

ASHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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25th NOVEMBER 2025

A meeting was held on Tuesday 25th November 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 – There were none.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28.10.25 had been circulated and were passed as a correct record, agreed by all and signed.

OPEN TO PUBLIC – Concerns raised re the state of pavement following the digging of the road by AW. This will be reported to Mr Denney.

Also need for leaves to be swept away.

Concerns raised regarding the dredging of pond and RL as Chair of Trustees stated this was all in hand and were aware of Natural England Grant.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT/ COUNTY COUNCILLOR

FE gave his report later in meeting as he had attended another PC meeting.

MEETING CONTINUED

Matters arising from last meeting

Highways – Clerk had received advice from LD regarding estimated costs for lowering the kerb so that she can make the application for the Partnership Scheme.

A vote proposed by JLg seconded by AB was taken on whether this should be applied for as could mean the PC would pay 50% Approx £10,000 and this resulted in 6 votes for with AS and RL abstaining. The Clerk will complete application.

KK still to provide video for Church Street to support request for HGV restriction.

Complaint received regarding the closure of Watton Road when NO work was carried out. This was due to Cadent not attending.

Problems reported last month are in process of being dealt with and should be completed shortly.

Pothole in Ch. St. opposite The Laurels to be reported.

State of pavement from Cress. Rd to Glebe to be reported as bank has now fallen onto path and this is a similar situation to Woodlands bank. Clerk to contact LD with complaint regarding the waste of resources.

Agreed to ask to meet LD in Spring.

Notice that Ch. St. is to be closed off again from 3rd to 5th Dec.

At this point RL suggested that Council look into employing a person to do odd jobs and this will be discussed at a later date.

Play Equipment – Checked by KK and JLg. They reported that matters no worse than last month but minor repairs will be carried out and a new spring is to be fitted to gate.

The Clerk has been unable to get further quotes for the replacement rubber mulch for under old swings but will continue to search so that this can be carried out in the Spring.

Concerns expressed regarding the tennis court surround and this again will be looked at in Spring along with spraying car park.

Playing Field / Football Club – The stakes for southern side of playing field have been purchased approx. cost £105. Installation by volunteers to be arranged in New Year.

At this point FE arrived and presented his report.

A copy of this is held on file but important facts are as follows:-

The planning application for Ashill Fruit Farm will now be discussed by Committee on 16th Dec which he will attend with AK.

He requested that public participate in the Breckland Car Parking consultation.

There are Rural Grants, Business Grants and grants for High Street traders available at the moment and Boost Scheme to help 16-30 year olds.

NCC proposes new strategy to put Norfolk at the forefront of UK Economy.

Highways maintenance team are preparing for winter campaign using new technology.

He also advised that he will support our application to the Partnership Scheme for the new kerb installation.

Community Centre – AB reported that next year's Fete had been discussed at recent meeting and changes proposed. Craft Fair in Nov. Bingo Dec. and Choir Dec. Money raised from events is proposed to be spent on new Stage curtains, new sliding doors and it is hoped to obtain grant towards new central heating system.

Footpaths – Crossing to be checked to see if adequate.

Police – AK and Clerk had attended recent SNAP meeting and put forward complaints re contacting 101. Survey being carried out by Commissioner at the moment and it was requested that residents complete this on-line. Next SNAP meeting is 12th January 2026.

Speedwatch – GS advised that he has the Stickers for bins and has requested people to place these. Also will put out Slow Down Sign.

Allotments – All rents paid and plots now ready to let. Problems with two holders now sorted.

High Grove Solar Farm – AK attended CPRE meeting at Dereham Memorial Hall which was well attended and both local MPs are pushing forward objections. Mark Aitken had a successful meeting with Government.

The Members wished to record the sad passing of Trevor Elliott who had done so much for the campaign and will be greatly missed. Thanks from everyone.

LGR-Devolution Consultation – It was proposed by RL seconded by JLg that Parish Council would prefer the 3 Tier system and this will be sent in.

Local Plan – Call for Sites – AK, AT and Clerk to attend the drop-in session at Dereham on 3rd Dec.

.gov.uk email addresses – KK requested that this be set up by 1st January 2026 and he will make arrangements for each person. AT proposed and KK seconded that Assertion 10 be adopted and this was agreed and signed. This includes an IT Policy.

Wayland Partnership – AK and AS attended the Launch Event on 31st October and KK had met with David Dent to offer his support to this project which means that Watton could be centre for many new courses and media.

Seat for Bus Shelter – It was agreed that Clerk order bench not a bar.

Community Transport – Clerk still to contact Kick Start.

Marl Pit - AT had been advised that this site is Grade II listed and this is to be investigated and site will be inspected before it is re-let.

CORRESPONDENCE

NorfolkALC and Healthwatch Norfolk - Newsletters circulated.

Headway Suffolk – Information that this Charity that Supports Lives of People affected by brain injury is now covering Norfolk as well.

NCC – Advise that Budget Consultation closes 15th December.

PLANNING – Returned between meetings with no objections.

PL/2025/1632/VAR – Green Gate Farm Cress. Rd. Variation on layout of dwellings and access road.

FINANCE - ACCOUNTS

PAID

Direct Debit. SSE for Power supply Oct Payment £593.90

It was proposed by JLg seconded by RL that the following accounts due for NOVEMBER be paid:-

K & M Lighting Services Ltd Maint Street Lights Nov. £120-50

Mrs J Pickard Play field Warden Nov.)

Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Nov.+30hrs)

Expenses Nov.

Undisclosed

£72-75

£52-23

WAVE (AW Bus.) Supply to Allots.

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The Following accounts due for payment in December were also authorised :-

Direct Debit SSE Power Supply Nov.	To be advised	
K & M Lighting Services Maint St. Lights Dec.		£120-50
Mrs J Pickard Play Field warden Dec.)		
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Dec. + 17hrs)	Undisclosed	
HMRC PAYE Oct.Nov.Dec.	To be advised	
JB Fencing/Groundscape Maint. Playing Field		£1605-00
	Maint. Limes & Acacia	£810-00
	Clearing & Spraying Allots	£120-00
Ashill PCC 2/3 rd share of Churchyard Maint.		£1033-33
Ashill Comm. Centre Hire Hall Oct. Nov.x 2		£54-00

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

Budget –Following the Budget presented to members last month it was proposed by AB seconded by JLg that the **Precept be increased by 1% to £30785 for 2026/2027 and this was agreed.**

OPEN TO PUBLIC – No further questions.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

As the alarm system was ringing and could not be turned off AK brought the meeting to a CLOSE at 8.35pm

NEXT MEETING IS TO BE HELD ON 6TH JANUARY 2026 IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.00PM

Signed

Date
