

ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on Thursday 18 May 2006 at 7.45 pm at Ashby and Thurton Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Edgar Hoddy, Carole Powell, Mark Rolph, Terry Kitt,
and Sarah Cook.

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

The Chairman and Vice Chairman were unable to attend the meeting. Edgar Hoddy was proposed by Mark Rolph and seconded by Sarah Cook to take the role of acting Chairman for this meeting.

Annual General Meeting

1 Appointment of Chairman

Robert Todd was proposed by Terry Kitt and seconded by Sarah Cook and agreed unanimously. Robert Todd had confirmed previously that he would like to continue to stand as Chairman. The acceptance of office form will be completed at the next meeting.

2 Appointment of Vice Chairman

Peter Wright was proposed by Mark Rolph and seconded by Carol Powell and agreed unanimously. Peter Wright had confirmed previously that he would like to continue to stand as Vice Chairman. The acceptance of office form will be completed at the next meeting.

3 Declaration of Interest – All Councillors

The Clerk asked if any councillor required updating their information. Mark Rolph completed a form to update his information.

4 Standing Orders and Financial Standing Orders.

The Clerk explained the nature of Standing Orders and Financial Standing Orders. The Councillors agreed that the update will be agreed at the next meeting. The Clerk will obtain model standing orders and issue to councillors before the next meeting.

Parish Council Meeting

1. Apologies

Robert Todd (Chairman) and Peter Wright (Vice Chairman).

2. Declaration of Interest

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

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2006

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. Correspondence (tabled separately)

South Norfolk Housing Forum: Homlessness
NCAPTC Norfolk Planning Conference
WNVCA Get fit for fundraising
Norfolk RCC Signpost newsletter subscription
The Norfolk and Suffolk Heritage Tree Hunt

6. Finance

A **Balance of Accounts** Current A/c as at 31 March 2006 £500.00
Business Prem A/c as at 31 March £1712.03

B **Payments**

NCAPCT Subs	100170	£ 85.37
Roberts Printers APM	100171	£ 11.75
L Gray Exp APM	100172	£ 29.53
Ashby & Thurton VH	100173	£ 5.50
L Gray Clerk Salary	100174	£297.08
Lower cost Parish Insurance	100175	£168.00

The payments were proposed by Carol Powell and seconded by Terry Kitt. Sarah Cook was the only signatory present. The Councillors agreed the clerk could take the chequebook away with only one signature present on each cheque. The clerk will contact either Robert or Peter to complete the signature process. Proposed by Terry Kitt and seconded by Carol Powell. Agreed unanimously.

C	Receipts	Kerbside Adopter	19.04.06	£ 48.58
		Precept	26.04.06	£1000.00

D Audit

Chris Dix was appointed as internal Auditor. Proposed by Mark Rolph and seconded by Edgar Hoddy. Agreed unanimously.

E Clerks Salary increase to according 2006/07

National Salary Award for Local Council Clerks as from
1 April 2006 SCP 20 £9.019p
2 hours pw

The Clerks salary increase was Proposed by Mark Rolph and Seconded by Terry Kitt. Agreed unanimously

7. Planning

Applications – None

Decision From South Norfolk Council

Field View, Sandy Lane, Ashby St Mary
Demolition of existing bungalow and erection
of chalet bungalow

Application withdrawn

The Paddocks, Mill Common, Ashby St Mary
Proposed extension and alterations to dwelling

Refused

8. Pre School Donation

Councillors had been given financial information from the preschool previously. After a discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would like to offer their continued support to the Preschool with a donation of £100.00. Due to the nature of the donation Councillors unanimously agreed the Clerk could issue the cheque before the next meeting. Proposed by Sarah Cook and seconded by Carol Powell.

9. Contribution to Grass Cutting At St Marys Church

The Clerk read out a letter that had been received. After a discussion, the Parish Council would like to offer their continued support to the Church and make a donation of £50.00. Proposed by Mark Rolph and seconded by Terry Kitt.

10. Village Hall Management Committee Representative

The Clerk read out a letter that had been received. After a discussion around this point Sarah Cook was proposed to stand on the Village Hall committee. Edgar Hoddy proposed and Terry Kitt seconded.

11. Homewatch

Mark Rolph gave councillors an update on the current situation concerning Homewatch. More reply slips have been returned, but more are needed. Residents are reminded that reply slips need to be returned to the Clerk even if residents are involved with a homewatch scheme. Information concerning this scheme requires updating. Resident's information will only be used to set up a ring/email around scheme in the community in order that information can be cascaded to all.

12. Public Consultation Reports from County and District Councillors**Report from Adrian Gunson, County Councillor**

Hobart High School there has been a public meeting with representatives from sports groups and the Parish Councils to discuss the All Weather Pitch.

Thurton School will be included in the County Councils second Phase of building works.

It is proposed to build a 3 class base school with a library that could be used as a 4th classroom. Planning Permission is still required.

Library Access, the library in Loddon is to improve its disabled access from the road.

Police, the suggested contact point at Hobart High School is still in discussion. The access point for the public will be from Kittens Lane through the new coach park and the office would be situated in the classroom of the future. The Community Police Officer PC Sparkes is due to retire at the end of May, a replacement has not been appointed as yet.

Whitlingham Broad, the visitor's centre/café has now been opened.

Wherrymans Way maps have been ordered to be situated at main points along the walk.

Leaflets are to be printed by the County Council to show guided walks along the route.

Sisland Carr Woods, There have been a number of illegal raves at this site recently. The residents of Sisland want the access road to the woods down graded to a bridleway in order that vehicles will not be able to travel down the road. This process may be lengthy, as local consultation will have to be sought.

White Road Markings on local road have faded. A programme of refurbishment is now taking place.

Claxton Corner, there has been a site meeting with Highways and Local residents who are concerned about the poor visibility and safety issues at this point.

Norwich Orbital Bus Service, is not being used to its full potential and therefore stops at the Bus Station and Airport in Norwich have been added to the Service.

Report from Derek Blake, District Councillor

Gypsy and Traveller Sites is an on going matter. Some of the criteria have now changed so further sites will be looked at.

Local Development Framework is also an ongoing matter with further consultation expected.

Bird Flu there have been no new outbreaks but the situation is still being monitored.

Fraud Alerts this area is a target at present for several frauds, please be aware and take care when giving or confirming information on the telephone.

Police copies of the new designated areas will be available soon.

Crocuses planted Terry Kitt confirmed that saffron housing had planted some crouses under the Ashby St Mary Sign.

13. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information

Mrs Clifford-Jackson, the leader of South Norfolk Council will be attending the next meeting items to be included on the agenda are;

Local Development Framework

Rise in Council Tax

Policing

Recycling at Bergh Apton and Environmental issues.

14. Date of next meeting 20 July 2006

The meeting closed at 10.02pm