

ASHWELLTHORPE AND FUNDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 19th July 2022 at 7pm
Meeting held at St Nicholas Church, Fundenhall

Present: J Ives (Chair)

N de Spon

G Williams

R Burridge

S Allen

A Arber Clerk

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

- 1) Apologies for Absence
Apologies received from C Leggett, County Councillor Barry Duffin District Councillor Nigel Legg.
- 2) Declarations of Interest
All members of the village hall committee
All agreed to accept.
- 3) Minutes of the Meetings on 7th June 2022
Agreed and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record of the meeting with one small change
Proposed. Cllr Allen Seconded Cllr De Spon
- 4) Public Open Forum
No public in attendance
District Councillor Ian Spratt gave the following report.
Attended full SNDC meeting on 11/7 motion put forward by a councillor to lobby our members of government on Green east Pylons proposal. Motion covered many points and the council voted in favour of this motion of opposing the proposals, Shaping the future seminar where items were discussed around many different items and there are bid writing schemes for district councillors to put forward for future applications with bud writing schemes for councillors to attend.
Electric Charging points for the village hall need to be registered and the clerk has done this already.
A question was asked on the costs for both schemes and it was noted that the figures were quite substantially different from above ground to below ground with exact figures not known.
- 5). Planning
2022/1174 Outbuildings adjacent to Loke Farm Ashwellthorpe
Proposal: Conversion of outbuildings to form 1 x dwelling, driveway and improvement works and new carport

Chair.....

The Parish Council reviewed the applications and decided to support the application Proposed by Cllr Ives, seconded by Cllr Allen, all in favour

6). Matters Arising from previous Minutes,

a) Noticeboard

A response regarding the posts was awaited from Highways, the Clerk had chased the Highway engineer today but no reply yet received and the clerk will contact them on this again.

b) Speed Awareness Machines and Faults

A response had not been received from the manufacture; the Clerk would continue to pursue. NPTS have agreed to help us on this if we become members.

c) To consider joining NPTS

The clerk took the council through the benefits of joining and the cost for this year as £102.50. It was agreed to join and the clerk will contact NPTS to facilitate this
Proposed Cllr de Spon Seconded Cllr Allen

7). Finance

a) Payments Since Last Meeting

None.

b) Payments for Agreement

The following payments were agreed:

A Arber	Salary and expenses	£439.45
TT Jones	Annual Lights assessment	£42.42
NPTS	C Leggett Training	£55.00
NPTS	Annual Subscription	£102.05
Fundenhall PCC	Hire for meetings	£60.00
Glasdon UK	New dog bins	£369.55
Tharston and Hapton PC	Clerks Annual Training Seminar/Conference (shared with all his parishes)	£125.00
Proposed Cllr De Spon	Seconded Cllr Allen	

c) Receipts since the Last Meeting:

VAT Refund received for the total of £1084.80

Interest on Savings account £0.26p

d) Financial Position as of 1st June 2022

The bank statements had now been received and the balance at the start of the meeting was £15,766.11 in the current account and £3447.93 making a total of £19214.04 but 2 cheques remain uncashed at a total of £272.00 leaving a final total of £15,494.11 in the current account.

Proposed Cllr Allen Seconded Cllr DeSpon

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The clerk also produced a report for the council showing this month's payments as we do not meet in August. The clerk was thanked for this.

e). To receive an update on new signatories and internet banking

The clerk was pleased to report he had been sent an acknowledgment letter regarding the new signatories being in place 7 working days from receipt which was on Monday 11th July so all signatories should be in place. The clerk will now work on getting Barclays internet banking in place asap.

8). To receive and update on Thorpe Hall.

8.1 To discuss the proposed handover of Thorpe Hall and other items on the sect 106 notice to the Parish Council and Ashwellthorpe and Fundenhall Community Charity

As point 8.4

8.2 The Pond, Outlet. Footpath. Village Green and fencing around the Pond to the Parish council

As point 8.4

8.3 To Parish council for direct transfer to Ashwellthorpe and Fundenhall Charity the Hall, Tennis Courts, Car Park, Sports Pitch, Groundsman Hut, and grassed areas surrounding the hall.

As point 8.4

8.4 Update on the Lawyers work and formulate timescale

The lawyers were discussing the access road and T junction and a query on the ownership on the rights and drainage. Highways was asking for money on this and again the lawyers are dealing with this issue. The hall is being used more now with more people coming forward and it is hoped the online booking system would be up and running by 31st July 2022.

The village hall

8.5 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

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

a) Footpaths

No report on this

b) Village maintenance

The clerk reported that the rangers will cut FP8 and FP9 in the coming weeks as requested.

The clerk also reported that the hedge that was causing issues on The Street Ashwellthorpe had now been cut back.

Garden area outside the old village hall needs clearing and it was agreed Richard Marden to tidy this up on the frontage and anything that's growing out of the walls.

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- c) To discuss moving the village noticeboard to next to the Ashwellthorpe Village sign
It was discussed moving the new noticeboard by the Ashwellthorpe village sign. A discussion was had on if we owned the land. It was thought we need to ask the church warden on this and the clerk will action this on the faculty.
- d) Community speed watch
Cllr Williams reported that he had an email today from Norfolk Constabulary that 4 members of the group have passed their vetting and it was thought that 2 more members had come forward to make up 6 members for the group to run with full capacity. The new 4 members need to watch a training video and undertake training to get the scheme moving forward.
- e) To consider the concerns of a lack of burial space at Ashwellthorpe Church
There is lots of room at the back and it was agreed to take this off the agenda.
- f) To discuss Operation London Bridge and How the council will react when this is needed
It was agreed to accept this policy
- g) To approve all Parish council polices updated.
Proposed Cllr Williams Seconded Cllr Allen
- h) To discuss ordering new trees under Norfolk County Council scheme
The clerk reported that a new scheme was being brought out by Norfolk County Council where the Parish council would pay 50% of any packs ordered it was agreed to look at, **I dig Trees** website and the vice chair would work with the clerk on this urgently
- i) To receive and discuss the latest plans for Shaping our Future with SNDC
This was provided for information moving forward as detailed earlier the clerk had registered our interest on the electric Charging points.

- 9). To consider correspondence received
 - Planning applications as discussed earlier
 - Barclays Signatories
 - Invoices received
 - Email from NALC regarding payment being 65p short
 - Emails on Installing broadband in Thorpe Hall
 - NPTS on Training and Join their service
 - Email regarding ranger’s work
 - Emails regarding hedge on the street Ashwellthorpe

- 10). Items for the Next Meeting:
 - **Internal control Officer**
 - **Speed machines response**
 - **CiL Monies and what figure is left**

Date and Place of the Next Meeting:
20th September 2022 at Thorpe Hall at 7pm
Meeting closed 20.10pm

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