



MINUTES OF ASHMANHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Preston Room on Tuesday 6th July 2021 at 7.00pm.

Parish councillors present:

Cllr. H Buxton (Chair)

Cllr. N Coleman

Cllr. C Phillipo

Cllr. J Pond

Cllr. S Bland

Cllr. C Russell

Clerk: Mrs S Martin

Members of the public present - 3

1. ATTENDANCE – All Councillors present.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2021 were AGREED by all as a correct record without amendment. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. CO-OPTION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

There was one application received for the vacancy. Lorraine Laingchild introduced herself and spoke about her interest in the PC and what she can bring to the Council. There was a unanimous show of hands by all Councillors to co-opt Lorraine onto the PC. Lorraine signed the Declaration of Office form and joined the meeting.

5. PUBLIC SPEAKING

5.1. To receive a report from County and District Councillor.

Cllr. Dixon reported on flooding occurrences, (to which the closest to Ashmanhaugh is Tunstead) and about the Strategic Flood Alliance group set up by Norfolk County Council to bring together all agencies involved to tackle flooding.

North Norfolk District Council (NNDC) has been struggling, some effect of Covid and additional roles the District Council has had to take on. There has now been a new operating model introduced.

A parishioner commented on not being able to contact NNDC via telephone and difficulty in being able to speak to officers.

Reports have been received regarding trees having holes drilled and plugged on Stone Road in the village. Cllr Buxton stated that the PC had previously received the same report, and this was raised with NNDC who informed they will deal with this. Three large oaks are sadly in decline. TPO's have been issued, but unfortunately too late.

A question was asked as to whether it would be feasible for Ashmanhaugh to go on the mains sewerage.

Cllr Buxton responded that this has been investigated before and is very costly for residents who have to connect from their property to the main pipe, however this can be investigated again.

5.2. To receive a crime report from Norfolk Police.

The Police Beat Manager was invited to the meeting and a Police crime report requested, but no response. SAM2 data has been forwarded for information. Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP) meeting postponed.

5.3. To receive questions from the public relating to local issues.

A representative from the Preston Rooms welcomed the PC back to public meetings in the hall.

Thanks were given to NNDC for the grants received and due to this the Preston Rooms have offered the PC free hall hire for meetings for the rest of the year.

It was noted the works have commenced on the drain on Church Road and requested these to be monitored.

It was commented the cost of the village Gateway discussed in the previous meeting seemed costly. Concerns still around the speed and volume of traffic through the village. It was suggested the PC consider lobbying for 'Single Track Status' or more permanent passing places.

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1. To discuss correspondence received since the agenda was issued.

- Cllr Laingchild commented on the speed limit signage on Rectory Road and questioned if these were correctly placed. Clerk has check this with Norfolk Highways who have confirmed the locations of the 30mph and National Speed limit signage are correct. Information shared regarding Norfolk County Council Speed limits and Management Policy, including accident statistics and funding. To enquire again with Highways as to any actions which may be taken to address the speeding issues within the Parish.
It was mentioned that a Community Speed Watch volunteer team would be supported by the PC.
- A parishioner sent in some information regarding 'Wildlife in our Villages' which has been set up in neighbouring Parishes.
- Cllr Buxton has some reports which he will share with the Parishioner, however this was discussed more as a community project rather than for the PC.

6.2. To receive a report on any matter not covered on the agenda.

It was reported the change to permitting dogs on the cricket ground due to increased fouling not being cleared up by a minority of owners, however for health and safety of cricket players and other users' dogs will now only be permitted if kept on a lead during the playing season. If fouling issues continue all dogs will be banned.

7. CORRESPONDENCE – all noted.

7.1. General correspondence

7.2. Norfolk ALC Bulletins and updates, including Wellbeing emails – circulated.

7.3. Police newsletters – circulated.

7.4. Invitation to Bid for Parish Partnership 2022/23 – Councillors to consider bids for investigation.

7.5. Norfolk County Community Safety Partnership Consultation – noted.

7.6. Norwich Road Runners 5K 7th July 2021 – notification of event.

7.7. Parishioner email regarding allotments – If 6 residents on the electoral role within Ashmanhaugh submit a request for allotments the PC will consider, although here is no timescale for this. The PC does not own any land within the Parish. It was suggested the Clerk and Chair meet with the Parishioner to discuss further.

7.8. Public surveys to help support a new art trail for Norfolk – circulated.

7.9. Correspondence regarding front field entrance on School Road – as discussed in item 6.1.

8. HIGHWAYS, PLANNING, LAND AND ASSET ISSUES

8.1. To consider any planning applications received – none.

8.2. To receive any planning decisions – none.

8.3. To update on dog/litter bin installation – bin on order.

8.4. SAM2 - to receive data - Cllr Buxton to speak with local businesses to politely ask them to remind employees of speed limits. Compare data in same locations – action Clerk. Thanks were given to Cllr Pond for relocating devices.

9. FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

9.1. To review this period's financial position

i. To receive and sign Bank Reconciliation – All AGREED.

9.2. To authorise payments for: All payments AGREED.

Sarah Martin - salary June/July 21 (inc. expenses) £358.46

HMRC tax payment £ 86.60

9.3. To consider a donation to Wroxham, Hoveton & Belough Voluntary Community Care Scheme It was proposed by Cllr Russell to give a donation of £25.00; seconded by Cllr Pond and AGREED by all.

9.4. To consider supporting The Armed Forces Covenant & Pledge

This was discussed, but it was AGREED not to sign this pledge at this time.

9.5. To note any Financial/Administrative correspondence – None.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – 7th September 2021 – Parish Council Meeting

To enquire regarding mains sewerage for Parish.

Meeting closed 8.03pm