

ASHWELLTHORPE AND FUNDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on Friday 18th September 2020 at 6:00p.m

Present:

Nick De Spon (Chair)
Roberta Morris
Roy Burridge
Jerry Franey
Chris Eastwood
Mrs T Higlett (clerk)

1)Welcome by the Chair

Apologised that the previous meeting ended abruptly, but clerk had purchased extra time for this meeting.

2)To consider apologies for absence

J Ives and I Bishop.

3)Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4)Public In attendance

Thanked the clerk for inviting them to attend. Interested to hear about Planning and Land tenancy.

Meeting resumed from agenda point 9 on Agenda issued for Parish Council meeting on the 15th September 2020.

9) To update on Parish Amenities Adoption Plan (PAAP)

- (i) Insurance - The insurance is now in place for the new hall. This also covers the equipment for the hall which is currently in storage. Cllr Franey advised council that when the hall is near to completion that SJB Safety Solutions should carry out a full audit. Health and Safety cannot be addressed until completion of the hall.
- (ii) Parish Council has instructed NP Law to carry out legal searches on behalf of the council.
- (iii) Cllr Eastwood advised members the dedicated website which is under construction will need details of room measurements and seating capacity.
- (iv) Landscaping to be completed.

10) Planning

(i) 2020/1442 Barns West Of 26 The Street Ashwellthorpe Norfolk
Proposal: Variation of condition 2 of permission 2016/0270 - Internal and external alterations.
Council had taken the decision retrospectively, that they could see no reason to object. Planning response was required prior to this meeting.

(ii) 2020/1537 Location: Outbuilding at Rose Farm The Street Ashwellthorpe Norfolk
Proposal: Erection of seven new dwellings and garages (revised).
Council had reviewed the above planning application but although the feeling was no comment, they stated that they objected to some of the application. Members noted that approximately four houses, were outside the development boundary. In particular properties which were located furthest away from the road. Council felt that the development boundary should be maintained within the village and has been taken into consideration when other applications have been put forward and subsequently turned down. It was stated that the development would improve the appearance of the village.

Council response to planning application, no comment but to include objection to some of the application as discussed, due to four houses outside of the Development Boundary and could open up those applications that have been turned down in the past.

Vote:

Proposed by Cllr Eastwood – seconded by Cllr Franey – all in favour.

11) Finance

- (i) Councils current financial standing
 Business Community Account balance 28/08/2020 = 15,108.91
 Savings Account balance 28/08/2020 = £3446.65

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

Date	Payee	Method	Description	Amount
12/09/2020	EON	Direct debit	Electricity	29.59
18/09/2020	SJB Safety Solutions	Chq: 100941	Pond Risk Assessment	275.00
18/09/2020	Jaydee Gardens	Chq: 100942	Village maintenance	80.00
18/09/2020	Came & Co	Chq: 100943	Additional Ins. Premium	838.88
18/09/2020	T Higlett	Chq: 100944	Clerks September Salary	236.40
18/09/2020	T Higlett	Chq: 100945	Expenses- Zoom upgrade and Car park	17.59
26/09/2020	M Higlett	Chq: 100946	New Computer	499.00

(ii) Council were all in favour of the purchase of new computer at a cost £499.99.

12) Silfield Land Tenancy

Council had received communication from Gaze Estate Agents with regards to the pending expiry of the tenancy. They had proposed two options. Option 1: If council have a tenant in mind, we can agree terms and then document in an FBT. Option 2: If no tenant in mind, or want to test the market to ensure due diligence then Gaze would conduct a discrete marketing exercise to local farmers, secure a tenant and then document the let on an FBT.

Members agreed that a 3-year tenancy would be preferable. Chair asked if Cllr Franey could contact Gaze to see if they have had any interests in the past. Member of the public advised members he would be interested if the present tenant decided against it.

13) Consultations:

- (i) Norwich Western Link Local Access Consultation closing date 20 September 2020.
 Council had no comment.

14) To consider correspondence received

Council had no comments to make on correspondence

15)Date and Time of next meeting:

20th October 2020 7:30

Exclusion of the Public

It was resolved under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public due to the confidential nature of the item to be discussed.

16) Clerks' Overtime.

It was agreed to pay the clerk's overtime from May to August 2020

17) Clerks Pay increase

It was agreed to increase clerk's salary in line with NJC salary scales, which came into effect on the 1st April 2020.

Meeting closed at 18:55