

Minutes of Ashwellthorpe & Fundenhall Parish Council Meeting 16th October 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.

Planning:

20072034 Mr P E Muskett Esq., Cart Barn at Wood Farm, The Street, Ashwellthorpe.
Conversion of storage / unused areas to domestic accommodation. Approved all in favour.

2007/2155 Mr & Mrs C Loveday, Land at East of The Old School House, The Street, Ashwellthorpe. Proposed erection of a dwelling and a garage. Refused unanimously

Correspondence:

- NRCC Community Buildings request for information on key positions held for a register to be held by NRCC. This was taken by Mr G Betts as he sits on the Village Hall committee.
- NCC Norfolk Matters Newsletter was circulated.

Due to the postal strike the following correspondence was late but dealt with at the meeting:

- Norfolk Link newsletter
- NCC Police information leaflets
- SNC South Norfolk Area Meeting to enable better understanding of the planning system
- NCC Mobile Police timetable for November & December
- SNC Planning notification regarding the approval with conditions of Taylors Garden Buildings
- NCC poster displaying the dangers of fireworks.

In addition to the late postal delivery there was a letter given to Mr B Duffin which was read out at the meeting from Mr Sid Weiner of the Village Hall committee asking for money for the Village Hall debts and running expenses.

As this was exceptionally late correspondence it was decided to place this item onto the agenda to be included within a budget and precept discussion at the November meeting. In the meantime Mr S Weiner would be asked to produce some figures and a specific plan to back up this request for funding from the Parish Council. Ms Burton will produce a copy of the budget for the Parish Council to review at the November meeting.

Accounts:

- Balance of Community Account £2560.77
- Balance of Business Premium Account £3157.82
- Precept monies have been received for the sum of £2299.72 and included in the community account balance as listed above.
- A cheque was written for GEO Reeve for 129.60
- A cheque was written for £33.00 for the hire of the village hall
- A cheque was written for the sum of £14.50 to NACPTC for a copy of the Good Councillors Guide Book.

Standing Orders.

The Parish Council currently have no standing orders. Mrs L Preston proposed that section 12.2 be reinstated this was seconded by Mr G Kelly.

Mr B Duffin requested that a steering group be formed to begin the process of sorting through a booklet of standing orders to shortlist a series to put forward to the Parish Council at a future meeting. The members of the steering committee were decided as follows; Mrs C Bushell, Mrs L Preston & Ms S Burton the Parish Clerk.

Parish Clerk Filing Cabinet

Ms S Burton would contact SNC to arrange for the removal of a very large steel filing cabinet inherited from SNC last year, and reclaim the cost from the Parish Council at the November meeting.

New Village Notice Board

The new boards should be available from mid November. The issue of engraving was discussed and it was decided to wait until the boards were completed and then decide whether they should be engraved.

Highways & Footpaths:

The Fundenhall bus problem has now stopped after a phone call to Semmence busses. The hedge at Traice Road has been previously discussed with NCC and they were reluctant to push the land owner to sort this problem out.

NRCC

Mr G Kelly felt strongly against handing over control to both SNC and Flagship Housing, and also does not agree with building on land that is outside of the guidelines. Mrs C Bushell is in favour of building social housing. Mr B Duffin would like to have an input into choosing sites. Mr G Kelly proposed that the Parish Council proceed with the process but stress to both SNC & Flagship Housing that they wish to be kept fully informed and to be a part of the whole process; this was seconded by Mr H Smith.

District Councillor Report:

Mr H Smith advised that the Safer Neighbourhood Panels have been set up. The new PCSO for Ashwellthorpe is Charlotte Curtis. Charlotte will patrol Ashwellthorpe, Fundenhall, Tacolnaston & Wrenningham. The Safer Neighbourhood forum has requested a volunteer from The Parish Council, and Mr B Duffin kindly volunteered.

The LDF 1st round of consultations is open from November 2007 through to January 2008. It is expected that the most development is likely to be in the centre of places already under development such as Mulbarton, Wymondham & Norwich.

County Councillor Report:

Mr B Spratt was absent from the meeting.

The annual property inspection of Ashwellthorpe & Fundenhall will be on Sunday November 4th 2007. The Parish Council will meet at Ashwellthorpe Village Hall at 10.30am

Mr & Mrs Reeder requested that a letter be read out to all users of the Village Hall concerning nuisance parking on their property.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.24pm.