

24th JUNE 2025

A meeting was held on Tuesday 24th JUNE 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 & 7 Members of Public.

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr K Kissiedu (KK) due to work commitments.

Declaration of Interests – AH Declared an Interest in Call for Sites item.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27.05.25 had been circulated and were passed as a correct record proposed by AH seconded by AB and signed.

OPEN TO PUBLIC – Concerns re cutting of the verges within the Parish and following the handover to NCC these are only cut twice a year. Clerk to contact Highways for figure for allowance if PC took over the cutting of these. Consider for next year when Budget is drawn up. Clerk to ensure that area in Ch. St. between old telephone box and entrance to The Glebe is cut .

REPORT FROM DISTRICT/ COUNTY COUNCILLOR

MEETING CONTINUED

Matters arising from last meeting

Highways – All potholes have now been marked for repair. Clerk had been advised that pavement cleaning is not carried out by NCC but has been passed to Breckland.

Resident complaint re state of pavements in Woodlands being overgrown by weeds and request for 'SLOW DOWN' sign to be placed back on estate due to speeding. This will be arranged. Clerk to report the bin problem o/s 12 Ch.St. again but there are more concerns with resident that will be forwarded to Social Services.

Query re recent resurfacing of road through village.

At this point FE arrived.

He had taken the phone contact complaint from resident last month back to Breckland regarding the new AI answering and this will be addressed.

The Wayland Partnership are linking with Ukraine and there is a visit arranged for them to visit local businesses followed by reception at Broom Hall. AK & AS to attend.

FE advised that the purchase of equipment for Fetes etc for the Ward parishes from his Community Fund is in hand and these will be stored at the Hub in Nth Pickenham. Events list will be drawn up. He hoped that in the future these can be added to and replaced if necessary by the Parishes.

Reminder that the consultation for the Solar Farms ends on 10th July.

Thanks expressed to MP Dennis & Sons for the extra cutting of the verges between Ashill and Nth. Pickenham. He also suggested that PC take over the administering in the future of the verges within the Parish which he said several Parishes have already done.

He is dealing with the Duck Signs.

Matters arising Cont.

Dog Waste Bin – Now moved. Thanks to JLg & AT.

Play Equipment – Monthly check carried out. Pigeon wire on top of swings will be dealt with when cleaning carried out on 27th July which is being organised by JLg and Lisa Pickard. Advert to be placed on facebook for volunteers. AH will have another look at fitness equipment as this is out of warranty. Bracket on tennis court fence to be removed.

Playing Field – Mounds have been removed and area will be seeded in Sept.

Football Club – Whatsapp has now been set up and hopefully make it easier for communication. Request for Agreement to be changed. It was agreed that payment could be changed to half to be paid by end Sept. and other half by end March 2026.

Community Centre – Request for permission for Dog Show to be held at the Annual Fete on 7th September. It was proposed by AH seconded by JLg that this should be allowed on same terms as previous years. RL wished it be recorded that he totally disagrees with dogs on field. Vote taken and passed by 7 to 1.

Solar Panels on roof of C.C. – These have now been cleaned.

Footpaths – Still no rail installed on bridge.

Police – Next SNAP meeting is to be held on 25th July at Necton at 7.00pm

Speedwatch – Report from Mr Street. For Norfolk Speedwatch Week the team managed to put in 6 sessions and recorded a total of 40 speeding vehicles. The Police were in attendance for a 45 minute period when 16 speeding vehicles were recorded and 3 were pulled over for 'words of advice' or tickets. During the week two drivers were reported for offensive gestures and one car deliberately swerved at the team.

He also reported the problems with SAM2 which needs to go to Westcotec for repair. It was agreed to make arrangements for this to be taken in by AS.

Allotments – Complaint from Mr Evans that adjoining plots are very overgrown. This is to be investigated to ensure that these plots are being worked.

High Grove Solar Farm – Mr Aitken is proposing to put together a response to Consultation for PC to send to RWE by 10th July. This will be circulated to Members for comments before sending. **Terry Jermy MP** – Email with information of details submitted for Consultation and his concerns for the area as no results of surveys have been put forward. He also put several other objections forward and it is hoped that RWE will take heed of his comments. Copy of his email to be kept on file.

LGR-Devolution Consultation – Breckland holding further in person meeting on 21st July 6.00 to 7.30pm at Dereham Memorial Hall. AK to attend.

Local Plan – Call for Sites – AK, JL and Clerk attended the recent meeting with Breckland which they felt was most helpful and show the sites that have been put forward for Ashill. Clerk had compiled report from this and this was discussed and further comments made which are to be sent back to Breckland. No numbers have been allocated for each Parish as yet and there should be follow up meetings to discuss this further.

Ashlink – JL has compiled report from May meeting and once June Minutes are available will get both sent in to Magazine.

VJ Day Events – The Archive Group are having displays in Call-In on 16th & 17th August. No one has come forward to arrange anything more at the moment. Discuss Beacon Lighting at next meeting.

.gov.uk email addresses – as KK unable to attend meeting this will be discussed again at next meeting as further details have been received.

Norfolk Community Transport – confirmed that will be attending next meeting and suggested that other organisations be advised of this.

Trees on Limes – Still to be cut back and ask to look at Acacia Avenue.

Emergency Plan – Update completed and new copies will be made available.

Fir Park Street Lights – Complaint received again and Clerk will ensure these are reported again.

Pickleball – They have now received a quote for marking out 2 courts on the MUGA at a cost of £2700-00 which is considered to be far too expensive. Clerk was asked to get further quotes for this work.

CORRESPONDENCE

NorfolkALC and Healthwatch Norfolk - Newsletters circulated.

Norwich Western Link – Update.

Tree Project – Request for trees to be counted and report back on survival rate. AT to do this with Warden.

Norfolk County Council – Partnership Scheme for 2026/2027. Submissions to be made by 1st December 2025. Agreed to ask Highways Engineer if they would consider lowering the kerb opposite entrance to Comm. Centre and quote for this work.

Gallagher – Community Matters re Health and Safety Risks

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PL/2025/0250/HOU – Glebe Cottage Ch.St. Granted with Conditions.

PL/2025/0641/HOU – 9 Fir Park for 1st Floor extension – Granted with Conditions.

PL/2025/0850/PAAF – Application to determine if prior approval is required at Green Gate Farm for erection of a building for agriculture. JLg DECLARED INTEREST.

No Objections but as this is an additional Barn when others on site have been turned into Dwellings suggested that Agricultural Covenant be placed on this.

FINANCE - ACCOUNTS

To be PAID Direct Debit. SSE for Power supply – Mar.Apr.May £1332-49

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

K & M Lighting Street Light maintenance Jun. 120-50 Mrs J Pickard Play Field Warden Jun.)	£
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Jun.+ 27hrs) Expenses Jun.	Undisclosed £119-14
HMRC PAYE Apr. May Jun.	£1170-46
Dunham Diggers Groundwork at Comm. Centre	£135-00
G B Cleaning Services Solar Panel Cleaning	£216-16
Ashill Comm Centre Hire Hall Apr.x3 Mayx2 Jun	£117-00
x2 Mr J Leggett Postcrete for Waste Bin	£8-00
SW Taylor Cutting of trees on The Limes	£120-00

Current & Business A/C's circulated and confirmed.

The Tenancy for Former Surveyor's Land, Cressingham Road.

AK had asked if this Tenancy could be extended to 5years rather than 3 so that grants could be applied for fencing the area.

Clerk unable to find original documents form 1983 when this was handed over from District Council/NCC and Charity formed. She will contact Solicitors who hold our documents.

AH suggested that maybe PC should apply for this area to be fenced and this will be looked into.

OPEN TO PUBLIC – There were no further questions.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The problem over grass cuttings on allotment site has been resolved.

Report of parking on pavement again in Ch. St. restricting prams and wheelchairs from using them.

Record that scam roof repairers in area. Police aware.

Date of next monthly Meeting is TUESDAY 22nd JULY 2025 AT 7.00PM in the Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm

Signed

Date