

23rd SEPTEMBER 2025

A meeting was held on Tuesday 23rd September 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 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. Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Howell (AH), due to other commitments.

Declaration of Interests – None

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26.08.25 had been circulated and were passed as a correct record, agreed by all and signed.

OPEN TO PUBLIC – There were no questions raised at this point.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT/ COUNTY COUNCILLOR

FE advised that very little to report his month. Breckland had been talking about Car Park charges as if they join in with Kings Lynn and West Norfolk under the Unitary Scheme then charges would come into force as they already exist in Kings Lynn but will have to wait and see what happens with LGR.

With regard to Advisory Notice for HGV's in Church Street he said he would support this.

Also advised that hazardous-waste-days are being held at Dereham on 31st Oct – 1st Nov.

MEETING CONTINUED

Matters arising from last meeting

Highways – The hump in Watton Road is marked for work to be carried out.

HGV signage as it is only advisory cannot be enforced but agreed that a video should be sent to Highways to show the parking in Ch.St.

Lowering of Kerb opposite Comm. Centre - LD informed that there are problems with the ditch opposite that could restrict a pavement being put in to cross to. Further investigation required.

Notification that Ranger Service is back in operation and details of how to contact. Agreed to report the state of pavement from shop to Green Lane.

Play Equipment – AK still to check. Agreed that some work is still required and AT will get a team together in Spring to paint posts. AH still to carry out repairs for fitness equipment.

Proposed to get quotes for replacing the matting under old swings with Tiger Mulch.

Playing Field / Football Club – It was proposed by JLg seconded by AT that 20 posts be purchased from Tufts to be installed on southern side of playing field.

Small gate spring is no longer working. Clerk to look into replacement. More moles have now been eradicated.

Clerk has now checked the Insurance cover supplied by Football Club and confirms that they have adequate cover on goals which are now being padlocked together securely and left on field. Old goals to be removed shortly.

Community Centre – AB reported that Fete had gone very well and raised approx. £2000-00. Thoughts for future to get outside caterers in to run BBQ.

Footpaths – The rail has now been installed to crossing on footpath at top of Ashill Estate but other one still to be dealt with in Uphall Lane.

Police – Next SNAP meeting is on 14th October at the Sw.Town Hall at 7.00pm.

Notification of Operation Radium which is being set up for information to be shared regarding crimes. Agreed to sign up for this.

Speedwatch – Details received from GS and he asked that correction be made regarding no Speedwatch for 3 months. Council feel that he and his team are doing a very good job and further assistance would be helpful in the way of stickers on wheelie bins and the Slow Down sign. All this will be followed up.

Allotments – Complaint rece'd that taps are being left turned on and that children are playing on site. They have been spoken to and Clerk to put notice out to all holders.

Question was raised as to charging new holders and it was proposed by RL seconded by AB not to charge for first year. An amendment was proposed by AT seconded by JL that charge should be made from start. Vote taken 4 to 4 so Chair had casting vote and it was passed that charge to be made.

High Grove Solar Farm – The walk at Bradenham had been followed by meeting with following information :- Response to submission on hold till spring as awaiting info from National Grid so connection date held up. PC to register before this goes to Government.

LGR-Devolution Consultation – Further information from NorfolkALC on how things will take place. Breckland are submitting their preferred set up as 3 Unitary Authorities.

Local Plan – Call for Sites – No further information at present time.

.gov.uk email addresses – KK is dealing with this and also website. It was agreed to meet on 30th Sept. to discuss further.

Former Surveyor's Land – AK advised that grant application was successful.

Ashlink – The Editor had sent thanks to JL and Clerk for last reports for magazine.

Wayland Partnership – AS reported on last meeting. Book Sale at Thompson on 22nd and 23rd Oct. Presentation re carer homes, Data Centre progressing well. Community Job support. This is a one to one scheme from Youth Justice Service to help in the Community. Look into helping with cleaning and tidying play area. This is supervised 1 youth to one supervisor.

Retirees – Further information had come to light since last meeting and it was agreed this could cause upset and problems in the future so this will NOT be followed up.

CORRESPONDENCE

NorfolkALC and Healthwatch Norfolk - Newsletters circulated.

NorfolkALC – General Power Of Competence Survey to be completed.

Breckland – Notification of extension to Material Recycling Facility for next 3 years.

Breckland – Engagement Events – 28th Oct Shropham and 3rd November Narborough 6.00 to 8.00, Clerk has book 3 places for Narborough.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No new applications and No decisions received at date of meeting.

FINANCE - ACCOUNTS

PAID Direct Debit. SSE for Power supply – £796-64

It was proposed by AB seconded by JL that the following accounts due for September be paid:-

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Sept.	£120-50
Mrs J Pickard Play field Warden Sept.)	
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Sept..+19hrs)	Undisclosed
+backdated pay increase from Apr.)	
Expenses Sept.	£68-90
HMRC PAYE Jul.Aug.Sept.	£1202-49
Mr J Leggett Reimburse refreshments for clean-up day	£25-04
Ashill Comm. Centre. Hire Hall Jul.Aug.Sept.	£90-00

Current & Business A/Cs circulated and confirmed as correct.

INVESTMENTS – Clerk advised that 1year investment with Hampshire Trust Bank is due to finish in Oct. On checking rates it was agreed to RE-INVEST for further 1year at rate of 4.22%.

OPEN TO PUBLIC – Further information provided re seat for bus shelter and Clerk to follow this up.

Reported that hedge on Watton Road very overgrown. Clerk to contact LD. (Highways)

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

JL reported that the village face-book now has over 2000 members.

She has posted the Floodline number.

It was also advised that the person renting the Marl Pit is leaving the village shortly and will be giving up the hire of this. Clerk to advertise for applications from village residents for hire for 1 year. This is a Shooting Agreement.

AK reported that he had received calls about 3 people walking all around the village at night and this prompted complaints regarding the access to 101 and the little response received from Police. Agreed that Clerk write to Police Commissioner and to bring this to SNAP meeting.

Date of next monthly Meeting is 28th OCTOBER 2025 in the Community Centre at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9.03pm

Signed

Date
