

23rd JUNE 2026

The Monthly Meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 23rd JUNE 2026 in the Community Centre at 7.00pm.

In attendance Mr A Ketteringham(AK), Mrs A Binns (AB) Mr K Kissiedu (KK), Mr J Leggett(JLg), Mrs J Lusher(JL), Mr A Thomas(AT), 11 Members of the Public & the Clerk Jean Sangster & Mr F Eagle District Councillor.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R Leighton (RL) due to family commitments, Mr A Howell (AH) due to work commitments, Mrs A Shepherd(AS), due to holiday.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The minutes of last meeting held on 26th MAY 2026 had been circulated and were passed and signed as a correct record.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

It was reported that the drains in Swaffham Road near to entrance to Egg Farm are again blocked and these will be reported to Highways.

Pothole near entrance to Comm.Centre and another in Dunnetts Close will be reported to Highways.

The Chair of AVA advised that due to serious illness two of their Committee had stood down and new members needed. Also help now required to run the Breakfast Club and Luncheon Club, both have had to cease for time being. These have been very well supported and popular and would be greatly missed if further help cannot be found.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

Highways – No reply this month. Pavement in Ch. St. to be reported.

Dog Waste Bin – It had been agreed to site this on right-hand side of entrance to Acacia and has now been ordered.

Play Equipment – Inspection carried out. Reported that wheel on Fitness equipment is beginning to show signs of rust. Clerk to ask FreshAirFitness to investigate as should be under warranty. Clerk also to contact ActionPlayandLeisure again re tightening of Zipwire. Also swings need attention.

Playing Field – Pickleball. Further investigation is in hand and quotes to be obtained. If under £1500-00 it was agreed by all that marking should go ahead.

At this point Mr Eagle attended.

He advised that people should attend the Royal Norfolk Show in next 2 days even though it is extremely hot at the present time, there is plenty of shade.

He also informed that the new County Council under Reform is going to challenge the decision of 3 Unitary Authorities.

Breckland are supporting the smaller business and there are Awards for Rural Businesses.

The North Pickenham Hub is up for an award.

He asked that Public keep him informed of their wishes.

He stressed that we must keep up with our objections to Solar and in particular access as he feels NCC are not doing what had already been agreed. The Chair thanked FE for his attendance.

Meeting Continued

Football Club – Nothing to report.

Community Centre – AB advised that the carpenter had been unable to fit kick boards and awaiting another carpenter. They have not decided if cooker is to be replaced.

Request for use of car park and front area for Car Boot on 23rd August was granted.

Footpaths – No change but Warden advised dog owners to be aware of ticks in long grass.

Police – No problems reported. Next SNAP meeting at Necton on 9th July. Election of new Police Commissioner to be held on Thurs. 16th July.

Speedwatch – No report this month. Information received from Westcotec that VAS in Hale Road has been checked 3 times in last year and there is nothing wrong – the ‘0’ just glows less..

Allotments – Meter problem on-going but 4 new taps purchased and as soon AW confirm that work can be carried out, these will be fitted.

High Grove Solar – **Still** awaiting information from NorfolkALC on employment of person to act on behalf of SuffolkALC and NorfolkALC.

LGR – Info from FE as above.

Local Plan Call for Sites – Breckland has advised that updated information will be available in July followed by further consultation.

Lighting for Car Park – Chair, JLG, AB and AS met with K & M Lighting and agreed that a 2-way floodlight should be placed on corner of car park/drive and another on corner of Community Centre, all with sensors. Quote received for both lights but further quotes to be obtained and Clerk to apply for Grant.

Flagpole – The trustees have received a very kind offer from a resident to replace this and the person who erected the one without permission is willing to concrete new one in and this will have a locking system and changing of flag will be the responsibility of Trustees.

Textile Bank – Clerk had requested additional bank following increased use but Breckland has asked that present bins are emptied on fortnightly basis to see if things improve and if not an additional one can be requested.

1st Ashill Scouts – Confirmation that the half of container hired by them will be cleared by end July and that payment is in hand.

Tree Work – Following from the survey the cost of work to be assessed. JLG will look at tree on Limes. The Oak tree on allotments requires the ivy to be removed and this will be arranged.

Ashlink – The clerk had received notification from Treasurer that they only have enough funds left for one more edition so AK and Clerk had met with her and the Editor to discuss the matter of support from Parish Council. Members concerned and asked for a further meeting with them which will be arranged.

Website – KK is creating a new design and will email everyone with this when completed but finding it difficult to set up.

Correspondence

Newsletters from NorfolkALC & Healthwatch Norfolk circulated to Members.

Breckland – Household Food Waste Collection Service – New Information of scheme to commence in Autumn. There will be a 7litre caddy for kitchen and 23 litre blue waste bin for outside which will be emptied every week.

AGE UK – Loneliness Awareness Week – details to be displayed on notice board.

Breckland Council – Inspiring Communities – Funding & Skills Training.

Breckland Banking Survey – being carried out on behalf of Government - Details to be displayed on notice board.

PLANNING APPLICATION - Notification ONLY –PL/2026/0739/NMA for 6 Pond Loke proposed relocation of pergola.

ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

Direct Debit - SSE Power supply April **£386-22**

Barclays Bank Charges MAY **£8-50**

The following accounts due for payment for JUNE 2026 were passed for payment proposed by JL seconded by KK :-

K & M Lighting Services Maint St Lights Jun.	£121-00
Mrs J Pickard Play field Warden Jun)	
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Jun + 17 hrs)	Undisclosed
Expenses Jun	£98-47
HMRC PAYE Apr.May Jun.	£1132-67
Ashill Comm Centre Hire Hall Apr.x2 May Jun.	£76-00
BROXAP New Dog Waste Bin	£368-40
Mr A Thomas Reimburse for Taps	£33-96

The Current A/C details had been circulated with copies of Bank Statement and these were confirmed
Also copies of Business Saver A/C showing update of Reserves.

OPEN TO PUBLIC – Concerns expressed regarding the ivy on Oak tree.
Resident offered to keep grass cut down around flagpole once new one in place and AK thanked her for offer.
Concerns raised re Ashlink regarding advertising and cost. Suggestion that the Minutes of meetings be displayed in notice board.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Defibrillator notification that pads must be reordered in plenty of time as there is a shortage at moment but must ensure they do not go out of date.
The conker trees will be planted in Autumn.
Lych Gate – concern re condition of gates and quotes to be obtained for painting if required.

Date of next Meeting – Tuesday 28th JULY 2026 at 7.00pm in the Community Centre.

Meeting Closed at 8.48pm

Signed

Date
