

Minutes of Ashwellthorpe & Fundenhall Parish Council Meeting 18th December 2007.

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

Apologies: None

Minutes of previous meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed By Mr B Duffin.

Mr G Kelly would make the necessary contacts regarding the annual property inspection of Ashwellthorpe & Fundenhall that took place on Sunday November 4th 2007.

Planning:

There were no planning applications

Correspondence:

1. Greater Norwich Development Partnership, issues & option booklet
2. Norfolk PCT Proposed priorities & vision for next three years
3. NCC tele shopping for older people
4. Norfolk Constabulary mobile police timetable
5. SNC Unitary Government for Norfolk

Accounts:

- Balance of Community Account £2535.96
- Balance of Business Premium Account £3157.82

Standing Orders.

It was agreed that this would be placed onto the agenda for January 2008 meeting

Precept & Village Hall Repairs

A precept of £6000.00 for 2008-2009 had been agreed at the November meeting and also a donation of £1500.00 had been agreed at the November meeting.

New Village Notice Board

Mr H Smith brought in one of the new Village notice boards for all of the Parish Council to see. Mr H Smith advised that the new notice boards needed to be erected for the grant to be received. Mr H Smith has made the necessary arrangements with Mr H Morgan. Ms S Burton reported problems with faulty doors on both the Ashwellthorpe & Fundenhall notice boards.

It was proposed by Mr H Smith that the damaged existing notice board at Ashwellthorpe Village Hall be swapped with one of the new ones, a vote was taken and the proposal was carried in favour 5/2

Highways & Footpaths:

Mr J Brooks had received a complaint about the condition of New Road. Mr H Smith offered to contact the highways dept.

NRCC

There was nothing further to report on this issue.

District Councillor Report:

The Mardle had been printed by SNC and an invoice would be sent directly to Ms S Burton for payment.

Mr H Smith asked if the Parish Council wished to have the new notice boards engraved, it was decided at this time the Parish Council would decline and wait until a later date due to funds. Neighbourhood forum had been set up in Wymondham and the next meeting would be on the Friday 15th February 2008 in Ashwellthorpe Village Hall. This was for clubs societies and community funding, a maximum of £2000.00 grants were available and application forms were available from SNC.

Mr H Smith had seen on SNC website that there was a £200,000.00 funding available for play equipment within SN area

Car parks charges were being reviewed and that it would be likely that charging would occur in Loddon & Harleston as there was a £300,000.00 deficit in the budget for car park maintenance and repairs.

County Councillor Report:

Mr B Spratt advised that RAF Colitshall would become a category C prison

The Great Yarmouth Harbour was progressing well

Unitary status was an ongoing issue

Adult social services was progressing well in particular with the direct payment programme

Children's social services, there were 14 schools in special needs that would be reviewed in 2008.

The budget was progressing well and it was anticipated that NCC element of the council tax would be 2.75-4%.

Finally Mr B Spratt had visited the Hethel Engineering Centre on 18/12/2007 to view the expansion plans, it would in his opinion provide numerous extra jobs for the area and would be of great benefit.

Mr B Duffin wished everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.