

ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Robert Todd (Chairman), Carol Powell, Mark Rolph, Terry Kitt,
Sarah Cook and Edgar Hoddy.

Also Present: Linda Gray (Clerk), Adrian Gunson, County Councillor,

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Peter Wright 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 20 September 2007

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

4. Matters Arising

Contribution towards Grass cutting in Church Yard – Feedback had been received that parishioners were not happy for the Parish Council to request for an area of conservation to be set aside in the Church Yard. After a discussion Councillors confirmed the idea was detailed as a request for consideration and comment by the PCC and apologise for any misunderstandings that may have arisen.

Car Parking charges in Loddon – The Parish Council had supported Loddon Parish Council in opposing this proposal by South Norfolk, but no further information had been received.

Wheelie Bin Collections - The response received from South Norfolk was circulated that confirmed South Norfolk would not consider weekly collections.

5. Correspondence (tabled separately)

Strategic Housing email – The draft local Housing Delivery Plan for 2008-2011 was available on the South Norfolk Council Website for comment. The response received from the community for the Parish Plan is evidence that residents are completely against any further development of Ashby St Mary and Councillors requested the Clerk to provide this feedback to South Norfolk.

Police Station Closure - Loddon Police Station had been closed and a Police communication point opened at Hobart High School. Police can be contacted at Loddon through the non-emergency contact telephone number 0845 456 4567.

The meeting dates of the Parish Council for 2008 would be detailed to the new office, along with an invitation for a Police Community Officer to meet with both Ashby St Mary and Thurton Parish Councils and the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, in order that a communication link is established and local problems could be discussed.

War Memorial Enquiry – The Clerk had received an enquiry concerning whether Mr Ernest William Bush was included on the War Memorial at Ashby St Mary. Edgar Hoddy would check the War Memorial and report back to the Clerk. Councillors discussed if this type of information would be best included on the Web Site along with grave names and contact details for further information. Mark Rolph would look into this consideration and report back to the Clerk.

6. Finance

Bank Account – Barclays Bank had informed the Parish Council the Business Premium Account was no longer available and the Parish Council had to agree to change the account to another option. The new Instant Access Saver account was proposed by Terry Kitt, seconded Edgar Hoddy and agreed unanimously.

Precept – Councillors discussed the budget for 2008/09 and agreed to maintain the precept at £2000.00. Proposed Sarah Cook, seconded Terry Kitt and agreed unanimously.

Clerks Contract and Hours – The contract of employment and job description relating to the position of clerk had been discussed with councillors and with the Clerk. The contract was agreed including the following information. Start date April 2005, 5 days holiday per year, 2.5 hours per week to include updating the web site. The new pay rates had been set at £9.242, to be back dated to April 2007. Proposed Edgar Hoddy, seconded Carol Powell and agreed unanimously.

01.11.07	Balance of current account		£1,551.64	
	Balance of savings account		£ 500.00	£ 2,051.64
Receipts				
20.09.07	Precept	Add	£1,000.00	
		Balance	SubTotal	£ 3,051.64
Payments				
	Ashby PCC	100210	£150.00	
	L Gray Clerk Salary & Exp	100211	£288.16	
	Ashby & Thurton Pre-School	100212	£150.00	
		Subtract	Total	£ 588.16
	New Balance			£ 2,463.48

Payment table proposed, Carol Powell, seconded, Sarah Cook and unanimously agreed.

7. Planning

Planning Application Ref & Date	Address and Proposal	Parish Council Decision	South Norfolk Planning Decision
2006/2666 11.12.06	Land to rear of Hill House Cottages, Mill Road, Ashby St Mary Proposed new single storey dwelling	Approve	
2007/1570 01.08.07	7 St Mary's Road, Ashby St Mary Land to the rear of for erection of a Summer house/ shed and green house	Approve	Approve
2007/1850 20.08.07	Land to rear of 12 Foxglove Close, and 7,16 & 18 St Marys Road, Ashby St Mary. Erection of boundary fence	Approve	Approve

8. Standing Orders – On going item

9. Defibrillator - Visit from Loddon On Call

Sue Ford from Loddon on Call came to give a report on the work carried out by their volunteers. Loddon on Call is based at Loddon Fire Station and has been running for 18 months. Their scheme vehicle responds to calls placed to the Ambulance call centre and carries a Defibrillator for cardiac arrests, Oxygen for asthma attacks and Hypo stop for diabetics, along with normal first aid supplies. The scheme is self funded by fundraising events and donations. The Councillors discussed with Sue the viability of the Parish Council

providing a defibrillator for Ashby St Mary. The intended unit would cost £1600.00 with further costs of £300.00 per battery and would need to be accessible 24/7, with a team of volunteers to train to use the equipment and make it readily available. This year Loddon on Call has responded to 5 call outs in Ashby St Mary and in a 10 mile radius of Loddon has used its defibrillator 4 times. Councillors decided not to purchase a defibrillator for the community but instead to support the work of Loddon on Call.

10. Report from Representative on Village Hall Committee

Terry Kitt reported the main areas discussed at the recent meeting. A wish list of improvements has been drawn up along with various fund raising events. The licence for the school to use the parking area and field had been finalised. Karen Bonsell the new key holder had organised a Fun Day fundraiser to be held the weekend of the 21/22 June 2008 which would include a picnic, various events and an Auction of Promises. Councillors would like to support this fundraiser and offer a raffle prize; the Clerk will contact the committee.

11. Web Site

Mark Rolph gave an overview of the updates recently made.

12. Homewatch

Carol Powell reported that updates had been received recently detailing scams to be aware of and the possibility of Village Halls being used as Rave venues. There had also been a report of squatters in Loddon.

13. Public Consultation and Reports from County and District Councillors

Report from Adrian Gunson, County Councillor

Thurton School – Work has started on the site for the new school. A public meeting recently discussed the position of additional yellow lines around St Georges Close, Ashby Road and The Street, Thurton for improved safety. The public were in favour of these proposals.

Hobart High School – The All Weather Pitch is finished except for the installation of the floodlighting. The Swimming Pool improvements will require additional funding if made available for public use.

Police Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel – will discuss antisocial behaviour in Loddon.
50 mph Speed limit, on the A146 between the Framingham Pigot and the Slad junctions has been delayed.

Drainage Management Plan – Is being discussed to be implemented at Claxton Corner.

Unitary Authority for Norwich – Further proposals will be available for consultation soon.

Hellington Corner – Terry Kitt reported the grass cutting had not been sufficient on the inside bend and asked for the County Council to provide a supervisory position for the inspection of grass cutting on the highways, as the standard at present was not acceptable. Adrian Gunson would investigate this matter.

14. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information

Meeting dates – The dates put forward were discussed and agreed.

(Thursday 24 January 2008) meeting date to be changed

Thursday 20 March 2008

Thursday 24 April 2008 APM Main Hall

Thursday 22 May 2008 AGM

Thursday 18 July 2008

Thursday 25 September 2008

Thursday 20 November 2008

15. Date of next meeting January 2007 Date to be changed

The meeting closed at 9.55pm