

ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on Thursday 24 November 2005 at 7.45 pm at Ashby and Thurton Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Robert Todd (Chairman), Carole Powell, Mark Rolph, Terry Kitt, Sarah Cook and Edgar Hoddy.

Also Present: Linda Gray (Clerk), Adrian Gunson, County Councillor, Derek Blake, District Councillor, John Broughton, Homewatch and 3 Members of Public.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Peter Wright.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest relating to items on the Agenda.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2005

The minutes, which had been circulated previously, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising, which were not covered by the Agenda.

5. Police Report

There was no Police Report but the Clerk had written to the Chief Constable, Carol Howlett, requesting a regular crime report from the local Police.

6. Public Consultation

The members of public were present for specific items on the agenda.

7. Correspondence (tabled separately)

Local Development Frame Work Meeting – Discussed at Item 10

Parish Member Standards Committee – Ballot returned.

Saffron Housing Trust – Offer of bulbs.

Norfolk Constabulary, 60 second briefing – Clerk to Reply

8. Finance

A Balance of Accounts Current A/c as at 1 November 05 £2757.16

Business Prem A/c 1 July 05 £531.68

B Payments

Linda Gray Clerks Salary 100159 £ 283.76

Proposed Terry Kitt and seconded Edgar Hoddy.

C Receipts

Precept 30.09.05 £1000.00

D Budget

Precept for 2006/07

There followed a discussion and the presentation of the budget figures by the Clerk.

Councillors agreed to keep the precept at £2000.00 for the year 06/07.

Proposed Terry Kitt and seconded Mark Rolph.

E Other Payments to be discussed

Village Hall – Letter received to request contribution to renewing the play area play bark.

After discussion the Councillors agreed to contribute £100.00.

BYRUS – Letter received to request contribution to funds. After discussion the Councillors requested the Clerk to reply to the letter.

9 Planning Applications

Field View, Sandy Lane, Ashby St Mary
Proposed ¾ Bedroom Chalet Bungalow to
replace existing 4 Bedroom Bungalow –

Application Withdrawn

The planning sub-committee will reply to the next Application from Field View.

Decision

4 Mill Common, Ashby St Mary
Proposed 2 Storey Side Extension

Approved with conditions

Application

14-20 Foxglove Close, Ashby St Mary
Erecting a fence around land at rear

**Approved by Councillors
Clerk to return consultation**

10 Local Development Plan – LDF

Robert Todd reported the following after attending the meeting:

- The sites in the LDF are potentially to be considered for planning.
- The meeting formed part of the consultation for the Parish.
- Questionnaires are also to be completed and returned.
- The Parish Plan questionnaires to be used as evidence to show the residents opinions.

The Chair proposed that a Planning sub-committee be formed to answer the questionnaire and meet with a representative from South Norfolk. Terry Kitt proposed and Mark Rolph seconded. The committee will comprise of Peter Wright (Had previously expressed a wish to join the committee) Mark Rolph and Terry Kitt. The chair will attend meetings of the sub-committee.

11 **Village Hall** - This item was covered under Finance item 8E

12 Parish Plan

Sarah Cook reported on the printing process of the Parish Plan. There has been some problems with the quality of printing. The disc quality requires checking. More quotes for printing will be obtained. Mark will investigate the output of the disc.

13 Homewatch

Mark Rolph introduced John Broughton from Homewatch to the meeting.

John Broughton explained how the Homewatch schemes he is involved with work within the community covering the following points;

- Information is cascaded to local co-ordinators
- 1 co-ordinator would cascaded information to around 20 households
- Homewatch street signs need to be very visible in the area.
- Support by local residents is key to the scheme.
- Cheaper House Contents Insurance is available through insurance companies for those in Homewatch areas
- Cheaper Home Security Items are available through John Broughton.
- The National Neighbourhood watch website is very useful.

Mark Rolph explained the areas within the village where co-ordinators are present.

Feedback from Parish Plan Questionnaires shows that residents are keen for a Homewatch scheme. Homewatch needs to be maintained as an item on the Parish Council Agenda for bi-monthly meetings. This is also a way of ensuring information is cascaded and that the scheme continues. Mark Rolph also gave out a draft flyer detailing the scheme that will be distributed with the Parish Plan to all households.

14 Web Site

Mark reported that the project is ongoing.

15 Recycling

The Clerk reported that the confirmed meeting dates have been sent to Mrs Clifford-Jackson. Councillors need to consider other points to be raised on Mrs Clifford-Jackson's visit.

16 Reports from County and District Councillors

Report from Adrian Gunson, County Councillor.

Thurton and Ashby Primary School, at the request of Parents and Governors to the school the County Council looked at the possibility of relocating the school to the Playing Field at the Village Hall. This scheme was found to be unsuitable due to the relocation of the Village Hall and Playing Field and compulsory purchase of land for a new access point. The new school will therefore be built on the existing site and will take place in the second phase of the County Councils Schools Building Programme.

Northern Distributor Road, Norfolk County Council to back the $\frac{3}{4}$ route from Thorpe, anticlockwise as far as the Fakenham Road. The road through Lenwade and Honingham to the A47 Dereham Road will then be upgraded.

Loddon Police Station Public Meeting, was very well supported by the public. The meeting was reported in the press. Adrian Gunson has since received a letter confirming the maintenance of a beat officer in Loddon. The Police contact points in Loddon will be in the Post Office and the internet Kiosk in the telephone box towards the rear of the Co-op.

Hobart High School, the builders should be on site before Christmas.

Anglian Bus Service, higher subsidies are required on local routes and are therefore up for tender.

St Matthews House, Chedgrave, there is to be a Public Meeting held on December 6 at the Church Rooms in Chedgrave. The management of the House for young adults with learning difficulties is to be reviewed. Staffing is to be reduced with the introduction of a roving role for night staff. This will leave vulnerable young adults without night staff. There is also a petition circulating in Loddon and Chedgrave.

Report from Derek Blake, District Councillor.

Travellers Site at Seething, after the Public Meeting held recently the provision of a traveller's site in Seething was rejected.

South Norfolk Council has been randomly selecting households for a survey on housing needs in the area. There have been complaints about intrusive questions.

Council Tax Revaluation, this has been put on hold by the District Council although some questionnaires have been sent out. Households receiving questionnaires at the moment do not have to reply.

GP referral Scheme, for the over 50s for a fitness regime. Referrals will be dealt with at Long Strattons Health Centre.

Parking Charges in Loddon, the on street parking charges have been shelved. There will be a debate concerning off-street parking charges. The residents of Loddon are in favour of off-street parking charges.

17 Other Matters for future agendas and items for information

There were none reported.

18 Date of next meeting Thursday 26 January 2006

The meeting closed at 10.10pm