

ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on Thursday 23 November 2006 at 7.45 pm at Ashby and Thurton Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Robert Todd (Chairman), Peter Wright, Carole Powell, Terry Kitt, and Edgar Hoddy.

Also Present: Linda Gray (Clerk), Adrian Gunson, County Councillor, Derek Blake, District Councillor.

1. Apologies

Mark Rolph and Sarah Cook

2. Declaration of Interest

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

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2006

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

4. Matters Arising

Amendments of road signs in Ashby and Thurton, the signs were ordered in August by South Norfolk and are due to be fitted in December. The new signs will read Ashby Road Parish of Thurton and Mill Road Parish of Ashby St Mary and will include an arrow to show direction. Village Hall Management Committee have been sending minutes and agendas to the Clerk to distribute to Sarah, Mark and Terry who have all been receiving them via email.

5. Police Report

For September 2006, Criminal Damage on Church Road Ashby St Mary.

6. Correspondence tabled separately and previously circulated

Parish and Town Council Conference, Tuesday 12 December 2006

Norfolk Fire Service and free Smoke detectors

Community Funding Officer – Funding for projects

BYRUS Donation letter – Will consider in July 2007

Wheelie Bins and microchips, Derek Blake explained the actions of South Norfolk Council concerning this matter.

7. Finance

A **Balance of Accounts** Current A/c as at 1 November 2006 £500.00

Business Prem A/c as at 1 November 2006 £2748.51.

B Payments

Loddon on Call	100183	£ 100.00
Ash & Thur V.H NoticeBoard	100184	£ 100.00
Air Ambulance	100185	£ 100.00
L Gray Clerk Sal & Exp	100186	£ 375.53
Ash & Thur V.H Hire of Hall	100187	£ 7.00

C Receipts

Precept	25.09.06	£1000.00
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Proposed by Terry Kitt, seconded by Carol Powell and agreed unanimously.

D **Precept** Review budget figures for 2007/08 to set precept after a discussion Councillors agreed to keep the precept at £2000.00.

Proposed by Carol Powell, seconded by Edgar Hoddly and agreed unanimously.

8. Planning - Applications**2006/2253 Springwoods, Mill Road, Ashby St Mary**

Councillor Decision

Proposed single storey bedroom extension

Planning Decision From South Norfolk Council**2006/1930 Land adjoining Alden, Mill Common, Ashby St Mary** Approved with
Reserved matters application for erection of new bungalow conditions**2006/1437 The Paddocks, Mill Common, Ashby St Mary**Approved with
conditions

Proposed extension and alterations to dwelling

2006/1107 Field View, Sandy Lane, Ashby St Mary

Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of house

To be advised

9. Homewatch

Carol Powell reported that the system of cascading information via email was working well and John Broughton the Homewatch Central Co-ordinator had been invited to the January meeting.

10. Web Site

Carol Powell reported that things are on track after a meeting that she and Mark attended with a Web Designer from Marsh. There is another meeting scheduled shortly.

11. Public Consultation including Reports from County and District Councillors**Report from Adrian Gunson, County Councillor*****Thurton School Rebuild.***

Adrian reported on the Public Meeting held to discuss the plans for Thurton School. The meeting had been attended well by the local community and the plans were found to be acceptable. The discussion at the meeting moved on to the safety issues relating to Ashby Road and the A146. The following areas were discussed;

- Parking for teachers and parents at the school
- Crossing the A146 on foot from Thurton Street to the School

Possible ways in which to resolve these problems

- Review of School Travel Plan
- Pelican crossing on A146
- Widen the footway on the Thurton side
- Raise the kerbs and insert bollards to indicate a crossing area
- Change the length of the road traffic islands.

Adrian Gunson discussed with the Parish Council the ways forward which included

- Link the travel plan of the school to Highways to receive improvements to junctions and crossings on A146.
- Up to date school information, how many children walk to school, how many pupils live the Thurton Street side of the A146.
- Improvements to encourage pupils to walk to school
- Negotiate an agreement with the new landlord of the pub for parents to park in pub car park when taking and collecting from school.

After the Parish Council had discussed the areas detailed above it was agreed that this was an ongoing issue that Adrian would keep the Parish Council up to date on.

Grass Cutting on A146

Terry Kitt reported on issues relating to the verges and the junctions on the A146 not being cut back far enough.

Adrian will report these issues and will report back at the next meeting.

Report from Derek Blake, District Councillor

Derek Blake gave out several publications at the meeting including;

- Planning Newsletter
- Norfolk Constabulary Design and Access Statement Guide
- Local Authority and Gypsies and Travellers
- Changes in voting procedures
- Your Rubbish Your Choice
- Local Government White Paper concerning Parish Councils

He then reported on the following;

- Fly tipping a problem in the area
- WREN and possible Village Hall funding available if applied for
- Post Watch concerning the postal service.

12. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information

Village Hall Committee and Representation at Committee Meetings.

13. Date of next meeting 25 January 2007

The meeting closed at 9.10pm