

Minutes of Ashwellthorpe & Fundenhall Parish Council Meeting 15th May 2007.

Present: Mr H Smith, Mrs L Preston, Mrs C Bushell, Mr G Kelly, Mr B Duffin, Mr J Brooks, Mr G Betts, Ms S Burton (Parish Clerk).

Apologies: None.

Election of Chairman: Mr B Duffin was elected.
Proposed Mrs C Bushell
Seconded by Mrs L Preston.

Election of Vice Chairman: Mrs C Bushell was elected
Proposed by Mr B Duffin
Seconded by Mr H Smith.

Election of Internal Auditor:

Mr G Kelly volunteered for this post, this and was agreed by all Councillors as all in favour.

Mr H Smith wished to thank everyone for their support during his term in office. Mrs L Preston wished Mr Smith well and congratulated him on his District Councillor Office Post.

The Declaration of Acceptance forms were signed by all Parish Councillors. Mr H Smith offered to take the forms to SNC.

Mr B Duffin (new Chairman) suggested that for the remainder of this meeting only that Mr H Smith (Past Chairman) remained in the chair. The reason for this was that Mr B Duffin was absent from the previous meeting and Mr Smith therefore was more informed of current issues than himself.

Minutes of previous meeting: These were approved and signed By Mr B Duffin.

Matters arising:

- 1) The separation of SNC into 2 separate seats mentioned in last month's minutes refers to the Parliamentary Seats at the General Election.
- 2) A letter has been sent to the relevant person concerning the Planning Appeal by Mr Cugnoni.
- 3) Flexibus confirmation of new operator has now been received.
- 4) The Unitary bid as previously reported by Mr R McClenning as "very unlikely" is not as accurate as first thought and it could very well happen in the future.

Planning:

- 1) 2007/0773 Mr H Mason, conversion of 2x no. houses at numbers 1 & 2 Whipps Lane Fundenhall, The Parish Council took a vote on the planning application and it was approved in favour 4-3 against.

Mrs L Preston still felt disappointed that there will be 2 no. properties knocked into one very large dwelling. Mr G Betts agreed stating that he felt the character of the properties would be lost.

Mr B Duffin stated that the plans appear to have 2x separate small extensions and that if either of them were looked at separately would in his opinion most likely be passed.

Overall Mr B Duffin feels that it is an acceptable scheme but it is not that dissimilar to previous schemes put forward to the Parish & South Norfolk Council.

- 2) 2007/0965 Dr Yvonne Watts 35 The Street, Ashwellthorpe re change of use to land at the rear of the property, approved all in favour.

3) 200/0824 Grange Farm, Ashwellthorpe re change of use from former farm office to office usage with class use B1, approved all in favour.

4)2007/0850 Sleepers Station House, Ashwellthorpe re proposed single storey side extension, replacement porch, conservatory & garage, approved all in favour.

5) 2007/0802/03 20 The Street, Ashwellthorpe re internal alterations & replace existing flat roof with a pitched roof, approved all in favour.

Correspondence read out:

1. East of England Regional Assembly **meeting on 22.05.07 @ 2pm Norfolk County Council**, Norfolk. Invitation to attend meeting to discuss Government Policy compliance to meet the needs of Gypsy & Travellers.

2. SNC LDF Gypsy & Traveller Local Development Document Issues and options stage. This was emailed to all councillors prior to elections & again on the 11.05.07. **CONSULTATION PERIOD RUNS FROM 16.04.07 – 18.06.07** (circulated by email prior to elections)

3. SNC Norwich City Council's bid for Unitary Status – 2x documents providing information & some Q&A on the issue.

4. Parish & Town Councils –Norwich Unitary Status presentation by Norwich City Council to hear advantages of unitary status for Norwich & Norfolk, at Wensum Valley Golf Club, Taverham 23rd May 7pm
& Also

Presentation by Norfolk County Council & the District Councils about the advantages of retaining the status quo for Norwich & Norfolk at South Norfolk House, Long Stratton 31st May 7pm.

Both have RSVP date of 21.05.07

5. Norfolk Matters Newsletter

6. Norfolk Link Newsletter

7. NCC Norfolk minerals & waste framework questionnaire

8. Norfolk Constabulary mobile police office timetable.

E-mail Correspondence as circulated to all Parish Councillors by forwarding e-mails;

1. Ashwellthorpe Village Hall –schedule of standard conditions email received from Mr S Weiner, needs to be read agreed & signed on behalf of PC.

2. Letter from Mr S Weiner received via email requesting document re Village Hall T&C acceptance & also to move the Parish computer to the Village Hall.

3. Register of members interests forms from SNC

4. Alliance Cornhill Insurance documents for review prior to requesting amended schedule.

5. Public Call Box information from SNC

6. Master class offered by Inspire East

It was decided that the Allianz Insurance renewal should be amended as follows; To remove all computer equipment and play ground equipment, but to add the new refuse bin and the Village notice boards. The Parish Council felt that before next year the War Memorial should be re-valued.

Accounts:

Balance of Community Account £1712.84

Balance of Business Premium Account £3319.47

Mr H Smith stated the £8 bank Charges levied by Barclays Bank would be refunded.

Highways:

It has been suggested by Mr G Overland that the other side of New Road would be more suitable for the sitting of a new notice board, behind the existing bench. Mr H Smith asked the Parish Council to consider this site. The site for the old village stores / post office has been approved. A grant has been applied for by Mr H Smith for the new notice board.

Communication Committee & The Mardle:

Mr H Smith asked if any one would be willing to take over the Mardle from June 2007, and also reminded everyone that he required copy before June 2007 for the current edition.

New Notice Boards & Footpath Map Boards:

The new footpath maps have now been erected.

District Councillor Report:

Mr H Smith gave his first District Councillor report, and advised the Parish Council that he was on several committee, but was the Chairman of the Central Area Neighbourhood Forum, which was linked to Police Areas. This formed a liaison between the Police & the Council to attempt to tackle antisocial behaviour etc.

County Councillor Report:

Mr B Spratt was absent from the meeting.

AOB:

- 1) Mr G Kelly complained about the bungalow on the left hand side of New Road just before Gibraltar Farm was an eyesore, and queried if this was subjected to an agricultural restriction. Mr Kelly requested that the enforcement Officer be asked to visit the property and see if anything could be done to tidy the property up. The Parish Council felt that this should be deferred to a later meeting.
- 2) Mr B Duffin raised the issue of sub committees and asked that the Parish Councillors decide which areas they would be most interested in, and bring this with them to the next meeting.
- 3) Mrs Stanley brought up the issue of the Parish Plan not being followed up; Mrs L Preston explained that some of the items have already been implemented, but that other items make take some considerable time before they can happen.
- 4) Mrs L Packer & Mrs M Weiner insisted that their letter of complaint be read out at the meeting.
- 5) Mr S Weiner had emailed the playgroup to enquire if anyone else could benefit from the use of the computer and could this therefore be placed in the village hall. The Parish Council will look into this matter, and enquire with SNC over the actual ownership of the computer.
- 6) Mr S Weiner has as yet produced no costs for the new backing material for the village notice boards.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.37pm.