

## *Ashwellthorpe and Fundenhall Parish Council*

### **Minutes of the meeting of Ashwellthorpe & Fundenhall Parish Council held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 7.30pm in Ashwellthorpe Village Hall.**

*Present:* Nick De Spon (Chair)

*Ian Bishop*

*Chris Eastwood*

*Roy Burridge*

*Barry Duffin*

*Mrs T Higlett (clerk)*

*Members of the public*

#### 1) To consider apologies for absence

Cllr J Ives – due to family bereavement

#### 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 19<sup>th</sup> February and 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019

These were agreed as a true record of proceedings with no amendments. All in favour

#### 4) Matters arising from last month's minutes

i) Mobile Library Service details are now included on the Parish Councils website.

ii) Clerk emailed Highways regarding removal of redundant highway maintenance signs and waiting on a response.

iii) Cllr Ives emailed Cllr Spratt directly regarding incident in the village with white van parking on footpath.

iv) Fundenhall post box clerk has telephoned main sorting office in Wymondham asking for someone to contact her regarding the commissioning.

#### 5) Public Participation

(i) County Councillor. Relayed that a signpost will be erected on Common Road at the request of the parish council. Non slip tarmac has been laid and all maintenance on the B1113 is now complete.

(ii) District Councillor. This will be last meeting as a serving district councillor and member of the parish council. Cllr will introduce our new representative on District Council to members and added parish council must ensure they get their proportion of attention from new representative.

Chair on behalf of the residents of the parish and parish council thanked Cllr Duffin for his service of 28 years to the parish. His knowledge of the village and planning has been exemplary.

*Vote of thanks - All in favour.*

#### 6) Reports from Councillors

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(i) Cllr Bishop - Community speed watch monitoring. In March 910 minutes were spent monitoring speed. So far out of 153 vehicles a137 letters have been sent to drivers. Some days over 100 vehicles are caught exceeding the speed limit. There will be a two week break and commence after school half term. New speed awareness signs to be purchased and council will need to discuss the permanent location of these.

(ii) Cllr De Spon- Village Hall. Film night planned after Easter

(iii) Cllr Franey – Footpaths. Jaydee Gardens have advised council that they will be increasing their costs by £80. Last season expenditure was £1025.74 which was under budget.

*Vote to accept increase of £80.*

*Proposed by Cllr Franey – seconded by Cllr Bishop – agreed unanimously to accept increase.*

Cllr Franey spoke of horse manure which appears to have ben left on footpath in Church Lane Fundenhall which is causing an obstruction. A walker would have to take care when passing it. Suggest drafting a letter to local land owner to see if they are aware of the issue.

#### 7) Discuss purchase of planters

This was deferred to next meeting for Cllr Ives to update Parish Council.

#### 8) Purchase of second Speed Indicator Device

Awaiting on an invoice then council will progress further.

#### 9) Renewal to NALC

Council happy to renew membership to NALC

*Vote to accept renewal*

*Proposed by Cllr De Spon – seconded by Cllr Franey – all in favour.*

#### 10) Planning

2019/0649 The Old Rectory Church Lane Fundenhall Norfolk NR16 1EJ

Clerk advised council South Norfolk Planning had written to council advising this planning application had been withdrawn.

(ii) Street lighting on Wood Farm development. Parish council had received correspondence regarding lighting and as to whether Parish Council still stands with their original response that they would not supply lighting to said development. Council agreed they would not be supplying lighting.

*Vote to not supply lighting*

*Proposed – Cllr Eastwood – seconded Cllr Franey – all in favour*

#### 11) Finance

- (i) To note councils current financial standing  
Community Account Balance 14,573.44  
Business Account Balance 3,439.36

- (i) Cheques/Invoices for approval

Date	Payee	Method	Description	Amount
12/04/2019	Eon	Direct Debit	Electricity	29.59
16/04/2019	T Jones Electrical	Chq: 100861	Street Light maintenance	77.33
16/04/2019	Jaydee Gardens	Chq: 101862	Noticeboard repairs and village maintenance	331.93

Chair.....  
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16/04/2019	Ashwellthorpe Village Hall	Chq:101863	Hire of hall	14.00
18/04/2019	T Higlett	Chq: 101864	Clerks salary	214.46

### 12) Appointment of Internal Auditor

Clerk informed council that she had made contact with councils' auditor and an audit will be carried out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019.

### 13) Correspondence

- (i) Nalc bulletins
- (ii) Autela Payroll – notification they are no longer VAT registered
- (iii) Fly the Red Ensign to commemorate Merchant Navy Day.

### 14) Items for information but carrying forward to next meeting

Highway Rangers – drains on The Street need clearing.  
Local developer to erect signs warning motorists of mud on the road.

### 17) Date of next meeting

Annual Parish Council meeting to take place on Monday May 20<sup>th</sup> at St Nicholas Church Fundenhall  
Meeting closed at 8:45pm