

# ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on Thursday 22 March 2007 at 7.45 pm at Ashby and Thurton Village Hall  
MINUTES

**Present:** Robert Todd (Chairman), 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

Apologies were received from Peter Wright.

## 2. Declaration of Interest

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

## 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2007

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)

Nomination Packs for the Parish Council Elections

Norwich Unitary Bid Response

Thurton Primary School Plans

Ashby and Thurton Village Hall Committee email – Terry Kitt will attend the next meeting.

## 6 Finance

A **Balance of Accounts** Current A/c as at 1 March 2007 £500.00

Business Prem A/c as at 1 March 2007 £1775.37

### B Payments

Ashby & Thurton VH	100191	£ 13.00
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Audit Commission	100192	£ 58.75
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Mark Rolph (Web Site)	100193	£ 32.74
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Mark Rolph explained the costs the Parish Council had been charged for the website.

£32.74 = £1.99 per month for one year host fees and £1.99 per year for the domain name.

Proposer Terry Kitt and seconder Carole Powell.

## 7 Planning

**Planning - Applications** None

### **Planning Decision From South Norfolk Council**

### **District Council Decisions**

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

No decision returned  
at time of meeting

## 8 Annual Parish Meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take on the same format as previous years but highlighting  
Homewatch and the new Parish Web Site. The invitation to residents will be distributed in a  
handout form that will include the Chairman's invitation, Agenda, Website information and  
security products available through the Homewatch scheme.

## 9 **Web Site**

The Parish Council Website is up and running thanks to the hard work of Mark Rolph and Carole Powell. The web site will be presented to the residents at the Annual Parish Meeting. The web masters will be Mark Rolph, Carole Powell and Linda Gray who will be able to access the main web site template for updating purposes. It was agreed to discuss any feedback from residents at the Annual Parish Meeting relating to the website, at the May meeting.

## 10 **Homewatch**

Reports from John Broughton continue to be circulated between the members of the Homewatch scheme. Terry Kitt has been able to refresh some of the Homewatch signs with new stickers. Security products available from John Broughton will be advertised to residents in the Annual Parish Meeting hand out. It was agreed to conduct a free raffle at the Annual Parish Meeting with a security product as the prize, donated by John Broughton.

## 11 **Public Consultation and Reports from County and District Councillors**

### **Report from Adrian Gunson, County Councillor**

*Thurton Primary Schools* plans have been circulated for local consultation and the planning application has been submitted.

*A146* a technical study looking at pedestrians crossing to Thurton School has been taken.

*Thurton Street*, traffic problems are foreseen due to parked cars of visitors to the new housing development.

*Hobart High Schools* outside building programme will be completed soon. Further refurbishment works will continue inside the original building. The planning application for the All Weather Pitch has been submitted. A feasibility study to consider refurbishing the swimming pool will be complete soon. The school are in discussions with the White Dolphin Swimming Club for possible fund raising ideas and ways forward for a refurbishment programme.

*Trowse Bypass*, a study of the priority of the lights has been completed by the Highways Agency. Priority is given to traffic leaving the A47 from Gt Yarmouth at present. Alterations to the traffic lights sequence could be difficult due to the age of the equipment.

*Loddon Library Disabled Access from the Church Plain Car Park* is now complete.

*Cycle stands* have been installed in key areas of Loddon and Chedgrave.

*Chedgrave* is experiencing traffic problems due to parked cars of visitors to the new housing development on the old Browns Garage site.

*Rockland St Marys* Drainage Scheme is now close to completion but has some residual work outstanding.

### **Report from Derek Blake, District Councillor**

Derek gave the Parish Council various handouts

Recycling Centre Changes – the information enclosed would affect the site at Bergh Apton

Report on the Geophysical Trial from Caistor St Edmund

Finding Sites for Gypsies and Travellers

Housing Marketing Assessment Newsletter

Black and White Newsletter

Norfolk NHS primary care trust

Fun Activities for young people in South Norfolk

The Respect Handbook

Broads and Rivers Leaders Newsletter.

All were added to the Correspondence file circulated between Parish Councillors.

Police Liaison Officers have been identified for most areas but Ashby St Mary is to be advised.

South Norfolk Alliance Area Forums – Loddon will have its own meeting in the future.  
Building Policy – South Norfolk are discussing various Building Policies relating to Villages.  
Individual Parish Plans are proving useful.  
Local Development Framework, there was nothing to report at present.

**12 Other Matters for future agendas and items for information**

Ashby and Thurton Village Hall Committee.

**13 Date of next meeting Annual Parish Meeting 26 April 2007**

**The meeting closed at 9.50pm**