

Ashwellthorpe & Fundenhall Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 15th January 2008

Present: - Mr B Duffin, Mr H Smith, Mrs L Preston, Mr J Brooks, Mr G Kelly
Ms S Burton, Clerk to the Parish Council

Apologies: - Mrs C Bushell, Mr G Betts

Minutes of Previous Meeting: - These had been circulated previously and were duly signed by the Chairman. It was agreed that cheque payments made at the December meeting should be formally identified. These were: -

1. Cheque No. 100419 for £39.42 to S Burton – expenses ink, stamps etc
2. Cheque No. 100420 for £141.00 to Audit Commission – Audit Fee
3. Cheque No. 100421 for £928.25 to Tucker Resources – New notice board
4. Cheque No. 100422 for £1500.00 to Ashwellthorpe Village Hall – to cover debts

Mr Smith advised that meeting date in his report should read 15th February not January.

Planning Applications: -

1. Mr M Grady Bellars Barns, The Street, Ashwellthorpe – Extension to redevelopment of barns. The Parish Council voted against this application as it believed that substantial parts of the building were beyond repair and that only footings remained in several places. Mr Duffin agreed to contact Mr Ellis, the agent for Mr Grady, to try to arrange a site visit and he also undertook to obtain an extension for the application response.
2. Mr & Mrs Silver 126 The Street, Ashwellthorpe – Insertion of 2 windows and french doors to east elevation – agreed all in favour.

Correspondence: - read out.

Ms S Burton gave her letter of resignation as Clerk to the Parish Council with immediate effect as she was taking further responsibilities at work and would not have the time to continue as clerk.

The Parish Council thanked Ms Burton for her efforts as clerk.

The Parish Council to decide on a suitable advertisement for a replacement clerk. Mr Kelly offered to be clerk until a permanent replacement could be found. Mr Duffin will contact N.C.A.P.T.C. for a draft contract. Ms Burton will advise both South Norfolk and N.C.C of the changes.

Accounts: - Balances read out - Current A/C £3006.18, Deposit A/C £2671.43

Cheque No.100423 issued for £88.02 to South Norfolk Council for printing of the December Mardle

Cheque No.100424 issued for £51.00 to Ashwellthorpe Village Hall for hire of Hall for PC meetings

Highways & Footpaths: - Mr Brooks advised that he had not received a reply from Semmence Coach Services to date but he will chase them for some action to be taken. Mr Brooks also advised that some 20 plus people had attended the village footpath walk.

District Councillor Report: - Mr Smith advised the following:-

1. Bridge at Blacksmiths Lane – the preferred option was infilling under the bridge and would be undertaken later this year. Mr Smith thought that a tunnel through the infill would be of benefit for walkers and he will discuss this with Mr B Spratt our Norfolk County Councillor.
2. A planning training session is to be held at South Norfolk on 5th February (e-mail on this had been circulated by S Burton)
3. Safer Neighbourhoods meeting is to be held on 29th January
4. SNC were planning for a low increase in Council Tax for the coming financial year.
5. Mr Smith discussed the e-mail from Abi Dennington – Price, South Norfolk enabling officer, re affordable housing sites Mrs Preston thought that both the Parish Council and Flagship Housing should identify suitable sites for possible development. A piece of land has been proposed by Mr R Clark and it was agreed that this proposal be put to AD-P and Laura Handford of Flagship Housing for investigation prior to identifying other potential sites.

The meeting closed at 21.30hrs