

Minutes of Ashwellthorpe & Fundenhall Parish Council Meeting 20th February 2007.

Present: Mr H Smith (Chairman), Mr B Duffin (vice Chairman), Mrs L Preston, Mr P Muskett, Ms S Burton (Parish Clerk). Mr R McClenning District Councillor

Apologies: Mr R McClenning, Mrs C Bushell, G Kelly.

Minutes of previous meeting: These were approved and signed By Mr H Smith

Matters arising:

- Mr H Smith, Mrs L Preston, and Mr P Muskett all met at the Kings Head to discuss the plans which were delayed by SNC for the previous meeting. It was decided to refuse the application for a larger house on the plot to the east of the Old School House.
- The wind turbine plans had not been passed.
- The new refuse bin had been purchased.

Planning Applications:

a) 2007/0134 Mr & Mrs M & J Seal, 31 The Street, Ashwellthorpe, NR16 1HD: Addition of solar water collectors to garage roof to provide a non polluting, sustainable energy source.

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This application was discussed because 'Listed Building Consent' only had been applied for and a new application for full planning permission would be submitted any day. It was agreed that when the plans were re-submitted that the plans should be approved.

b) 2007/0186 Mr H Mason 1 & 2 Whipps Lane, Fundenhall: Alteration & extension to property. This was refused on the following grounds. Mrs L Preston felt the plans were not in keeping & was saddened to lose 2x semi detached farm cottages from local affordable housing stock. Mr B Duffin wished to state that he is not happy with the proposal as it does not appear to be in keeping with current dwellings.

c) 2007/0332 Taylors Garden Buildings, Ashwellthorpe Industrial Estate, Ashwellthorpe: Replacement Industrial Units to include office & show area.

This was refused due to the following concerns; the height of the proposed building was overpowering, as the unit to the east of the proposal was only of single storey in height. There had been no provision for any improvements to road or the entrance to the Industrial Estate. There were no provisions for any car parking in an area where there were already problems. It was suggested that the Parish Council would like to see detailed plans with full height measurements and also a street scene should this proposal be pursued.

Knyvett Green Play Area / Equipment:

It was agreed unanimously to hand over control to SNC. All Parish Councillors present felt that the Parish Council were unable to afford to maintain the play area, therefore felt there was no choice but to relinquish control.

County Councillor Report:

Mr B Spratt informed the Parish Council that the suggested £30 rebate to pensioners had not made it onto the agenda at the County Council meeting, therefore the item was not able to be discussed or voted on, and the current year council tax for 2007/2008 would not reflect the suggested rebate. There was a comment from one of the Parishioners present about recent works undertaken to Greenwood Close, and a proposed drainage problem scheme. The discussion turned a little heated at one point and the member of the public stated that he felt the works to Greenwood Closed were a waste of both time and money, alleging that all residents felt the same and that no one living in

Greenwood Close wished to have any further disruption or works undertaken. Mr B Spratt stated that if this was indeed the view then he would stop the works proceeding in Greenwood Close.

Mr B Spratt also stated that Children's Services were in trouble with a shortage of Foster Carers.

Correspondence

1. Letter from SNC re caravan at Woodhouse Cottage, 11 The Street, Ashwellthorpe. This was read out.
2. Letter from SNC re Norfolk Open Link – South Norfolk; Wireless internet access at Ashwellthorpe Industrial Estate. This was noted
3. Post watch – The Post Office Network DTI Consultation Document. This was irrelevant as we no longer have a post office.
4. S.W. Area Planning Committee Agenda. This had already taken place.
5. Parish & Town Councils – Spring Seminar & Update. Mrs L Preston took these details.
6. The Playing Field Newsletter. This was noted.
7. Norfolk Link Newsletter. This was noted.
8. NCC – Guide to Road Safety in Norfolk booklet. Mrs L Preston took these details.
9. S.N. Environmental Liaison Group – The Green sheet Newsletter. This was noted.
10. SNC Parish & Town Council Conference advance notification 22.06.07 at 9.30am. This was noted.
11. SNC letter advising of withdrawn planning application 2007/0134. This had already been discussed.

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

1. Avian Influenza This was noted.
2. Election of a Parish /Town Council Representative Mr J Cowan was the member the Parish Council voted for.
3. Saffron Housing Trust: Care Community Alarm Service. This was given to Mr H Smith for inclusion in the Mardle.

Accounts

Balance of Community Account £266.88

Balance of Business Premium Account ££4319.17

Cheque received from EDF for £6.80 to be banked

Cheques were written out for the following:

Glasdon £198.98 for the rubbish bin

Cartledge £296.50 for the second year of the street light maintenance contract

Ms S Burton for £36.66 for reimbursement of expenses incurred.

Communications Committee & The Mardle

There was to be a meeting on the 10.03.07 concerning the gardening club formation. Mr H Smith was in the throws of putting together the Mardle for the Easter edition and was collection items before the deadline.

Drainage from the Parish land onto Wymondham Road

This problem was explained By Mr Kew who attended the Parish Council meeting. It was decided that Mr H Smith would contact Mr G Overland at Highways and try to arrange an onsite meeting in the hope a sensible solution could be found. Mr Kew gave his contact telephone number to Ms S Burton.

Notice boards displaying Footpaths in the Area

It was decided that the Village notice board should be labelled Ashwellthorpe & Fundenhall, but should include the paths leading to Wrenningham & Tacolneston.

A.O.B

Mr Sid Weiner was the new Chairman of the Village Hall and his contact details were noted as follows:

Serendipity

9 Knyvett Green

Tel 01508 481938

Ashwellthorpe,

Norwich

NR16 1HA

The question was raised if the Parish Council would like padlock on the notice boards, it was decided not to do this as it would involve several keys being in circulation, as there were many members who needed to access the notice boards during the Month.

Fundenhall Notice board still required some attention to the doors.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.24pm