

# Minutes of the Meeting of Ashby cum Fenby Parish Council held at Ashby cum Fenby Church Hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 7.00pm

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**Present:** Cllrs: John Shaw (Chairman), Hornby, Pettigrew, Thomson and Shaw (Minutes).

**In attendance:** 5 members of the public.

## **01:08/23**      **Declarations of Interest:**

a) To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

None

b) To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below.

None

## **02:08/23**      **Apologies for Absence:**

To receive any apologies from Members not able to attend the meeting.

All Members were present. Clerk absent due to illness.

## **03:08/23**      **Open Forum:**

A resident asked who is responsible for the condition of the second tree before the gate near the Church. A tree surgeon has commented that it is dangerous and placed a band around and sprayed it. Cllr. Pettigrew commented that it would be the Tree Officer who might know – it might be unadopted or belong to the Church. It was also mentioned that currently there is no Parochial Church Council in the village.

The planned Pipeline across a local field was also discussed and the dangers of carbon dioxide escaping in the event of rupture. Cllr. Pettigrew commented that there has been an 18 month consultation on the Pipeline and that more consultation will take place before it goes to planning. Cllr. J.Shaw (Chair) stated that this would be a major project and assumed that Risk Assessments were in place. Cllr. Pettigrew confirmed that there will be lots of consultation and opportunities to ask questions. A changeover valve station had been proposed for Waithe Lane and this would be a permanent building. There will be two in the borough.

Another resident asked who is responsible for the footpaths. It was stated that it was North East Lincolnshire Council. Signposts were also discussed – an issue with one in Third Lane had been reported over a year ago but still hadn't been repaired. Another sign in Post

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Office Lane for the Wanderlust Way had fallen off due to a hedge growing over it. A fence was also taken down in Thoroughfare together with the sign.

ACTION - These issues will need reporting to NELC as public footpath signs cannot be removed. There is an ongoing issue in Post Office between the new house being built and the horse field – access should be disabled friendly but isn't due to tractor tracks in the mud making the surface uneven. Apparently the owner of the land has proposed a bridleway all the way to Ashby Hill. This will go to consultation.

The Post with the deceased's name plaques on was also discussed but it was stated that this was already an Agenda item.

Another resident asked if the Parish Council knew that John Collis from Landmark proposed not just the lodges and function room but a Garden Centre as well. Members of the Parish Council confirmed that they had opposed the Landmark's plans for a high number of lodges due to light, noise, drain issues, etc. The resident commented that they felt that the village was being turned into a Theme Park with Landmark and Hall Farm and was being spoilt. The resident felt disillusioned as to how it works when NELC just pass plans despite there being objections.

In respect of the plan for the high number of lodges at Landmark, no-one in the village has opposed this so it appears there is no concern from local residents. This is an issue as objections from local residents adds weight if put on the NELC planning portal. All the residents who attending the meeting were encouraged by Cllr. J. Shaw to either ring NELC planning department or to add their objections online on the Planning Portal as projects relating to 'Tourism' are seen favourably by NELC. Cllr. J. Shaw stated that he would add into his Chair's Report in the next newsletter about residents objecting on the planning portal as the Parish Council are 'lone voices' otherwise.

Another resident complained about work starting at 7.30am on a Sunday on the house being built in Post Office Lane behind hers. She wondered if there were conditions in place that should have prevented this. Another resident visited the building site to complain and work stopped. The resident also mentioned that they occasionally worked on Bank holidays and she had photo evidence of this.

ACTION - The Contractor, J. P. Ashley would be contacted regarding this.

Cllr. Pettigrew left the meeting for another commitment at 7.35pm.

It was discussed that there is a need for more 20mph signs at the Hall Farm entrance.

ACTION – contact NELC regarding more 20mph signs at this location.

The owner of the house being built opposite the Hall Farm entrance readily agreed to reinstate the village green. He is having his grounds landscaped and was hoping to do the

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green at the same time – but it was felt by members of the Parish Council that this couldn't wait and needed reinstating sooner rather than later. The owner of the house was also going to be approached again regarding advertising in the Village Newsletter.

One of the residents present mentioned that the village green edge has been eroded due to lorries cutting corners and that the drains used to be where the road was – he asked if the footings will be reinstated – the brick edges are cracking.

ACTION – NELC Highways Department to be sent a letter regarding the state of the roads, potholes and signage. They should also be asked if they would provide CCTV signage at the location of recent fly tipping.

A complaint was also received from a resident (not present) about the noise of motorbike sessions. This can be heard clearly in Ashby cum Fenby and the resident felt that the sessions weren't being carried out with permission.

ACTION – NELC Enforcement to be contacted to find out whether these sessions are running with permission from the landowner.

#### **04:08/23 Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s):**

To approve the minutes of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved as a true record.**

#### **05:08/23 Police Report:**

A Police Report had been received but thankfully there were no reports of significance for Ashby cum Fenby.

#### **06:08/23 Finance & Governance:**

- a) To approve retrospective payment of £150.00 to Lincolnshire Decorators for painting of the Telephone Box. This had to be carried out in dry weather.
- b) To approve accounts to 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

**RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved: -**

Supplier	Description	Amount
T Kuzemczak	Wages Month 5 (August)	£XXX
HMRC re T Kuzemczak	Tax Month 5 (August)	£32.40
Lincolnshire Decorators	Painting of Telephone Box	£150.00
Southern Electric	Electricity Bill 2/6/23 – 3/7/23	£10.54

- c) It was confirmed that the re-declaration of compliance with the Pension Regulator had been submitted and acknowledged.

#### **07:08/23 Planning:**

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- a) None received.
- b) To consider/comment on the following Planning Applications:

Planning Application Reference: DM/0648/23/FUL

Proposal – Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) following DM/0609/21/FUL to amend position and layout of function room and rooftop viewing/seating area.

Location: Willow Lakes, Ashby Hill Top Farm, Barton Street, Ashby cum Fenby, North East Lincolnshire

The above was considered by the Parish Council and it appears they are only internal differences so no objection was raised.

- c) Pending Applications – Awaiting Decision: -

- i) Erect single storey rear extension to form training pool and garage to include the installation of a new driveway (Amended Description and Amended Plan received 19th January 2023 to include new driveway)

Fenby House Post Office Lane Ashby Cum Fenby North East Lincolnshire DN37 0QS

Ref. No: DM/1045/22/FULA | Validated: Tue 13 Dec 2022 | **Status: Awaiting decision.**

- ii) Change of use from paddock to residential garden. Installation of new driveway, pillars and gates. Erection of detached garden pavilion with associated outdoor kitchen and facilities and installation of tennis court with 3m high fencing and associated works

Park View Ashby Lane Ashby Cum Fenby North East Lincolnshire DN37 0RT

Ref. No: DM/1015/22/FUL | Validated: Tue 06 Dec 2022 | **Status: Awaiting Decision.**

Erect new detached dwelling, garage and stables, with new boundary wall and gate in connection with farm and stud, with associated works

Moorhouse Farm Brigsley Road Ashby Cum Fenby North East Lincolnshire

Ref. No: DM/0873/22/FUL | Validated: Fri 30 Sep 2022 | **Status: Awaiting decision.**

#### **08:08/23 Parish Assets/Projects:**

- a) Two village signs need attention but NELC wanted to charge large sums to close the roads. There is a possibility of a reduction in the fee or it may be waived altogether. Cllr. Hornby has been in discussions with a representative of NELC.
- b) The Defibrillator battery expired and a new one ordered. Due to confusion on the part of the supplier, this will be supplied at no cost to the Parish Council and has a life span of 4 years.

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- c) It was agreed to agree renewal for a further 12 months on the SSE Telephone box electricity contract. (expires 31/8/23). It has decreased in price so there was a unanimous decision to renew.

**09:08/23 Village Newsletter:**

The Village Newsletter was discussed – local interest items are needed.

The Church is planning a promotion for local residents to give £5 per month (gift aided) as a simple way of keeping the Church open. Expenses incurred by the Church are Insurances, repair works and grass cutting – these total approximately £5k per annum. There would be income from Weddings, Harvest, Christmas Carol Service and other events. There is a ‘Ride & Stride’ event planned for 9<sup>th</sup> September from 10am to 6pm – Cllr. Thomson is sending a leaflet regarding this to the Clerk for our website.

**10:08/23 Future Dates:**

- a) Next Parish Council Meeting – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7pm – Ashby cum Fenby Church Hall.

The date was noted. **Please note that on the Minutes dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July, it was stated that the next meeting was 4<sup>th</sup> September but it was actually 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023.**

- b) Matters for discussion and inclusion on the next meeting agenda.

Trees behind pond behind fence and Preservation orders.

**Exclusion of Press and Public: To consider passing a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that public and press be excluded from the meeting for the matters set out below on the grounds that it could involve legal privilege and the likely disclosure of private and confidential information.**

**11:08/23 Personnel:**

- a) To approve Clerk’s wages and expenses payments.

**RESOLVED: That the wages and expenses be approved.**

*The meeting closed at approx. 8.55pm.*

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