

ASHWELLTHORPE AND FUNDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2022 at 7pm
Meeting held at Thorpe Hall Ashwellthorpe

Present: J Ives (Chair)

N de Spon

C Leggett

R Burrige

S Allen

S Engamba Joined after item 3

A Arber Clerk

Two members of the public including District Councillors Ian Spratt and Gerry Francis

- 1) Apologies for Absence
Apologies received from Gus Williams and all agreed to accept
- 2) To consider the co-option of a new councillor
Since Councillor Peake resigned from the council and had not attended any meetings for 6 months the clerk contacted Elections to inform them and they agreed that we could co-opt a new councillor to replace Mr Peake.
Serge Engamba introduced himself to the councillor's and after a short discussion it was agreed to co-opt Serge to the council.
- 3) New councillor to sign the acceptance of office and register of interest's forms witnessed by The Clerk.
Serge Engamba duly signed the correct forms and was invited to take his seat on the Council by Chair Jacqueline Ives and was welcomed by all members.
- 4) Declarations of Interest
All members of the village hall committee declared an interest
All agreed to accept.
- 5) Minutes of the Meetings on 19th July 2022
Agreed and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record of the meeting with one small change
Proposed. Cllr Leggett Seconded Cllr Allen
- 6) Public Open Forum
Councillor Legg commented that that the move to Horizon house is ongoing with the move detailed to start in early Nov with SNDC staff moving to Broadland Lodge in early Nov.
Nutrient Neutrality is still an issue and it is hoped that there will be a solution early in 2023 as councils are working on this moving forward.

Chair.....

Prevention order post is being looked at with wardens being looked at to have powers to stop dogs being in play areas etc.

Grant application from Community Action fund has been declined for Ashwellthorpe Village Hall and the district councillor is looking at other funding schemes moving forward

Councillor Spratt made the following comments he had

Attended a presentation on Nutrient Neutrality and the complexity of this issue and once the presentation is sent to the councillor will look into it in greater detail.

The councillor also made comment that he had attended a presentation on this and there were many worries over the installation of the solar farm and again once more information is known he will inform the council

The district councillor also commented that he had managed to get a grant from Saffron for the village hall.

Questions were asked on the pylon issue and it was commented that a new consultation is due in the new year 2023.

It was also reported that Councillor Spratt had been successful in obtaining a grant of £5000 from Saffron towards a new play area at Thorpe Hall.

7). Planning

The following applications were noted for information only as the clerk had submitted the responses duly agreed by all councillors via email due to them not meeting before the time limit was up.

2021/2390 Application Declined

2022/1460 Application declined

2022/1659 The Council made no comment on this application

Tim Ollett planning appeal is for his planning application is still ongoing.

8). Matters Arising from previous Minutes,

No matters arising

9). Finance

a) Payments Since Last Meeting

None.

b) Payments for Agreement

The following payments were agreed:

A Arber	Salary and expenses July	£397.72
A Arber	Salary and expenses Aug	£349.92
A Arber	Salary and expenses Sept	£246.19
TT Jones	Annual Lights assessment	£46.24
Hiscox	Parish Insurance	£836.55
EE	Mobile Broadband	£38.33
Npower	Street light Electricity	£328.98
KBS depot	New Noticeboard	£500.40

Chair.....

As point 10.4

10.4 Update on the Lawyers work and formulate timescale

Still ongoing with no sign of an end of the legal process and it is hoped this can be moved forward very quickly with the Parish council keen to see a resolution asap.

10.5 To discuss the need for Electric charging point at the village Hall and SNDC plans to provide these on their latest scheme

The clerk reported that he had registered the parish councils' interest in the scheme

10.6 To receive a report and to consider any necessary action regarding:

a) Footpaths

No report on this

b) Village maintenance

c) To discuss moving the village noticeboard to next to the Ashwellthorpe Village sign

This has now been moved and this item will come of the agenda.

d) Community speed watch

No report as councillor Williams was away but councillor Leggett reported that there is now there is enough members for the speed watch to be out and about on this with all members now completing their forms and awaiting training days to be arranged.

e) To consider the concerns of a lack of burial space at Ashwellthorpe Church

Take off Agenda

f) To discuss ordering new trees under Norfolk County Council scheme

Councillor Despon has arranged this and we will get delivery soon of the new trees.

g) To agree to adopt the civility and respect campaign

The clerk took the meeting through the points and it was felt we should adopt the civility and respect campaign.

11). To consider correspondence received

Planning applications as discussed earlier

Details on email regarding the queen's death and protocol to be followed

Invoices received on items

Email with quote for mobile internet for Thorpe Hall

Emails issues of dog fouling in the churchyard

Email on three-year long-term Insurance agreements

Second Precept payment received

Emails on co-option of new councillor

Email from Councillor Williams advising will be unable to attend the next meeting

Emails on water level in the pond area

Parish Partnership bid submitted for new SAM Machine

Emails to Weller Headley's Reference the speed machines and them assisting us

12). Items for the Next Meeting:

- **Internal control Officer**

- **Speed machines response**

Chair.....

- Parish Council Budget
- Grants to the parish council gaining VAT reclaim allowed
- Lighting times

Date and Place of the Next Meeting:

15th November 2022 at Thorpe Hall at 7pm
Meeting closed 20.10pm

Chair.....