

ASHWELLTHORPE AND FUNDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on
Tuesday 15th June 2021 at 7:00p.m

Present:

J Ives
Nick De Spon
Roy Burridge
Chris Eastwood
J Franey
Mrs T Higlett (Clerk)
District Cllrs N Legg, and G Francis
County Cllr B Duffin

1)To consider apologies for absence
None

2)Declarations of interest for items on the agenda and to consider any requests for dispensations.
R Burridge – Planning application 2021/1223.

3)To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th May 2021.
These were approved.

4)To discuss the co-option of a new councillors and to sign the Acceptance of Office and the Register of Interests form.
It was agreed to co-opt Jody Leggett and Kevin Peake onto the Parish Council. Both duly signed the Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

5)Cllr Duffin advised that County Council recently held their AGM. Various committees to be formed. Discussions currently around the Northern Distributor route, with contractors yet to be sourced. Notification should come out soon to parish councils to advise of the Local Members Highway Grant.

Cllr Legg spoke of the amount of South Norfolk Council employees who are still working from home. Concerned how things are being covered. Only five members on the planning committee not resumed to full committee, but this will be reviewed in September. May also consider going back to inviting members of the public to attend. Back log in planning applications. There has been an increase in applications but there is a shortage of staff which hasn't helped. Phase 2 of Wood Farm development still to be debated. This has been in the decision stage for two years

6)Finance

Completion of Audit 2020-21

I. Council approved exemption from external audit and approved signing of Certificate of Exemption for 2020-21.

Proposed by N De Spoon – seconded by C Eastwood – all in favour. Chairman and Clerk signed

II. Considered the assertions on and complete section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement

2020-21. Chairman and Clerk Signed

Clerk: Tina Higlett
June 2021 Minutes

Chair.....
Ashwellthorpe & Fundenhall Parish Council

III. Considered and approved section 2 Accounting Statements 2020-21. Chairman and Clerk signed.

IV. Bank reconciliation was duly noted and signed by the Chairman.

V. Receipts since last meeting.

a) Community Infrastructure Levy of £1503.10

b) VAT reclaim £719.37

VI. Payments approved

Payee	Method	Description	Amount
EON	Direct debit	Streetlight electricity	29.59
NALC	Cheque	Subscription	213.30
Mardens Gardens	Cheque	Village maintenance – Posts on map case	57.64
Spire Solicitors	Cheque	Legal Advice	570.00
J Vincent Bunn	Cheque	Footpath maintenance	394.63
T Higlett	Cheque	Stationery+ Zoom meeting – May	24.59
T Higlett	Cheque	June salary	259.44
Mardens Gardens.	Cheque	Village maintenance - Benches	88.29

7) Planning

2021/1157 Location: 10 The Crescent Ashwellthorpe NR16 1AA. Proposal: Two-storey side extension to form a new garage and bedroom over at first floor. New canopy over existing entrance and front of garage to provide shelter and improve the front elevation. Members had no comment to make. Proposed by C Eastwood – seconded by J Franey – all in favour.

R Burrige left the meeting.

2021/1223 Location: Thorneyside New Road Fundenhall Norfolk NR16 1HG

Proposal: Demolition of existing single storey agricultural worker dwelling and replace with two storey agricultural worker dwelling, including balcony and attached garage.

Members felt this would be a distinct improvement on current property situated on this site.

Members all in favour of the development.

Proposed by J Franey – seconded by K Peake - all in favour.

R Burrige was invited to re-join the meeting.

8) New Community Centre

C Eastwood advised a second meeting of the Trustees to be held. Still working on the booking system which will be online. Minimum time will be 1.5 hours and then in half hour increments. There will be three tiers of hire fees – resident of the villages, resident elsewhere and commercial business. Discount for clubs/societies booking long term.

The hall itself still has snagging to be done. Tennis courts are in planning stage. Pond and village green are still the responsibility of the developer until completion, which will hopefully be in September. J Leggett asked if council have considered an independent inspection of the hall prior to accepting. Members were in agreement. J Franey advised council have appointed SJB Safety Systems

to carry out any future health and safety/ risk assessment when the time comes to take on the ownership.

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

I. Footpaths J Franey reported that J Bunn has carried out the first cut. Church Road footpath has been cut by the ex authority house. Conversation will need to take place with Local landowner regarding the footpath by the village hall as it is too narrow for the cutting equipment. Tractor with a side cutter is suitable, front cutter not so. The bridge requires repairing which is not owned by the council. J Franey advised he has reported this on the NCC Highways website.

II. Mardens Gardens have satisfactorily carried out routine maintenance for the parish since November 2020. C Eastwood asked council to propose continuing with Mardens Gardens.

Proposed by N De Spon – seconded by R Burrige – all in favour.

C Eastwood advised he had provisionally looked at the cost of noticeboards. A magnetic board can cost from £335 upwards. Those which could be replaced are located on the Turnpike – Fundenhall, the old shop on the Street, Village Hall and New Road, Ashwellthorpe.

Propose to obtain quotations for the replacement of four noticeboards.

Proposed by N De Spon – seconded by J Leggett – all in favour

III. Community Speedwatch – No update on new batteries. J Ives advised she would contact I Bishop for an update.

10) Consultations

I. South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan - Regulation 18 Consultation. Members acknowledge receipt of correspondence

11) Village event to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee 2022

J Ives advised she would speak to C Smith regarding the beacon. Further discussions to take place.

12) Correspondence:

I. Allotment request. Council at present do not own or know of any suitable land. If more requests then council would have to revisit.

II. Norfolk ALC Wellbeing – Letter from the Chairman of the Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance

III. Norwich Western Link project update.

13) Items for discussion at next meeting:

Highway's flooding – ditch still to be dug out.

14) Date of next meeting

20th July – 7pm at St Nicholas Church, Fundenhall.

Meeting closed at 21:20