

ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on Wednesday 23 January 2008 at 7.45 pm at Ashby and Thurton Village Hall
MINUTES

Present: Robert Todd (Chairman), Peter Wright, Carol Powell and Terry Kitt,

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mark Rolph, Sarah Cook and Edgar Hoddy.

2. Declaration of Interest

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

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 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)

Planning Training at SNC Long Stratton
GNDP Validation checklist for planning

6. Finance

Payment Table

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|----------|----------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| 31.12.07 | Balance of current account | | £1,974.83 | |
| | Balance of savings account | | £ 500.00 | £ 2,474.83 |
| Receipts | | | | |
| | | Add | £ 0.00 | |
| | | Balance | SubTotal | £ 2,474.83 |
| Payments | | | | |
| 23/01/08 | Ashby Thurton PFC | 100213 | £ 7.00 | |
| 23/01/08 | L Gray Clerk Salary & Exp | 100214 | £ 289.58 | |
| | | Subtract | Total | £ 296.58 |
| | New Balance | | | £ 2,178.25 |

The payment table was proposed by Terry Kitt, seconded by Carol Powell and agreed unanimously

7. Planning Applications

| 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 | Approved with Conditions |
| 2007/2672 18.12.07 | 16 St Marys Road, Ashby St Mary Single storey shed | Approve | |
| 2007/2727 28.12.07 | 6 Mill Common, Ashby St Mary Erection of side and rear extensions and internal alterations | Approve | |

8. Standing Orders Update

Mark Rolph and Terry Kitt had reviewed and updated the standing orders. These will be issued shortly.

9. Annual Parish Meeting Planning

There was a discussion regarding the content of the flyer to be distributed to all residents in Ashby St Mary. It was agreed to include the first page of the Web site on the front cover. Terry Kitt would review the Parish Plan and Robert Todd as Chairman would include a piece.

10. Report from Representative on Village Hall Committee

Terry Kitt attended the recent meeting and made the following points. Each booking of the Village Hall requires telephone confirmation. A check list for hiring the Village Hall will be provided to hirers. Councillors discussed paying for the hire of the Village Hall on an annual basis, the clerk will investigate. Councillors also discussed the Family Fun Weekend scheduled to take place in June. The Parish Council would like to extend their help and support to this event and applaud the efforts of Karen Bonsell the organiser for all her hard work. A prize for the event will be discussed at the next meeting.

11. Web Site

The Web site now requires updating and the Clerk will contact Mark Rolph.

12. Homewatch

Kevin Nightingale, Police Community Support Officer from Loddon attended the meeting. PCSO Nightingale explained the Safer Neighbourhood team in Loddon included 3 PCSO's and one Police officer. The Sergeant, Jo Warmsley is based at Poringland. The PCSO team work from 8am to midnight every day of the week including weekends and are contactable via the non emergency telephone number 0845 456 4567 as well as the emergency telephone number 999. PCSO Nightingale endeavours to patrol each village at least twice a week either in a high visibility car or on foot. There had been only 2 reported crimes in the Village in the last 3 months but PCSO Nightingale warned residents to take care of Heating Fuel, Scrap Metal and Diesel as theft of these items were on the increase. It was agreed to place a link to the local police web site on the Ashby St Mary web site and the Safer Neighbourhood Team would communicate with Carol Powell regarding information for Homewatch. Robert Todd invited PCSO Nightingale to attend the Annual Parish Meeting of Ashby St Mary in April.

13. Public Consultation and Reports from County and District Councillors

The Unitary bid and Local Government re-organisation is ongoing.

Report from Adrian Gunson, County Councillor

Thurton School building project is ongoing and progressing well

Hobart High School All Weather Pitch, the electrical supply is connected and the pitch is being used in the evenings and at weekends.

Hellington Corner road surface hatching will be enhanced with a pink coloured surface.

Speed Limit on A146, the proposed 50mph speed limit between Highways Nurseries and the Slade turning to Alington is being advertised at present.

Claxton Church Lane had been closed by BT

Claxton Drainage problems are being investigated by the Environment Agency.

Arts funding, there had been a redistribution of funds relating to the Arts resulting in Creative Arts East funding to be cut.

Points reported to Adrian Gunson

- a. Pot hole on A146 outside Highways Nurseries.
- b. Mill Common drainage problems at the bottom of the hill.

- c. Hellington Corner, Slippery Road Surface Sign, these signs have been erected after resurfacing work had taken place due to the reduction in skid resistance on the new road surface.

Report from Derek Blake, District Councillor

Identity Theft from details on South Norfolk Web site relating to planning applications. South Norfolk will be reviewing the information contained on the site.

Local Development Framework, more information had been made available recently at an open session in Loddon. Land owners are being contacted again to see if their land is still available for redevelopment.

Parish Plan, South Norfolk planners will refer to Parish Plans when considering available land for the Local Development Framework

14. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information

Apologies of absence had been received from Robert Todd, Terry Kitt and Peter Wright for the next meeting. Please can councillors review their diaries and confirm they can attend the next meeting on 20 March 2008. If the meeting needs to be changed the Clerk will contact Councillors accordingly.

15. Date of next meeting 20 March 2008

The meeting closed at 9.35pm