

ASHWELLTHORPE AND FUNDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 at 7pm  
Meeting held at Thorpe Hall Ashwellthorpe

Present: J Ives (Chair)

N de Spon  
G Williams  
S Engamba  
R Burridge  
S Allen  
C Leggett  
Alan Arber Parish Clerk

No members of the public including County Councillor Barry Duffin, District Councillors Ian Spratt and Mr Legg and Mr Francis

- 1) Apologies for Absence  
No apologies received.
- 2) Declarations of Interest  
All members of the village hall committee declared an interest  
All agreed to accept.
- 3) Minutes of the Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
Agreed and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record of the meeting.  
**Proposed. Cllr Williams      Seconded Cllr Allen**
- 4) Public Open Forum  
County Councillor Barry Duffin gave the following report  
County Council are stuck in budgets at present with full details to be sent to the clerk once completed and more information known.  
The county deal for Norfolk is also in discussion and if you go on the SNDC website the link is there for comments  
Children services have made a lot of progress and the latest Ofsted report gives them a good rating  
Finally, both Norfolk County Council and Suffolk County Council are opposing the pylons proposal and will be hosting a joint meeting on this.  
District  
Councillor Legg gave the following report  
South Norfolk Council have agreed their council tax rise and it is the same as last year set at Zero.  
The Horizon House move is getting closer and it is hoped SNDC will move in to the building in late May 2023 and half the building will be set up for the upcoming elections

Chair.....

With Nutrient Neutrality the council are moving to a scheme to offset the carbon emission's by building some areas to allow credits for the builders to purchase to allow the building programme to restart asap.

The Village Clusters Allocation Reg 19 for 15 dwellings on new road is still live and people can send their consultations in via the website and there were concerns around the sewage in Ashwellthorpe and the need to upgrade the Pumping station. At present there is no proposal to do this.

The Levelling up and regeneration bill has landed on the councillor's desk and as yet he has not had time to read through it all. The main reason for the bill is to reduce the global carbon emissions and the need for local authorities to help with this.

The local proposal from Orstead to has not moved forward yet with no information yet forthcoming

Finally, the pylons proposals have not moved and Norwich green east has seen no more information divulged to the public except they have stated they are not considering the offshore option due to costs,

It was requested by the councillor that a sign be put up on front of Thorpe Hall for parishioners to see this and if possible, a luminated sign on the road to show where the hall is. It was agreed that this would be looked at ASAP

Councillor Spratt made the following report

Coronation grants of £200 should be available soon,

A new tree planting scheme is being made available so SNDC can get to their total of 10,000 trees planted by local parishioners and councils in their area.

The pylons issue continues to rumble on and it was good to see the leader of the Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex pylon group being on Countryfile on Sunday for around 12 minutes getting the points across.

A bin collection app from SNDC is now available to notify parishioners when their bin will be collected and also contains recycling information too.

SNDC are working with extra staff during the election due to the issues they see with the voter ID scheme causing problems for parishioners and the councillor urged all parishioners to register for a postal vote moving forward

Finally, the scheme to reduce the carbon emission to zero by 2030 is moving forward with more info to follow.

Councillor Francis made the following report

No report as agreed with everything Councillor Legg reported

A councillor brought up the issue of the speeding close to common road being 60mph and asked that this be put on the agenda for the march meeting to try and get the speed limit reduced.

5). Planning

The following applications were received

- a). 2023/0312 No comments on application
- 2023/0120 No comments on application

Chair.....

b). To discuss the parish council's response to the Reg 19 clusters allocation for New road

The clerk commented that around 20 parishioners had attended the warm space to make their presentations and a notice will be put to all the houses on New Road to let them know that next week the 28<sup>th</sup> is the last warm space they can attend to make representations and that the link to do their representations online had been provided in the letter they were posting to the houses.

The clerk felt that if each councillor did their own representation so we maximise the representation for Ashwellthorpe and Fundenhall regarding the consultation as parishioners not as councillors

It was agreed that the parish council would send the following response: -

The Parish Council will object to the to the allocation on the grounds of flooding, the area not suitable and the inadequacy of the sewage system and need for a supplementary sewage pipe main drain in Ashwellthorpe to take the extra sewage and the need to upgrade the road due to how busy it is.

**Proposer Cllr Despon**

**Seconded Cllr Leggett**

**All agreed**

6). Matters Arising from previous Minutes,  
Gullies on the new estate

a) speed awareness machines and battery faults

Cllr Williams apologised that he had not been able to look at this for family reasons

7). Finance

a) Payments Since Last Meeting

None.

b) Payments for Agreement

The following payments were agreed:

I.	A Arber	January Salary	£558.58
II.	NPTS	Essential Seminar for clerk and Chair	£108.00
III.	HMRC	Tax and NI	£95.27
IV.	EE	Mobile Internet for Clerk's office Jan	£36.00
V.	Npower	Street Lights Dec	£32.46
VI.	Viking	warm space sundries	£253.98
VII.	Fundenhall Church	Annual Grant	£250.00
VIII.	Ashwellthorpe Church	Annual grant	£250.00

**Proposed Cllr Despon**

**Seconded Cllr Allen**

c) Receipts since the Last Meeting:

None

d) Financial Position as of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023

The bank statements had now been received and the balance at the start of the meeting was £24,688,06 in the current account and £3450.91 making a total of £28,138.97 as per the councillor's report

**Proposed Cllr Despon**

**Seconded Cllr Allen**

Chair.....

e) To receive details of the Internal auditor and approve the appointment

The clerk commented that he had contacted Sonya Blythe (town clerk to Cringleford Town Council) and a very good internal auditor to many councils and Sonya had agreed to undertake out internal audit for an initial cost of £55

**Proposed Cllr Engamba                      Seconded Cllr Allen**

8). To receive an update on Thorpe Hall  
Hall handed over to Parish Council and other items to the charity and all done

9). To receive a report and to consider any necessary action regarding:

a). Footpaths

No report from the Footpath warden.

One footpath at the new estate is not very clear at the point after the new pond on the tree line which brings you back in a circle.

b). Village maintenance

Nothing to report except Life buoys will be with us in 2 weeks

c). Community speed watch

Cllr Williams commented that he has been unable to do this for family reasons

d). To receive the village hall report including the warm space and Christmas events

The warm space attendance continues to grow especially as parishioners can do their Clusters allocation Reg 19 consultation with the clerks help. This has proved popular with over 20 parishioners attending to do their consultation online and many more expected on the 28<sup>th</sup> February as the deadline draws close

The coronation event for the village will take place on Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> at the village hall and we know grants are available and the chair asked if a grant could be made from the parish council and the village hall. Items are in place such as music and bouncy castle, Morris dancers and Archery.

It was also noted that an Anglo-Saxon society with historical re-enactments of battles using the playing field for practices.

It was agreed that a donation of £250 from the parish council to the event

**Proposed Cllr Williams                      Seconded Cllr Leggett**

e). To discuss the printing of the Mardle and options to move forward with an online version

The clerk had been submitted the latest winter Mardle to put on the website and it was too large a file to do this and he had contacted NALC who look after our website and the answer was passed onto the editor for his attention

f). To agree meeting dates and locations for 2023-24

The clerk had submitted a list of dates for 2023-24 and it was agreed that these were correct and that we would meet at Fundenhall Church in both June and July

**Proposed Cllr Williams                      Seconded Cllr Leggett**

g). To discuss the purchasing of benches for the village hall and pond area.

The clerk had obtained 2 quotes for benches at the village hall and pond are they are as follows

Chair.....

British Recycled Plastics for 5 recycled Plastic benches a total of £2277.84 including 2 wheelchair accessible benches

KBS Depot for 5 recycled Plastic benches at a total of £2058.00 including 2 wheelchair accessible benches

Anchors for both company benches to allow fixing to the floor was extra

It was agreed to go with KBS depot

**Proposed Cllr Leggett                      Seconded Cllr Engamba**

10). To note correspondence received

Election Nomination packs received

Life buoys quote received

Benches quotes received from British recycled plastics

Benches quote received from KBS depot

Website updated

Clusters allocation Reg 19 seminar attended

Clusters Allocation Reg 19 information received

15 Clusters Allocation Reg 19 consultations dealt with

Information request about getting the Mardle on our website

Above information sent to the editor

Planning application 2023/0312 as discussed

Coronation emails from NALC received

Email regarding Treasure Quest received

Emails received on dog fouling in Ashwellthorpe wood

Ashwellthorpe Churchyard annual maintenance grant received

Fundenhall Churchyard annual maintenance grant received

Email from Play equipment provider to say should be installed around mid-march

11). Items for the Next Meeting:

Election papers

Gullies on New estate (must be done)

Allocation of roles

Footpath Maps

Bins

Defib Training

Speed limit extending to common road

12). Date and Place of the Next Meeting:

21st March 2023 at Thorpe Hall at 7.00 pm

Meeting closed at 8.14pm

Chair.....