

ASHWELLTHORPE AND FUNDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on Tuesday 15th September 2020 at 7:30p.m

Present:

Nick De Spon (Chair)
Roberta Morris
Roy Burridge
Jerry Franey
Mrs T Higlett (clerk)
District Cllrs V Clifford-Jackson and N Legg

1)Welcome by the Chair

2)To consider apologies for absence

J Ives, C Eastwood and I Bishop.

3)Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4)To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th August 2020

Copies of which had been circulated to all Councillors

Minutes duly approved.

5) Matters arising from those minutes

i) War Memorial – Cllr Burridge. Two quotes have been received; H L Perfitt Stonemasons £2797.20 and Independent Memorial Inspection £1980. Grants are also available between 25% and 75% dependent on the repairs. Chair asked for this to be carried over to the October meeting when more councillors are present.

ii)Lower Wood. J Ives had sent in the following report in her absence

“The poster which I put up with the landowners advice on his post, there has been quite a lot of response from the parishioners who are pleased that the P.C. are trying to sort the problem out. I mentioned Ian Spratt had after 6 weeks had a response to his first mail to the Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT) and he subsequently responded. To date there has been no response from the NWT. I have assured people we shall not leave this”

6) Reports from County and District Councillors.

i)County Councillor not in attendance

ii)Cllr Clifford Jackson had previously sent out a report to the Parish Council, but advised the council There have been public announcements about changes to planning law, on-going consultation on the Western Link until 20th September via the County Council Website. Councillor had also walked Lower Woods to see the bridge problem first hand, as well as meet some residents and the farmer concerned. Councillor stated that it was quite sad that this has happened. It is also a shame that cars are parking in appropriate places, still work to do. Has not yet been able to reach NWT, but will keep trying.

iii) Cllr Legg shared a report prior to the meeting, with members. It was noted that the village cluster part of the GNLP continues to be assessed. At the last count the number of applications had been whittled down to 70.

Councillor is lobbying for improved pharmacy services particularly in Wymondham, Hethersett and Mulbarton.

7) Public in Attendance

No comments.

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

i) Footpath – Cllr Morris. Walked the footpath near the campsite in Fundenhall and felt more signage is required. Clerk advised members that the new bridleway footpath will need to be erected by Highways.

ii) Village maintenance – Cllr Eastwood not in attendance. Clerk advised that the dog bin has now been emptied in Fundenhall. Clerk requested that if a bin needs emptying could they inform her to arrange for South Norfolk to empty, rather than leave it to look unsightly. Council pays for dog bins to be emptied.

iii) Street Lights – Cllr De Spon. T Jones Electrical have advised that the lantern outside no 11 is obsolete and recommends replacement at £267.00 + VAT.

Members approved this work to be carried out.

Meeting closed at 8:10 due to time restrictions on Zoom.

Council will arrange another date to conclude this meeting