

ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on Thursday 25 January 2007 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) and 1 Member of Public.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mark Rolph, Sarah Cook, Adrian Gunson, County Councillor and Derek Blake, District Councillor.

2. Declaration of Interest

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

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2006

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

4. John Broughton From Homewatch

John Broughton manages 500 Homewatch schemes from his base at Diss Police Station although he is not a Police Officer. The information he cascades to the Homewatch co-ordinators is received from the Police Computer. As well as crime and theft in the area the information includes Rogue Traders, telephone/doorstep scams. The Police perceive the Homewatch scheme as very beneficial to any area; they hope that in the future it could be the basis for their partnership with residents and contribute to the Safer Neighbourhood Policy. John Broughton also brought along security devices that he is able to sell and gave out leaflets with further security information for householders.

Crime Reduction Officer from Norfolk Police can visit your home to give security advice, please ring 0845 456 4567 and ask for the Crime Reduction Department.

5. Homewatch

Carol Powell gave an update report on the Ashby St Mary Homewatch scheme. It was agreed that further security device information will be made available to residents at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

6. Matters Arising

The road signs on Ashby Road and Mill Road have been improved with the Village they belong to added to the sign. There had been a problem with Ambulances and Delivery Drivers in this area.

7. Village Hall Committee Meetings and representation by the Parish Council

This item had been included as Sarah and Mark wanted to give a report, in their absence Terry Kitt agreed to be the named representative. All Councillors will be given details of meetings to discuss attendance. Terry asked for the clerk to obtain the meeting date schedule and a copy of the Village Hall Constitution.

8. Correspondence (tabled separately)

Thank you letters from Ashby with Thurton Village Hall Committee, Loddon on Call and East Anglia Air Ambulance.

Ashby and Thurton Village Hall confirming the permanent display of Ashby St Mary's web site address on the new noticeboard.

9 Finance

A Balance of Accounts Current A/c as at 29 December 2006 £500.00
 Business Prem A/c as at 29 December 2006 £2072.37

B Payments

Ashby & Thurton VH	100188	£ 7.00
L Gray Raffle prize	100189	£ 20.00
L Gray Salary & Expenses	100190	£ 270.73

Proposed by Terry Kitt and seconded by Carol Powell.

10 Planning - Applications**Parish Council
Recommendation**

**2006/2666 Land to the rear of Hill House Cottages,
 Mill Road, Ashby St Mary**
 Proposed new single storey dwelling

Approve

Planning Decision From South Norfolk Council

2006/2253 Springwoods, Mill Road, Ashby St Mary
 Proposed single storey bedroom extension

Approved with
 Conditions

2006/1107 Field View, Sandy Lane, Ashby St Mary
 Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of house

Approved with
 Conditions

11 Web Site

All Councillors were very pleased with the website and thanked Carol and Mark for all their hardwork. A demonstration will be available at the Annual Parish Meeting. Carol Powell proposed and Terry Kitt seconded the web site going live as soon as possible.

12 Public Consultation and Reports from County and District Councillors

There were no reports from the County or District Councillors.

13 Other Matters for future agendas and items for information

Annual Parish Meeting handout
 Web site feedback

14 Date of next meeting 22 March 2007

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

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