

# ASHWELLTHORPE AND FUNDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Present:

J Ives

S Tyree

H Edwards

C Eastwood

District Cllr B Clerk

## 1) Appoint chair to meeting

Following the recent resignation of the chair, Jacqueline Ives as vice chair assumed the role of chair until the next elections in May.

## 2) Apologies-

Bobbi Morris

Roy Burridge

## 3) Declarations - none made.

## 4) Open Forum

(a) Public open forum. No members of the public attended.

(b) Report from Councillor Bob McClenning

Member ward grants and community action fund grants were outlined by Bob and if follow up is required, this can be pursued by contacting our district councillors.

There have been no new announcements.

County council new elections are now expected to take place this year.

The other district and county councillors send their apologies.

5) The minutes were approved and to be signed by the clerk.

6) Matters arising from previous minutes.

(a) The pond maintenance will be held back until the breeding season for the Newts and Toads has passed, to be reviewed at the next meeting.

(b) It was pointed out that the war memorial is in need of repair, a quote has been received for £3,000 but will look into further quotes to confirm what repairs are necessary.

(c) Defibrillators. Prices have been acquired for replacement batteries by Bobbi as they need updating as agreed at the meeting. Need to discuss with Tina in regard to payments/budget costs reserved for this. All out of date batteries are being dealt with, and in future will plan to update every 3 years.

#### 7) Working with Other Bodies.

a) Planning application for Common Road - no objections from the Parish council.

b) Planning application for the Oaks have no objections from the Parish council.

c) Correspondence for the Greater Norwich Local plan to be reviewed after the next Parish council meeting.

#### 8) Finance.

a) Steve suggested adding a forecast column to the spreadsheet on what spending is likely to arise in the future.

Also to obtain a list from the clerk of cost of all items required by the Parish council to improve budgeting.

#### b) Payments

Tina to submit final figure

HMRC period 11-TBC

Omach Gardens -£357.50-agreed

Npower-awaiting confirmation

#### 9) Administration

a) Appointment of new Clerk.

Clerk interviews completed. Chris proposed Nigel as the preferred candidate for new clerk, seconded by Steve, and all agreed by the Parish council. Jacqueline to contact Nigel and organise a handover with Tina.

Meeting date changed to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, and council need to review and agree the number required per annum.

b) Parish council acknowledge the resignation of Councillor Allen, and recruit to fill the vacancy on the Parish council.

#### 10) Items to discuss for the next meeting

FB page for Ashwellthorpe and Fundenhall Parish council

Litter picking day for local community.

To check when Tennis courts were installed.

Meeting date has changed from Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March to Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, hence forth the meetings will now be on the last Tuesday of each month, proposed by chair and agreed by all.

Meeting closed at 20.55.