

Ashwellthorpe and Fundenhall Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Ashwellthorpe & Fundenhall Parish Council held on Wednesday 14 August 2019, 7.30pm in Ashwellthorpe Village Hall

Present: Jacqueline Ives (Chair)

Nick De Spon

Ian Bishop

Chris Eastwood

Jerry Franey

Mrs T Higlett (clerk)

District Councillor N Legg and G Francis

County Councillor Bev Spratt

Members of the public

1) To consider apologies for absence

Roy Burridge

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 26 June and 16 July 2019

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

4) Public Participation

(i) Public in attendance – interested in parish councils view of planning application 2019/1586.

Speeding vehicles either entering/exiting Wood Farm development on The Street. Member of the public spoke of how this has been noted on more than one occasion and driver not observing residents out walking their dogs in the early part of the morning. Council to speak the developer.

(ii) District Councillor – Refuse collection – Broadland has this out to tender. South Norfolk/Broadland Council are currently debating a new name suitable for the joint venture.

District Councillor Vivienne Clifford-Jackson Joined the meeting and apologised for late attendance. Spoke of Members Grants of £1000 per annum and can be given to any community group, which provides a bona fide bank account and show community need. South Norfolk now into an eight week consultation period on residents views on the council tax relief scheme.

County Councillor – The Local Plan has been finalised by Norfolk County Council. There is a funding issue with Adult Social Services, there are more disabled people requiring assistance. The Hempnall roundabout is well under way. Budgets will be looked at during September. Cllr De Spon asked if the road maintenance signs could be removed after completion. Work has been carried out but it is pointless leaving signs up when work was carried out some time ago. Cllr Spratt informed members that it is the sub-contractor's responsibility to remove signs. Also, there has been traffic lights erected for maintenance works in the village but no works being carried out. Highways to be informed of members concern.

(iii) Saffron Housing – Council had expected a representative from Saffron Housing to attend meeting to discuss Local Needs Housing.

5) Reports from Councillors

(i) Community Speed watch - Cllr Bishop. Reported members have now been out on 117 occasions recording 1313 motorists exceeding the speed limit. Concerns of speed and how councillors and the community are having to try and bring home to people that the village is 30mph. Cllr Spratt suggested council forward the data

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they are holding to him and he will pass it onto Norfolk County Council. Norfolk Police do not have any more resources to help the parish council than they do now. A new speed awareness machine is on order and will be dispatched in the not too distant future.

(ii) Village Hall – Cllr De Spon. There is a planned bingo night and quiz and chips evening at the end of August.

(iii) Footpaths – Cllr Franey. So far this year three cuts have been carried out and a fourth is programmed in for August/September.

(iv) Village Maintenance – Cllr Eastwood. Met with the owner of Jaydee Gardens and agreed all village maintenance apart from footpaths will come via Cllr Eastwood. Jaydee Gardens has requested a covering letter with all payments to assist with his accounts. Cllr Eastwood will in future produce a work order to Jaydee Gardens for all maintenance. Cllr Ives would like the bench outside the Crescent refurbished. Three Chestnut trees leading to All Saints Church are hanging very low over the path and are in of need cutting. Question as to the ownership. Two are believed to be on private land, Parish Council may have to deal with the other and it was suggested the crown needs to be raised.

6) Parish Amenities Adoption Project

Cllr De Spon asked for Item (i) Update from Project Team Leader and item(ii) PAAP meetings calendar to be carried over to September's meeting.

(iii) Village questionnaire leaflets- these have now been distributed to all householders in Ashwellthorpe and Fundenhall. So far not too much of a response. Info will be collated and report back to the Parish Council.

(iv) Community Centre Project - Cllr De Spon reported he has set up a meeting with the Chair of Wereham PC to discuss managing a community centre. Also, meetings arranged with Norfolk Association of Local Councils and NP Law.

(v) NALC Risk Assessments – Cllr Franey stated he will update members at next meeting.

(vi) Bramble Bears – update on use of village hall. Cllr De Spon reported to date nothing has been decided.

7) Planning

(i) 2019/1586, 1 The Turnpike Fundenhall NR16 1EH Proposed 2 storey side extension and front porch, including removal of existing carport, garage and front porch.

Members reviewed the application and consider the application should be approved.

Vote to approve

Proposed Cllr Bishop - seconded by Cllr Franey – all in favour

8) Finance

(i) To note councils current financial standing

Business Community Account balance 31/07/2019 = £14,874.91

Savings Account balance 31/07/2019 = £3441.07

(i) Cheques/Invoices for approval

Date	Payee	Method	Description	Amount
11/08/2019	EON	Direct Debit	Electricity	29.59
14/08/2019	Ashwellthorpe Village Hall	Chq: 101881	Hire of Hall	14.00
14/08/2019	Nalc	Chq: 101882	Cilca Refresher	90.00
14/08/2019	Jaydee Garden	Chq: 101883	Erection of new dog waste bin + Footpath maintenance	467.50
18/08/2019	T Higlett	Chq: 101884	Clerks Salary	226.40

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9) Quotation's for refurbishment of Fundenhall Village Sign

Council were in possession of one quote for £2500 - £3500. District Councillor advised members that he will take a look at sign and advise accordingly.

10) Vat course attendance for clerk

Clerk advised council she had to postpone this to a later date.

11)Correspondence

- (i) Attendance to Police Engagement Meeting – 9th September
- (ii) Information on A140 closure
- (iii) Harry Stebbings – Oak Noticeboards

12) Urgent items for information but carrying forward to next meeting

Parish Amenities Adoption Project update

13) Date of next meeting

17th September 2019 – Ashwellthorpe Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8:50pm