers. Consideration to be given to monitoring and inspecting.

High Grove Solar Farm – AK & RL had attended the meeting at Holme Hale on 25th April called by George Freeman and Terry Jermy. This had been attended by 17 Parishes 100% against Alliance are engaging with other areas around the country. Concerns that not just low grade land will be used. The Consultation period has now commenced and RWE are holding a session at Comm. Centre on 10th May for all residents to discuss this matter and raise their concerns.

Meeting with Terry Jermy MP – Most members thought he came across very well and answered all questions put to him. It was refreshing to see cross-party agreement.

The matter of public not being allowed to speak at AGM had been resolved and AK apologised for the misunderstanding and person concerned had been advised of the situation.

LGR-Devolution Consultation – Briefing Session online.

Local Plan – Call for Sites now completed. PC to be invited to Breckland Meeting in May.

Ashlink – Following comments regarding the reports being too long, it was agreed that JL would go through the minutes of meetings and cut down to reasonable length including all important decisions.

Churchyard – AK informed that problem of disused pipe has now been resolved and there should be no need for further land for burials. Thanks expressed for the assistance given. He had also spoken to Funeral Director regarding burials under trees and she explained that law now states that roots cannot be damaged so this limits areas for burials. However permission has been sought for reburials after 75years.

VE & VJ Day Events – As reported previously the Church are holding open Church with displays on 10th and 11th May and Archive Group are having displays in Call-In on 16th & 17th August. Acacia Avenue residents are holding afternoon tea-party on their Green on 5th May. It was agreed to light Beacon in August and hoped that people would come forward to organise something around this for 16th August. Advertise in Ashlink, facebook and website for volunteers.

Trees on Limes – These have been inspected and no problem with Oak tree. However the Weeping Willow is in need of cutting back to allow for mowing under. Cost £120-00.

AH proposed this is done and AT seconded.

CORRESPONDENCE

NorfolkALC and Healthwatch Norfolk - Newsletters circulated.

NorfolkALC – AGM to be held on 21st May and conference to be held in Sept.

PC Website – NorfolkALC advise that new feature could be included on our website showing important contact details and this will be arranged.

Breckland – New Dog Warden Service now been accepted for 3 year contract. Details on their website.

West Norfolk Community Transport – Agreed to invite to meeting to explain details.

George Freeman – Info regarding new approach to Mental Health.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no new applications

FINANCE - ACCOUNTS

To be PAID Direct Debit. SSE for Power supply – Mar. & Apr. to be advised

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

K & M Lighting Street Light maintenance Apr.	£120-50
Mrs J Pickard Play Field WardenApr. Apr.)	
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Apr. + 22hrs)	Undisclosed
Expenses Apr.	£158-88
Norfolk County Council Rent Ashill Estate	£1000-00
ActionPlayandLeisure Supply & Install new Zipwire	£14965-56

Clerk advised that all documents going to Internal Audit next week.

OPEN TO PUBLIC – It was suggested that the Police Cadets be asked if they could help clean the play equipment. Clerk to contact Paula Gilluley.

Much disappointment expressed that Beacon not to be lit for VE Day and discussion followed by a decision to light this at 8.30pm on Thursday 8th May. AH & RL to organise but helpers required to set up.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Verbal request for donation to Ashill Community Gardens for plants for village planters. Also to ascertain who is responsible for two planters at entrance to village thought to be the Ashill & Holme Hale Garden Club but no donation given to them last year. Discuss next meeting.

Request for seat bar to be fitted in bus shelter on Green will be looked into.

Concern re 'fly tipping' on allotments. Agreed to leave for time being.

AK had been requested to give radio and TV interviews regarding the fire of 2022 and the impact this had had on community. This has been requested due to concerns across the county of wild fires following the long dry spell.

Date of next monthly Meeting is **TUESDAY 27th MAY 2025 AT 7.00PM in the Community Centre.**
This will be the AGM of Parish Council to elect Officers.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed

Date