

MINUTES OF ASHMANHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Preston Rooms on Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 7.00pm

Parish councillors present:

Cllr. H. Buxton (Chair), Cllr. C. Phillipo, Cllr. N. Coleman, Cllr. C. Ramsbottom and Cllr. S. Buxton.

Members of the public present - 5

1. ATTENDANCE:

Attendance noted. Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. H. Casey (work commitments) and Cllr. A. Naylor-Clements (personal).

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

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2025 were proposed as a correct record without amendment by Cllr. Phillipo; seconded by Cllr. Ramsbottom - AGREED by all and signed by the Chair.

4. PUBLIC SPEAKING

4.1. To receive a report from County and District Councillor

District/County Cllr. Nigel Dixon reported on the local government reorganisation; County Council accepted on the Devolution priority programme; member of a NCC working group looking at what the Council may look like; expected additional responsibilities for PC's; NCC elections for 2025 cancelled; Mayor election in May 2026; budget setting at District and County maximum increase of Council Tax.

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

A member of the public reported a blocked drain at School Road/Stalham Road junction and abandoned road signage following Anglian Water works.

A member of the public spoke regarding a village gateway on Rectory Road and relocation of the 30 mph speed limit.

It was asked the purpose of village gateways - explained by the Chair a visual aid to assist in reducing speeding traffic.

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

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE – all noted.

- General correspondence
- Norfolk ALC Bulletins and updates
- NNDC - Notification of approval of 100% second homes premium on 29/01/2025
- North Norfolk Plan - Inspectors guidance note, questions and programme
- Cityfibre - Project Gigabit rollout in your parish
- NNDC Further training sessions on planning related topics
- BDC Funding for projects to reduce nutrients entering our watercourses and release housing

6. HIGHWAYS, PLANNING, LAND AND ASSET ISSUES

6.1. To consider any planning applications received: None

6.2. To note the following NNDC planning decisions: None

6.3. SAM2 - to receive data

Data for January and February 2025 circulated. Data shared with Police Beat Manager.

6.4. To update on dog bin on Church Road

NCC Highways have approved siting a dog bin on verge outside the cricket ground, awaiting permission from NNDC contractor.

7. FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

AGREED by all.

7.2. To authorise payments for:

Sarah Martin - salary Feb/Mar 25 (inc. expenses) £ 454.94

HMRC PAYE payment Feb/Mar 25 £ 109.80

Ashmanhaugh and Beeston Preston Rooms (hall hire 24/25) £ 96.00

All payments AGREED.

7.3. To agree signing of Internal Auditor letter of engagement

AGREED for Clerk to sign on behalf of Council for 2024/25.

7.4. To consider subscription to Norfolk ALC for 2025/26

AGREED.

7.5. To review and agree the following policies:

- Standing Orders
- Financial Regulations
- Statement of Internal Control Policy

All policies approved as presented.

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Tuesday 6th May 2025 – Annual Parish Council Meeting

No items raised.

Meeting closed: 19:35