

**Ashwellthorpe & Fundenhall Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

**Present:** - Mr B Duffin, Mrs C Bushell, Mr J Brooks, Mr G Betts, Mrs L Preston,  
Mr H Smith, Mr G Kelly

**Apologies:** - No apologies

**Election of Officers:** -

Chairman: - Mr B Duffin proposed by Mrs L Preston, seconded by Mr J Brooks – all in favour

Vice Chairman: - Mrs C Bushell proposed by Mr H Smith, seconded by Mr G Betts – all in favour

Internal Auditor: - Mr G Kelly proposed by Mr H Smith, seconded by Mr B Duffin – all in favour

Mr H Smith was elected as the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee

**Minutes of April Meeting:** - These had been circulated previously and were duly signed by the Chairman.

**Minutes of January Meeting:** - These had been circulated previously and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Mr Kelly asked of the whereabouts of the Minute Book and questioned if we still had one as he could not recollect the previous clerk having one at the meetings. Mr Smith and Mr Duffin agreed to look for the minute book in the items that they had received from Ms Burton and Mr Duffin also agreed to speak with her about the missing item.

**Affordable Housing:** -

Ms A. Dennington-Price, South Norfolk Enabling Officer addressed the meeting following the recent interchange of correspondence. She advised that the sites proposed by the Parish Council had been forwarded to S. Norfolk planning and she was awaiting a response. One of these sites would be developed by Flagship Housing if acceptable to the planning authorities. After some debate Ms Dennington-Price agreed to consider the proposal from Mr P Muskett which would be developed by Saffron Housing if planning consent was given. Mr Muskett agreed to present his scheme to her and also to have some proposals to put before the Parish Council at their next meeting. Ms Dennington-Price also agreed that, hopefully, she would be able to provide details re the other possible sites by the next Parish Council meeting.

**Planning Applications:** -

1. Mr W James, The Chapel, New Road, Fundenhall – Raise extension roof height & internal alterations. The Parish Council were against this application as the proposed new windows on the front elevation were not in keeping with those of the original chapel.
2. Mr & Mrs Howard, Sleepers, Norwich Road, Ashwellthorpe – Alteration of roof type of approved side extension and conservatory. The Parish Council were in favour of this application.
3. Mr R Burrige, Manor Farm, Fundenhall – Proposed extension, alterations, demolitions and rebuild. The Parish Council were in favour of this application.

**Correspondence:** -

1. SNC re approval for 91 The Street, Ashwellthorpe– demolition of bungalow and erection of 1 detached house and 2 semi-detached houses.

2. SNC re approval for Wood Farm, Ashwellthorpe – change of use of cart barn to domestic storage, rebuild existing garage and replace army hut with smaller building.
3. SNC re YMCA supported lodgings – poster
4. SNC re Local Government Reorganisation plus booklets
5. South Norfolk Alliance re election of Town/Parish representative
6. SNC re Dog Fouling Order – fine up to £1000.00 – consultation.
7. SNC re approval for 122 The Street, Ashwellthorpe – insertion of windows etc
8. SNC re S.W. Area Planning Committee – Agenda for 22<sup>nd</sup> April Meeting
9. SNC re Consultation with Town & Parish Clerks meeting 5<sup>th</sup> June – agenda
10. SNC re payment of first half of precept
11. SNC re South Norfolk Housing Forum meeting 12<sup>th</sup> June – theme Housing & Support
12. Ashwellthorpe Village Hall re resignations and appointments.

**Accounts: -**

Mr Kelly presented the accounts for the Financial year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008. These were formally adopted and duly signed by the Chairman.

Mr Kelly advised that he was trying to complete the Audit for the previous financial year and that no VAT had been reclaimed for the past three years. He would attend to this latter item provided that relevant invoices could be found.

**Speedwatch:-**

Mr Smith advised that the equipment cost £750.00 and that we would need to insure this for the period of time that the parish used it. It was understood that Bunwell Parish Council had received a quotation for £10.00 for insurance and Mr Smith undertook to look into this matter.

With regard to volunteers to undertake Speedwatch the parish council was advised that so far only two people had offered their services.

**Footpaths & Highways: -**

Mr J Brooks advised that the crossfield public footpaths had not been cut and were virtually impassable. Mr N Aldous at N.C.C. was not being that helpful in resolving this problem and so Mr Brooks intended to complain to Mr Barber at N.C.C.

Mr Brooks advised that the hedges on the road through Fundenhall were fine.

**S. Norfolk Council Report: -** No report

**Norfolk County Council Report: -** No report

**Village Plan Events: -**

Mrs Preston advised that a programme of events/activities would be being held in the village commencing on July 12<sup>th</sup> which would be the introductory day. The activities would be based on ideas put forward in the Village Plan and would cover such themes as health, fitness, community care etc.,etc. This was being held in conjunction with Fornsett and all activities would be subsidised.

**New Noticeboards: -**

These had been erected and it was agreed that the Parish Council would use one half of the boards which could be locked. The other half would be left open for use by the general public.

Mr Duffin agreed to go and see the parishioners at the bottom of New Road who were unhappy about the siting of the noticeboard there.

The meeting closed at 21.50hrs.