

ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on Thursday 23 March 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 and 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 26 January 2006

The minutes, which had been circulated previously, were amended on item 5 to read ‘Sarah Cook presented the printed Parish Plan at the Meeting, which all the Councillors were very pleased with. The Chairman thanked Sarah and Mark for their hard work and the work of the committee’ the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

Ashby Road and Mill Road nameplates, the clerk had written to South Norfolk reporting the problems. South Norfolk has agreed to include the name of the Parish on each sign. Fly tipping, the clerk had sent a letter to Norfolk County Council which had been previously sent to South Norfolk Council concerning the Bergh Apton recycling centre. The reply from Norfolk County Council detailed the waste which is acceptable at the site.

5. Police Report

PC Sonia Lake had emailed a nil crime report for Ashby St Mary. She was unable to attend the meeting. The Clerk has invited PC Lake to the Annual Parish Meeting. Squatters in Loddon, the clerk has written to the Chief Constable, Carole Howlett, detailing the Councillors concern with the problem and concerning the lack of Police action in this matter. A reply will be received by the next meeting.

6. Public Consultation

Mr Powell was concerned with the Local Development Framework for Ashby St Mary. After discussion the Chairman assured Mr Powell that the Parish Council were also concerned about this matter. The Parish Council intends to be involved with the decision process for this framework to make sure that Ashby is not over developed.

7. Correspondence (tabled separately)

Garden Waste Leaflet wheelie bins will be available soon at a cost for garden waste.
Local Government Re-organisation – to be discussed with District and County Councillors.
SNA Area Forum – anyone interested in attending the next one
LaMIS Parish of Ashby CD ROM – for Councillors information
Norfolk Training Partnership, training courses available for spring.

8. Finance

The Clerk had a form to complete from Barclays relating to the bank accounts to link her to the accounts in order that she may make transfers between accounts and ask balances but not to become a signatory on the account. The Councillors agreed and the Chairman and Vice Chairman signed the letter of approval.

A Balance of Accounts Current A/c as at 1 March 2006 £500.00
Business Prem A/c 1 March £1553.60

B Payments

Ash & Thur Village Hall	100167	£ 5.50
Dog Bin Servicing	100168	£ 57.67
S Cook Postage Exp pp	100169	£ 3.36

The table of payments was proposed by Terry Kitt and seconded by Peter Wright.

C Receipts

Rural Action East	20.02.06	£325.69
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Thurton and Ashby Pre School have sent a letter requesting help financially from the Parish Council in order for them to continue. The Councillors discussed this matter at length and requested that more information relating to the financial affairs of the Preschool was required before a decision could be made. The Clerk will write to the Pre School for more information.

9. Planning:**Applications**

Field View, Sandy Lane, Ashby St Mary

Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of chalet bungalow

The Paddocks, Mill Common, Ashby St Mary

Proposed extension and alterations to dwelling

Decisions from South Norfolk – None

10. Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting date has been changed to Tuesday 2 May as the previous date was on the same date as a meeting at South Norfolk Council that Robert Todd, chairman needed to attend. The accounts will need to be sent to Mark Rolph beforehand, the Clerk noted.

11. Footpaths

Edgar Hoddy reported that he had made regular checks on the footpaths in the Parish. A waymarker post is required close to Mill Common; Edgar will liaise with Sally Minns, Footpath Warden at South Norfolk Council. It was decided that a working party would be required in late spring and to be discussed at the next meeting.

12. Parish Plan

Sarah Cook reported that copies of the Parish Plan sent to South Norfolk and Norfolk County Councils had been received favourably. The Councillors discussed the extremely good responses they had all received concerning the Parish Plan, which was testament to how much preparation and fore thought had gone into producing a successful and useful document. Sarah Cook will store the extra copies until further notice.

13. Homewatch

Mark Rolph reported that the sign up rate from residents to the Homewatch scheme had been steady over the past few weeks. Signage in the village now requires updating. Mark Rolph will contact John Broughton concerning updating the signs and security products available. It was decided to include Homewatch as an item agenda at the Annual Parish Meeting in order that residents could be brought up to date with the scheme and security products available.

14. Web Site

Mark Rolph reported that his work on the web site is moving towards producing something very shortly. The Parish Council needs to discuss whether they want to use a free host site or

to pay for one and to contact South Norfolk Council. The site will include details concerning the Parish Council relating to the Parish Plan, Meetings and Minutes etc.

15. Recycling- Nothing to report

16. Reports from County and District Councillors

Report from Adrian Gunson, County Councillor

Thurton Primary School rebuilding programme. Childrens Services will consult with the school to agree on requirements. New drawings may be required for the Planning Applications.

Hobart High School, the sports hall roof is complete. Extensions for the Canteen and Music room have attained planning permission. A planning application for the All Weather Surface to be submitted soon. Planning issues relating to lighting and neighbouring properties are expected.

Police contact point at Hobart High School, the Governors offered the Police Authority the opportunity of a Police contact point at the school. To maintain a Police presence in Loddon, after the Police Station is closed, an office could be made available. The Police Authority has agreed to the principle of the idea, but further discussions are required to agree on funding and segregation from the school during the day.

Loddon Bypass, the 2 year resurfacing programme is now finished with the Loddon to Hales phase now complete.

Trowse Bypass, changing the timings of the traffic lights on the A47 junction to stop traffic coming from the Thorpe, Postwick areas having priority. This is proving difficult to alter as the Highways Agency who owns the lights are not keen to tamper with the lights.

Buses, services run by First seem marginally improved. An issue with parents of post 16yrs paying for transport to colleges and sixth form centres has arisen. Norfolk County Council does not have a responsibility to provide free transport; further consultations will take place. Mark Rolph asked if the Police building in Loddon would be sold when the Police station is closed. Adrian Gunson confirmed that the Police building in Loddon will be sold when it is no longer required.

Report from Derek Blake, District Councillor

Over 60s Bus Discount free transport from 8.30am to 11.00pm more details to follow.

New regulations for Wild Game Processing, 1st working draft in correspondence.

Loddon Learning works scheme, the original learning works collapsed but a new initiative of free courses, being run from Hobart High School, has been over subscribed.

Re organisation of Local Government, there are several ideas being put forward with consultation being sought in the summer.

Squatters in Loddon, have moved on to Thurlton and with little Police response.

Chet Valley Development Partnership have appointed a new clerk Kirsty Swinston who will assist in the running of the partnership

WREN has funds available to assist with projects in the area.

Fraud Alert, this area has been targeted relating to a fraud on Barclaycard Visa and Barclaycard Mastercard whereby the fraudsters do not ask for any information except the small security number on the reverse of cards on the signing strip and confirmation of the card number. They assure you that they will credit your account with funds but instead debit money from the credit card account.

17. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information

Nothing to report.

**18. Date of Annual Parish Meeting has changed to 2 May 2006
Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council 18 May 2006**

The meeting closed at 10pm