

# ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting on Thursday 21 July 2005 at 7.45 pm at Ashby and Thurton Village Hall

**Present:** Peter Wright (Vice Chairman), Edgar Hoddy, Carol Powell, Mark Rolph, Terry Kitt and Sarah Powell.

**Also Present:** The Clerk (Linda Gray), Adrian Gunson (County Councillor) Derek Blake (District Councillor) and 3 members of public.

1. **Apologies:** Robert Todd
2. **Declaration of Interest:** Edgar Hoddy and Sarah Cook – Planning Section 9
3. **Minutes of the meeting** held on 31 May 2005, which were previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed.
4. **Matters Arising:**  
Police Enquires Office Loddon, The Clerk circulated a letter from Tony Cherington, Chief Superintendent, Bethel Street Police Station, which neither confirmed nor denied the action of closing the enquires office in Loddon. Norfolk Records Office, there are no spaces left on this course. Wheelie bins, Derek Blake confirmed the following points, If the bin is overflowing the excess waste will have to be collected on the following collection. The liability for the bin (as long as the householder is not negligent in placing the bin) is with South Norfolk Council. A visible position close to the road is the correct place for the bin to be situated for collection.
5. **Police Report**  
The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with the Police but as yet had no confirmation of a Police presence or report at meetings.
6. **Public Consultation**  
Two members of the public Paula Farrell and Ken Baish confirmed that they were in attendance to discuss the Homewatch project section 11.
7. **Correspondence** - tabled separately and previously circulated.  
South Norfolk Draft Urban Capacity Study – Comments by 12 August 2005.  
New Licensing regime- Keith Lewis of the Village Hall Committee contacted. South Norfolk District Council – Village Signs the Clerk to respond.  
Emergency Planning – Co-ordinators – To be linked with Homewatch.
8. **Finance-** previously circulated
 

a.	<u>Balance of Account</u>	Current Account	£2417.63
		Business Premium	£531.68
b.	<u>Payments</u>		
	Village Hall Hire of Hall	100151	£22.50
	Clerks Salary & Expenses	100152	£334.45
c.	<u>Receipts</u> – None		
d.	<u>Donations</u>		

Citizen Advice Bureau	100153	£50.00
East Anglia Air Ambulance	100154	£150.00
Norfolk Accident Rescue	100155	£50.00
BYRUS	100156	£50.00

Along with the above table of payments the donations were approved. Edgar Hoddy proposed and Sarah Cook Seconded.

- e. Clerks Pay, Hours and Training Costs  
The Clerks pay and hours were agreed. Carol Powell proposed and Sarah Cook seconded.
- f. Audit – Internal Auditor to be appointed  
Chris Dix from Claxton is involved in auditing other Parish Council Accounts in the area. Peter Wright proposed and Terry Kitt seconded.

## 9 **Planning Applications** – previously circulated

**Application** – 14 St Marys Road, Ashby St Mary

Proposed Single Storey rear Extension

After a discussion the Councillors approved the planning permission with conditions.

**Operators -** JAW Hoddy Holly House Farm Ashby St Mary.

**Licence** Although Roger Doe at South Norfolk Council had sent through a letter of objection, it was understood that the operator's licence had already been granted.

## 10 **Parish Plan**

Sarah Cook reported quotes for printing are still being received. The Plan is scheduled for October 2006. A sample of the printing will require circulation for decision before the next meeting.

## 11 **Homewatch**

Mark Rolph reported on his progress with Home watch. John Broughton, The South Norfolk Home watch Administrator has provided further information on established Home watch schemes.

There was a discussion concerning householder awareness and involvement with Home watch. The decision was taken that a flyer needs to be included in the distribution of the Parish Plan. Peter Wright will contact John Broughton relating to discounts available on security products. The Clerk will contact Norwich Union regarding the discount on house insurance available and the use of the Norwich Union logo on the flyer.

## 12 **Web Site**

Mark Rolph and Peter Wright reported on the information they had collected. It was agreed that information included on the web site from other community groups would be electronically sent. Mark Rolph will continue investigations and report at the next meeting.

**13 Recycling Credit Payments-Kerbside Scheme**

After discussion it was agreed for Ashby St Mary to be included in the Recycling Adopter Group Credit Payment Scheme.

**14 Reports from County and District Councillors**

Report by Adrian Gunson County Councillor.

- Resurfacing, Low Common and from the junction of Vale Road to Chapel Road is scheduled this year.
- Thurton School will be included in the next phase of re-building work due to start in July 2008.
- Drainage problems on the corner near South Lodge will be investigated by a Senior Engineer.
- Hobart High School, work is scheduled to start in October 2005 and by September 2006, 8 Classrooms, an extended Canteen and a new Coach Park should be complete. The Sports Hall will be still be in construction.
- Whitlingham Country Park Water sports Centre will be opening in August 2005 offering various Water sport Courses.
- Hardley Flood, the footpath work will start in October.
- River Chet, repair work on banks on the Loddon side is complete. Work on the South Bank is to start soon. A disabled footpath from Chedgrave Pits to Chedgrave Common is planned.
- Bus Service, the 10-journey ticket has been withdrawn but with a review of ticketing new options with discounts will be available soon.
- Loddon Police Enquires Office has had no decision yet but Colin Gould has retired.

There followed a discussion concerning the verge cutting of the A146. Around several of the small junctions joining the A146, the visibility is not adequate. Adrian Gunson assured the councillors that he consistently pursues better grass cutting on verges on major routes.

A report of uneven pavements in Loddon was then discussed and Adrian Gunson agreed that there are some long-standing problems with certain pavements in Loddon and that he would look into the incident reported.

Report by Derek Blake, District Councillor,

- Loddon Police enquires office closure, after contacting the Police Headquarters in Wymondham Derek could confirm that 67 letters had been received concerning this issue.
- SNA programme of Action 2005-06 requires careful reading, as could have a bearing on the contents of the Parish Plan and Housing development in the near future.
- A sustainable Parish would need to include a School, Pub, Village Hall, Public Transport, Shop, Post Office and Library Services or access to Library Services. Any one local village does not have all of these amenities but if they are connected existing issues such as Housing Development could change.
- Car Parking in Loddon, the issue of pay and display on the car parks in Loddon is being reviewed. Loddon may be used as a mini park and ride scheme into Norwich as most of the drivers parking on the Church Plain catch the bus into Norwich.

- Chet Valley Development Partnership a meeting is to be called to review the partnership.

**15 Other Matters for future agendas and items for information**

None

**16 Date of next meeting**

Thursday 22 September

The meeting closed at 10.25pm