

ASHWELLTHORPE AND FUNDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual Annual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7:00p.m

Present:

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

1)Election of Chair

Jacqueline Ives was elected unopposed, proposed by Nick De Spon, seconded by C Eastwood. Declaration of Office to be signed by Jacqueline Ives.

2)Election of Vice chairman

Nick De Spon was elected proposed by J Ives and seconded by I Bishop.

3)To consider apologies for absence

None

4)Declarations of interest for items on the agenda and to consider any requests for dispensations.

None

5)To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

These were approved.

6)Public Open Forum

Reports from District Councillors had been forwarded to members prior to the meeting. (Appendix 1) Member of public. Concerns from residents walking in the vicinity of the new community centre and they have been advised that it is prohibited. N De Spon advised that the hall does not yet belong to the parish council and therefore could not comment but would speak to the developer. The pond is another concern as it is looking very green. Again, council advised that this too is the developer’s responsibility until the transfer of the hall to the parish council.

7)Planning

- I. 2021/0719 101A The Street Ashwellthorpe. Proposal: Retention of 22m of 1.2m picket fencing to replace existing timber and wire netting fence. Retrospective decision of no comment
- II. 2020/2347 Land West of Bakers Cottage New Road Ashwellthorpe. Proposal: Erection of bungalow with carport. Retrospective decision of no comment
- III. 2021/0610 Timber Yard North of The Street Ashwellthorpe Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings used in association with timber yard, change of use and erection of 5 dwellings. Members stood by their previous response to this application when presented in 2016, application at the time was Ref 2016/2279. Objected and that it was outside the Development Boundary Local Plan.

Clerk: Tina Higlett  
May 2021 Minutes

Chair.....  
Ashwellthorpe & Fundenhall Parish Council

## 8) Matters arising from previous minutes

I. Update on Speed Awareness Machine – I Bishop advised batteries will be changed and a 2-year guarantee will commence from date of change.

II. Footpath maintenance - J Bunn has shown interest. There will be a slight increase on costs to 7ppm. Council has 6,147 metres of footpaths. Machinery is a lot bigger and this could be problematic. Permission has been sought from farmer to access footpaths from his land and there was no objection.

*Vote:*

*To appoint J Bunn as contractor*

*Proposed by J Franey – seconded by N De Spon – All in favour*

## 9) Community Centre

Elections are taking place on the 6<sup>th</sup> May and the hall will be used as a polling station. Pressure is on the developer to complete and handover to the parish council

## 10) Finance

## I. Councils current financial standing:

Business community account £15,330.57

Savings Account £3447.31

## II. Cheques approved for payment

Payee	Method	Description	Amount
EON	Direct debit	Streetlight electricity	29.59
T Higlett	Cheque	Salary April and May	518.88
Mardens Gardens	Cheque	Village maintenance	42.00
NALC	Cheque	Training	135.00
T T Jones	Cheque	Electrical maintenance	404.38
Thorpe Hall	Cheque	Reimbursement of grant	809.13
Wel Medical	Cheque	Electrode Pads	171.30
Came & Co Ins.	Cheque	Council Insurance	707.42
T Higlett	Cheque	Zoom meeting	14.39

## III. Receipts –

Co-op Grant £809.13. This was a grant applied for the new hall and had been incorrectly paid into the parish council bank account. Sum transferred to Thorpe Hall by cheque.

South Norfolk is half precept £5,102.50

South Norfolk CIL £1,503.10

Advertising in Mardle £53.32

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

I. Footpaths – J Franey nothing to report. A letter of thanks to be sent to Jaydee gardens for their work in the village.

- II. Village maintenance – C Eastwood will advise council on costs for replacement noticeboards at next meeting. Request costings for a dog waste bin to be sited on the new development
- III. Nothing to report on war memorial.

12) Periodic items

Council reviewed the following council documentation:

I. Standing Orders

*All in favour*

13)Correspondence received

I. One Million trees for Norfolk – Council keen to be involved. Clerk to correspond with Norfolk County Council. R Burrige reminded council that there had been previous discussion on a tree to commemorate Mr Headley Smith or even a seat.

14)Car parking in the Crescent, Ashwellthorpe.

Land is owned by Saffron Housing and council would be best placed to correspond with them.

15) Urgent items for consideration but carry forward to next meeting.

R Burrige asked if all drainage work to counteract flooding was now resolved. N De Spon advised all works have been completed and perhaps a letter of thanks to Highways.

Co-option on the agenda for June

Invite representative from County Broadband to the July meeting

15)Date of next meeting. 15<sup>th</sup> June 7pm at St Nicholas Church Fundenhall.

Meeting closed at 20:17

Appendix 1.

District Councillors Report for Ashwellthorpe Annual Meeting

Covid restrictions apart there have been significant changes in operations at South Norfolk Council. There has been a move to combine many office functions with those of Broadland Council. For example, there is now a combined Planning Department. Residents therefore may find that they have to deal with officials from Broadland Council for certain functions. There is to be a common website and email address which hopefully will make these processes relatively seamless. The Council offices are now called The House and The Lodge respectively.

Hard copies of bin emptying calendars have not been issued so far this year. This is because there are proposals to change some of the rotas. Details are published on The Councils website. For those who do not have internet access a hard copy of the calendar can be obtained by telephoning The Councils Ketteringham Depot. Hard copies may be made later this year, when any rota changes have been made.

It is likely that some restrictions will remain in place following easement of the Covid regulations.

There will be limits to the number of people who can attend public meetings at The Council offices, for example. The details have yet to be clarified by officials.

The Members Ward Grant system is to continue as before. Residents who wish to take advantage of these should contact the District Councillors directly. The Community Action Fund grant system is also open for applications. These must be made by June 1st.

The Village Cluster element of The Greater Norwich Local Plan is expected to be published on June 1st. There will be a period of consultation afterwards.