

ASHWELLTHORPE AND FUNDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on Tuesday 18th August 2020 at 7:30p.m

Present:

Jacqueline Ives (Chair)
Nick De Spon
Ian Bishop
Chris Eastwood
Roberta Morris
Roy Burridge
Jerry Franey
Mrs T Higlett (clerk)
District Cllrs V Clifford-Jackson G Francis and N Legg
County Cllr B Spratt

1)Welcome by the Chair

2)To consider apologies for absence

None

3)Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4)To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st July 2020

Copies of which had been circulated to all Councillors

Minutes duly approved.

Chair also reminded councillors if there are any discrepancies within the minutes please could they advise the clerk prior to the meeting.

5) Matters arising from those minutes

i) Lower Wood. Chair spoke of numerous mail she had received from residents, and she had noted the contradictory responses from Norfolk Wildlife Trust to residents. Chair also spoke of response the parish council had received from Cllr Spratt and asked why he felt the need to copy Cllr Duffin in when he was no longer representing this area. Cllr Spratt apologised but he did not have new district councillors email addresses. He was sorry that the Chair was disappointed with his response and that a site meeting had taken place and the consensus was it cannot go any further and had the right to take the bridge down. Cllr Spratt spoke of the car which had been seen parked half on the pavement and half on the road, which was obstructing not only the farmer accessing his land but also pedestrians using the footpath. There is nothing saying people cannot park on the road but they cannot park on the pavement. Cllr Franey stated that prior to the agricultural barn being erected on the farmers land there had never been any issues. Suspect the barn will probably be used to garage agricultural equipment, hence more crucial to owner.

ii)War Memorial – Cllr Burridge has made contact with Perfitts Stonemasons of Diss and asked if they could inspect and report accordingly.

6) Reports from County and District Councillors.

i)County Cllr Spratt - advised there had been 15 cases of Covid-19 reported between 24.7.20 and 15.8.20. Testing by appointment only is carried out on a specially erected centre at Postwick Park and Ride. Resurfacing has been carried out on New Road and the white lines have been removed temporarily. Hedge has also been cut back on New Road to enable better visibility.

ii) Cllr Clifford-Jackson advised that people are becoming more confident in market towns but it has been difficult trying to put in place social distancing following government guidelines bearing in mind that these towns have old style narrow roads. New Code of Conduct is currently being drawn up and the Planning white paper is currently under review.

Cllr Legg spoke of the problems facing pharmacies with new developments and the need for better service.

7) Public in Attendance

No Public attendance.

8) To receive reports and to consider any necessary action to be taken.

i) Footpath – Cllr Morris. Footpath sign opposite bridleway had been repaired by Cllr de Spon. A new sign can be obtained from NCC Highways. Information on permissive footpaths had been sent out to councillors.

ii) Village maintenance – Cllr Eastwood. Nothing to report

iii) Two street lights were out on Greenwood Close but the contractors have been contacted and asked to report.

9) Planning

i) 2020/0938 Amended Planning application. Demolition of existing dwelling and replace with new, Church lane, Fundenhall. Members had reviewed the plans and were all in favour of the amended application.

Vote:

Propose in favour by Cllr Eastwood – seconded by Cllr Morris – all in favour

ii) Planning Protocol to be adopted

Vote:

In favour of proposed draft planning protocol

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

Planning protocol to be adopted and placed on parish council website.

iii) Clerk to attend planning training run by SLCC via webinar.

10) Financial Contribution towards new village hall

After discussion it was proposed that council should contribute £2,000 towards new equipment for the new hall.

Vote:

All in favour

11) Finance

(i) To note councils current financial standing

Business Community Account balance 31/07/2020 - £17691.59

Savings Account balance 31/07/2020 -£3446.65

(ii) Cheques approved for payment by Cllr De Spon and Cllr Bishop.

Date	Payee	Method	Description	Amount
11/08/2020	EON	Direct debit	Electricity	29.59
19/08/2020	Jaydee Gardens	Chq: 100938	Footpath maintenance	412.35

18/08/2020	T Higlett	Chq: 100939	Clerks Salary - August	236.40
18/08/2020	T Higlett	Chq: 100940	Postage Stamps	16.92
19/08/2020	Ashwellthorpe Community Centre	Chq: 100937	Contribution towards purchase of equipment	2,000.00

12) Donation to Royal British Legion

As there will be no door to door this year council approved donation of £75.00. Proposed by Cllr Bishop and seconded by Cllr Franey.

13) Land Tenancy Silfield Road, Ashwellthorpe

Parish Council are keen for William Gaze Estate Agents to oversee the ten-acre land tenancy. Members were interested in whether the agents have a list of people who have expressed an interest and if any offers have been forthcoming. Clerk to contact agents with regards to acting on behalf of the Parish Council.

14) Consultations

- i) Norwich Western Link Local Access Consultation
- ii) South Norfolk's Licensing Policy review
- iii) Connecting the Claylands- Norfolk Wildlife Trust and Norfolk FWAG (Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group)

15) The upgrading of Parish Council website, to include the Mardle.

Clerk had made contact with Broadland Digital to see if the village magazine, the Mardle could be incorporated into the parish website in magazine format. A quotation of £95.00 had been received and accepted.

Vote:

Council were in favour of Broadland Digital's quote for inclusion.

Propose Cllr Bishop – seconded by – Cllr Eastwood – all in favour.

16) Correspondence

- i) South Norfolk Litter Pick 2020
- ii) Norfolk ALC Newsletters, Norfolk ALC Wellbeing,
- iii) Norfolk County Council – Roadside Tree Inspection and Ash dieback

17) Date and time of next meeting.

Tuesday 15th September 2020 and 7:30.