

Ashwellthorpe and Fundenhall Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Ashwellthorpe & Fundenhall Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th March 2019, 7.30pm in Ashwellthorpe Village Hall.

Present: J Ives(chair)

Nick De Spon

Ian Bishop

Chris Eastwood

Roy Burridge

Mrs T Higlett (clerk)

Members of the public

1) To consider apologies for absence

Cllr B Duffin due to purdah until the 2nd May. Clerk also informed council that Cllr Duffin had advised he would not be standing for election to the parish council. Cllr Duffin had been an active member of the parish council for 28 years and a valued member.

2) Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda and Dispensations for Councillors with a Pecuniary Interest

None

3) Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 January 2019

The chair approved and duly signed the minutes from 15th January 2019.

However, Cllr De Spon informed members that the minutes for February contained one error. When discussing the re-positioning of the dog waste bin, within the public forum, waste service had been omitted. Clerk to amend accordingly.

4) Matters arising from last month's minutes

(i) Cross field footpath – letter had gone out to the landowner. Contact made with NCC Highways, Ketteringham regarding directional signs which are no longer on footpaths. Advised to email Highways with details of locations for signs.

(ii) Re-locating dog wastebin. South Norfolk Council do not need to get involved with this. The Parish Council own the bin they can relocate without involving the service. However, should the bin be relocated to a new site, South Norfolk Council will need to be advised of new location.

(iii) Additional purchase of SAMS machine. Contacted Highways regarding part funding of £1,000 as proposed by Cllr Spratt from Local Members Grant. Provision of SAM2 can form part of Cllr Spratt's budget, although they would need to consider the costs once into the new financial year.

(iv) Planters. Jaydee Gardens have been asked to submit a quotation.

(v) Direct Debit has been successfully set up for ICO renewal.

5) Public Participation

(i) Representative from Norfolk Mobile Library Service attended meeting to discuss the changes to the timetable which comes into effect 1st April 2019. From April onwards, the service will run for an extra hour every day, to make it more convenient for people to visit on the way home from work or school. New stops will be introduced in busy areas. Some villages will now be visited on a different day of the week, with different timings. The service will now include Fundenhall stopping near the village sign at 15:50 every four weeks on a Tuesday commencing April 2nd. Clerk to include timetable on parish website.

Chair.....
Ashwellthorpe & Fundenhall PC

(ii) District Councillor not in attendance – apologies received

(iii) County Councillor. Spoke about the attendance of a representative from the mobile library and how important it is to use the service. Small school committee had recently met and Hapton school will remain. Austhorpe House Nursing Home on the edge of Fornsett St Peter between Tacolnaston and Bunwell will be closing, always been a benefit to the local area. Norfolk County Council Parish Partnership Scheme for small highway projects is working well and will continue. Cllr has received correspondence from some local residents concerning the Hempnall speed limit. Would see the Hempnall roundabout completed by Autumn 2019. White lines and cats' eyes have been replaced on the B111. Cllr De Spon asked if highway maintenance signage could be removed on completion of works. Clerk to email Highways regarding this. Cllr Burrige asked for the hedge to be cut back on north side of New Road/Common Road. There is a gentle curve in the road which makes it very difficult for vehicles to be seen. Chair spoke of incident in village where a member of the public asked driver of a commercial van to park on the road rather than on the pavement. Driver became very abusive to member of public and the incident has been reported to the police. Cllr Spratt chairs the Norfolk Parking Partnership committee and requested clerk to email him details of incident. Police no longer get involved with parking issues. Cllr Spratt left the meeting at 8.25pm

6) Reports from Councillors

(i) Cllr Bishop - Community speed watch monitoring 150 – 160 cars a day on New Road. It is a year since the community speed watch was set up and, in that time, a1,000 vehicles have been recorded doing over 35mph.

(ii) Cllr De Spon- Village Hall. Both Bingo and a Film night are planned for March.

(iii) Cllr Franey - Footpaths are in a good state. Footpath opposite the village hall has been ploughed up. Had hoped footfall would compact this but it is very messy. Noted that rape has been planted. Councillor had walked the crossfield footpath where wheat has been planted and felt that you would need to rely on further foot fall to reinstate footpath. It is better to use Field edge paths in winter. This is the busiest of all footpaths as it is the main link to other footpaths. For no apparent reason the foot path signpost has been lifted by someone. Council to get reinstated.

7) Discuss purchase of planters

Chair reported that planters averaged between £50 – 70. Preferred option would be concrete which would have no maintenance. Members felt two would be purchased. Chair will report back to council on supplier and cost. No quotation had been received from Jaydee Gardens.

8) Purchase of second Speed Indicator Device

Members were informed that they would receive a donation of £1500 towards new machine from local developer. Cost of machine £1758 plus VAT and delivery. Council agreed that this machine would be placed on The Street outside Wood Farm.

Vote to purchase second machine

Proposed by Cllr Bishop – seconded by Cllr De Spon – agreed unanimously

9) Planning

2019/0406 58 The Street Ashwellthorpe NR16 1AA Proposal: Erection of single storey front extension. Members had read through the application and decided they had no comments to make.

Vote – No comments

Proposed by Cllr De Spon - seconded by Cllr Bishop – agreed unanimously

Clerk to respond to South Norfolk Planning

Council had also received correspondence reference planning application 2018/2634, Whipps Lane, Fundenhall, from South Norfolk Planning. Correspondence advises the ecology report is now available to read.

10) Finance

- (i) To note councils current financial standing
 Community Account Balance £15033.57
 Business Account Balance £3,437.65

Clerk also presented to council the accounts for 2018-19, which showed a total expenditure for 2018-19 of 10,027.90.

- (ii) Cheques/Invoices for approval

Date	Payee	Method	Description	Amount
11/03/2019	EON	Direct Debit	Electricity	26.72
18/03/2019	HMRC	Cheque:100856	Clerks income tax	7.60
18/03/2019	Autela Group	Cheque:100857	Payroll Service	48.47
18/03/2019	T Higlett	Cheque:100858	March pay	211.86
18/03/2019	T Higlett	Cheque: 100859	Postage and Ink cartridge	26.43
18/03/2019	Jaydee Gardens	Cheque:100860	Refurbishment of Noticeboard	90.05

11) Correspondence

- (i) Nalc bulletins
 (ii) Calor Rural Community Fund
 (iii) ICO Newsletter
 (iv) South Norfolk collective speed watch figures
 (v) Norfolk Constabulary meeting – March 27th Wymondham
 (vi) Norwich Western link update
 (vii) Broadland & South Norfolk CLP workshops
 (viii) South Norfolk Community Awards

12) Election May 2nd

Clerk reminded members that nominations can be submitted between 9am and 4pm on working days until 4pm on the 3 April. The Annual Council meeting will need to be held on or within 14days after the day on which the councillors are elected. For council to meet this deadline clerk reported that the Annual Council meeting will now take place on the 20th May.

Cllr Bishop suggested that although council are not due to meet in April would it not be beneficial if council held a meeting in April. Members agreed and date of 16th April was put forward at the village hall.

13) Road naming re. Wood Farm development

One proposal was put forward to use the names of those who lost their lives during WW1. Road naming policy will need to be referred to at a later date.

Landowner showed members the village pond layout and asked whether the council are prepared to adopt the pipeline as per drawing number ASWLTH – IW-XX-XX-DR-C-6005. Council agreed unanimously to adopt pipeline.

Members concerned with the amount of mud coming onto the road from the development. Members were assured that the road would be swept once a week and in future vehicle wheels would be cleaned. Landowner to speak to developer.

14) Street Light Maintenance Contract

Current contract is due to expire on 31st March 2019. Council have been on a three-year contract with current supplier. Clerk in receipt of new contract and there have been no revisions. Cost has also remained the same.

Vote to renew contract

Proposed Cllr Franey – seconded by Cllr Bishop – agreed unanimously.

15) Public Forum (2)

Member of the public asked how do we know our public. Cllr De Spon explained that the public are always welcome to attend meetings, but would welcome ideas and how council could draw more people to the meetings.

16) Items for information but carrying forward to next meeting.

Fundenhall Post box although replaced not available for use. Clerk to contact Wymondham Post Office.

17) Date of next meeting

Date of next meeting 16th April 2019 7:30pm at Ashwellthorpe Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.35pm