

# ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on Thursday 26 January 2006 at 7.45 pm at Ashby and Thurton Village Hall

## MINUTES

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

**Also Present:** Linda Gray (Clerk), Adrian Gunson, County Councillor, Derek Blake, District Councillor, 1 Member of Public.

**1. Apologies**

None.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

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

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 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. Parish Plan**

Sarah Cook presented the printed Parish Plan at the meeting, which all the Councillors were, very pleased with and thanked Sarah and Mark for their hard work and the work of the committee. Copies of the Parish Plan will be distributed to all residents in the village shortly. There was a discussion concerning whom else the plans needed to be sent. It was agreed to send one to each of the adjoining parishes to Ashby St Mary, Thurton, Bergh Apton, Carleton St Peter and Hellington. Derek Blake also requested for copies to be sent to South Norfolk Council. This was proposed by Peter Wright and seconded by Terry Kitt.

**6. Police Report**

The Clerk reported that an email from PC Sonia Lake had been received and although she could not attend this meeting there is now an agreement in place for a crime report to be emailed to the clerk on a regular basis and PC Lake will attend meetings where possible.

**7. Public Consultation**

None

**8. Correspondence (tabled separately)**

Have your say on Norfolk Fire Authority's Safety Plan 2006/07 questionnaire, Terry Kitt

Bensch Grants for Newsletters

Removal of Garden Waste Label Service.

- Sale of garden waste labels will cease on 1 May 2006
- Brown Wheelie Bins available, for a charge. Available soon from South Norfolk Council
- Home composting bins available from £4 from Norfolk County Council

**9. Finance**

A **Balance of Accounts** Current A/c as at 30 December 2006 £500.00

Business Prem A/c 1 July 05 £2456.17

**B Payments**

Ash & Thur Village Hall	100160	£ 11.00
Linda Gray Clerks Salary	100161	£ 260.51
Ash & Thur VH Donation	100162	£ 100.00
Ordnance Survey	100163	£ 55.81

Roberts Printers (Parish Plan) 100164	£ 640.00
Audit Commission 100165	£ 58.75

**C Receipts**

Kerbside Adopter	15.12.05	£60.72
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**D Audit**

Notice of Audit to agree times, cost and start date

After discussion the cost £1.00 time from 11.00am to 6pm Mon-Fri

Proposed by Mark Rolph and seconded by Edgar Hoddy.

**10. Planning**

**Applications** – None

**Decision**

14-20 Foxglove Close, Ashby St Mary

**Approved with Conditions**

Erecting a fence around land at rear

Erection of 4 Garden Sheds

**11. Homewatch**

As previously discussed a flyer to promote the Homewatch scheme in the village will be delivered with the Parish Plan to go to all households.

**12. Web Site**

Mark reported that the project is ongoing

**13. Recycling**

Mrs Clifford-Jackson, Leader of South Norfolk Council will be attending our Annual Parish Meeting, 20 April 2006, in order to discuss the views of the residents.

**14. Reports from County and District Councillors**

Report from Adrian Gunson, County Councillor

*Local Development Framework*, he wrote a letter supporting the residents concerning further development of the village.

*Thurton and Ashby Primary School*, until the costings for the first phase of school development in the area has been completed the second phase cannot begin. Thurton and Ashby Primary School are in the second phase. There should be some news in the next 3-4 months.

*Hobart High School*, work started before Christmas on the coach park and sports hall. The All Weather Surface needs consultation with Sport England and local groups.

*St Matthews House, Chedgrave*, there was a Public Meeting to discuss the changes. All the residents of St Matthews need assessment for staffing needs.

*County Council Budget* has been reduced by 19million.

*Loddon Bypass* is in need of a roundabout at the George Lane junction due to the amount of traffic leaving Loddon at peak times.

Sarah Cook commented on the road surface cracking at Valley Farm, there was an engineers report on this matter in October. The road at this point requires a new drainage scheme.

Terry Kitt thanked Adrian Gunson for the grass cutting on the junction near Highway Nurseries.

Report from Derek Blake, District Councillor

Derek arrived late due to a Planning Meeting.

*Squatters in Loddon and surrounding area*, over Christmas. Langley, Loddon and Chedgrave had problems with a group of squatters who identify empty properties and then took up residence. The Police have little powers to move them on once they have moved into a property. Please be aware and keep check of any unattended properties in you area.

*Come and learn in Loddon*, a re-launch of the Learning works in Loddon to include free courses held at Hobart High School from IT Sessions, Use of a Digital Camera to Your Family Tree. More information will be available in 11 Says and from Wymondham Learning Works on 01953 600737.

*Free Health Checks for the over 50s*, a 3-month course of health monitoring is on offer at Framingham Earl by getting a referral from your GP in local practices.

*Public Toilets in Loddon*, it was discussed locally the need for this facility, but as the Wherrymans Way Public Footpath passes through Loddon public conveniences are required.

*Re-organisation of Local Government*, it has been suggested as a long-term plan to remove a level of Local Government this could affect the County Council, District Council and the Parish Councils.

The Councillors discussed the Squatters issue at great length and requested the Clerk to write to the Police to illustrate their anger at the latest example of non-representation of the Police to local residents.

Derek had reported the issue relating to road signs in Ashby (Ashby Road, Thurton and Mill Road Ashby) He will follow up the earlier report. The Clerk will write to South Norfolk's Addressing Department requesting the signs be updated to show more clarity.

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

Annual Parish Meeting the Clerk clarified that the details would be the same as last year Footpaths, Edgar Hoddy made the Councillors aware that footpaths in the village needed attention and perhaps a working party is needed. Include on March agenda.

**16. Date of next meeting Thursday 23 March 2006**

**The meeting closed at 9.30pm**