

MINUTES OF ASHMANHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Preston Rooms on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 7.00pm

Parish councillors present:

Cllr. H. Buxton (Chair), Cllr. C. Phillipo, Cllr. N. Coleman, Cllr. A. Naylor-Clements, Cllr. H. Casey and Cllr. C. Ramsbottom.

Clerk: Mrs S Martin

Members of the public present - 4

1. ATTENDANCE:

Attendance noted. All Councillors present.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS FOR THIS MEETING:

Cllr. H. Buxton declared an interest on item 5 – family applicant.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2024 were proposed as a correct record without amendment by Cllr. Phillipo; seconded by Cllr. Naylor-Clements - AGREED by all and signed by the Chair.

4. PUBLIC SPEAKING

4.1. To receive a report from County and District Councillor

District/County Councillor Nigel Dixon reported on devolution – devolving powers down to local level – supported by NCC; proposed unitary council with combined mayoral authority; budget setting issues at NCC.

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

None.

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

Flooding on Stone Lane/Stalham Road junction reported to relevant authorities.

5. TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION

The Chair handed over to Vice Chair Cllr. C. Phillippo for this item and left the room (7.15pm)

It was voted unanimously (5 votes) to co-opt Samuel onto the PC.

Samuel signed the declaration of office and joined the PC meeting.

Cllr. H. Buxton rejoined the meeting (7.16pm).

6. CORRESPONDENCE – all noted.

- General correspondence
- Norfolk ALC Bulletins and updates
- Letter to NNDC re Local Plan from Inspector
- Coastwise Creative Competition (closing 3pm 17th January 2025)
- Stalham Safer Neighbourhood Meeting (14th January 2025)

7. HIGHWAYS, PLANNING, LAND AND ASSET ISSUES

7.1. To consider any planning applications received:

None

7.2. To note the following NNDC planning decisions:

None

7.3. To ratify PC objection to local plan re-consultation regarding development in Hoveton

Agreed by all.

7.4. To consider a further response to local plan sites for development

Discussion had – no further response to be submitted at this time.

7.5. SAM2 - to receive data

Data for November and December 2024 circulated. To be shared with Police Beat Manager.

7.6. To consider installation of dog bin at Church

It was discussed PC postponing this project for now, however discussed if a different location at cricket ground entrance would be supported– clerk to investigate with NCC/NNDC.

District/county Cllr. Nigel Dixon left the meeting 19:36.

8. FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

8.1. To review this period's financial position and sign the bank reconciliation

AGREED by all.

8.2. To authorise payments for:

Sarah Martin - salary Dec 24/Jan 25 (inc. expenses) £ 444.94

HMRC PAYE payment Dec 24/Jan 25 £ 109.80

All payments AGREED.

9. BUDGET

9.1. To agree the Budget for 2025/26

Budget presented – no further comments.

It was proposed by Cllr. Ramsbottom; seconded by Cllr. Phillip; and AGREED by all to accept the Budget.

9.2. To agree General Reserves Policy

The General Reserve Policy was AGREED – to hold approx. 6 months Precept.

9.3. To agree the Precept for 2025/26

It was AGREED by all to increase the Precept to £5,198 (approx. 15%/£677.98 increase). This will result in a Band D increase to 77.93 which is an increase of £10.87 per Band D property.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Tuesday 4th March 2025 – Parish Council Meeting

Meeting closed: 19:39