

## ASHWELLTHORPE AND FUNDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 6:30p.m

Present: J Ives (Chair)  
 Nick De Spon  
 Roy Burrige  
 Jerry Franey  
 Chris Eastwood  
 I Bishop  
 Mrs T Higlett (Clerk)  
 District Cllrs V Clifford-Jackson, N Legg, and G Francis  
 County Cllr B Spratt

1) To consider apologies for absence  
 R Morris

2) Declarations of interest  
 Cllr Eastwood – Planning 2020/2236

3) To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

4) Public Open Forum  
 Public in attendance for planning application 2020/2236  
 Reports from District Councillors had been forwarded to members prior to the meeting. Cllr Francis advised there had been no garden waste collection due to the recent bad weather but would resume with next collection. Cllr Clifford Jackson asked how people felt about not receiving the details of bin collections which have been produced yearly. It had been noted that the collection days had remained the same and details are also included on the South Norfolk website, which is very informative. Cllr Legg stated that not everyone has access to the internet and that you can contact the waste collection depot for assistance on the service.

District Councillor B Duffin was in attendance to observe.

Cllr Spratt spoke of the flooding on New Road. Resident had contacted Anglian Water emergency line but no response. Suggest putting together a dossier of issues with flooding etc and forward to Anglian Water. Cllr Spratt happy to support Parish Council. Lord Dannatt is to chair Norfolk Flooding Alliance and a meeting is planned to discuss the increase in flooding around Norfolk. N De Spon requested further details should someone wish to attend. Parish Council have received details about future temporary road closure on The Street stretching from Kynvett Green westwards. This work is to commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> March for approximately 19 days to carry out essential drainage works.

5) Planning

- i. To note applications refused/Accepted  
 2020/2084 Removal/Variation of Condition Barns West Of 26 The Street Ashwellthorpe  
 Variation of condition 2 of 2016/0572LB - internal and external alterations (retrospective).  
 Approval with Conditions.

ii. Planning Applications

2021/0200 Loke Farm, New Road, Ashwellthorpe. Proposal: Single and two storey rear extension. Council proposed no comment should be made.

*Proposed by Chris E – seconded by I Bishop – all in favour.*

2020/2236 Notification for Prior Approval for a proposed change of use and associated building works of an agricultural building to a dwelling house (QA and QB) Location: Barn at The Grange, Whipps Lane, Fundenhall.

N De Spon had taken pictures of the barn to assist with discussion. The building is made out of aluminium with concerns around how it can be reinforced to take windows as per the plans. Latest drawings of the build show blockwork walls carrying the windows and doors. It also appears that the walls will be on a new foundation, which is not acceptable as this then becomes a rebuild. The roof is asbestos and will require replacing but this has not been mentioned in any correspondence. Concerns around the removal of the asbestos and how it will be taken away from the site. The building is suitable for a barn but not a residential property. Council stands by its original response to this application that it should not be approved.

*Vote to object application.*

*Proposed by R Burridge – seconded by I Bishop – all in favour with two abstentions.*

2020/2462 The Woodlands Wymondham Road Ashwellthorpe NR16 1HE Proposal: Conversion and extension to existing garage to create family need annex, first floor games room, and storage area. Council had retrospectively reviewed application and decided there was no comment to make.

6) Matters arising from previous months minutes

- I. Update on Flooding – Council had received notification of pending road closure for drainage works. N De Spon will look to see if this is to assist with flooding in the village.
- II. Speed Awareness Machine – I Bishop advised he has spoken to the supplier advising them the Council has given them 7 days grace to get new batteries etc. to us otherwise we will be returning goods to them for full refund.

*Vote*

*To return equipment within 7 days if new batteries not received.*

*Proposed by C Eastwood – seconded by R Burridge – all in favour.*

Chair spoke of moving the 30mph on the Wymondham Road which the Council had corresponded with NCC Highways in August 2019. At the time Highways advised the Council ‘County Council is not at the present time reviewing speed limits, unless they form part of planning for housing development or where there is road accident data that justifies a review of the speed limit.’ Currently the 30mph is outside a house and then a junction which is considered to be dangerous by Norfolk Police. Cllr Spratt advised the cost to carry out this would be around £7,000 and Council should revisit.

7) Report on new Community Centre

Booking via website is still being developed. Trustees will have their own dedicated email address. Various documents are being updated. Community Centre is coming along but not ready for use. To enable the Trustees to meet virtually they will have access to Councils account which is set up with Zoom. Clerk will arrange meeting when required.

## 8) Finance

- I. Councils current financial standing:  
Business community account £15,290.65  
Savings Account £3447.22
- II. Cheques approved for payment

Date	Payee	Method	Description	Amount
11/02/2021	EON	Direct debit	Streetlight electricity	29.59
16/02/2021	T Higlett	Chq:100969	Zoom meeting	14.39
16/02/2021	Mardens Gardens	Chq:100970	Village maintenance	18.75
18/02/2021	T Higlett	Chq:100971	Clerks Salary	258.24
18/02/2021	Ashford Developments	Chq:100972	Defib call out	96.00
18/02/2021	NALC	Chq:100973	Clerks training	30.00
26/02/2021	ICO	Direct debit	Data protection fee	35.00

III. Advertising revenue: 159.52

## 9) To receive reports and to consider any necessary action

- I. Footpaths – no report
- II. Village maintenance - Footpath sign has been installed by Mardens. C Eastwood has asked for quotations on various work around the villages. C Eastwood also proposed looking into the cost of four new noticeboards.
- III. Nothing to report on war memorial.

## 10) Periodic items

Council reviewed the following council documentation:

- I. Annual Review of Effectiveness of Internal Control
- II. General Risk Register

Proposed by I Bishop – seconded by N De Spon – all in favour

## 11) Councillor Training

Clerk reminded council they have still to complete full council training and proposed contacting NALC to schedule this in.

## 12) Correspondence

Clerk had received correspondence from Britannia Fire regarding salt bin on the Industrial estate and whose responsibility was it for keeping it topped it. Clerk had looked on NCC register of salt bins and there is not one on their schedule for Ashwellthorpe nearest was Wreningham. Clerk to make contact with Highways and to discuss putting New Road on the gritting schedule.

Chair spoke of a street light which has been redundant in Kynvett Green as resident complained of light shining onto their property and wondered if council should look into having it removed. Clerk to contact TT Jones Electrical and ask them to quote on removal or change light fitting.

13) Date of next meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Meeting closed at 20:10