

ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on Thursday 17 July 2008 at 7.45 pm at Ashby and Thurton Village Hall

MINUTES

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

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Carol Powell 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 22 May 2008

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)

Notice Boards require attention. Both the Notice Boards on Mill Road / Mill Common junction will be receiving maintenance shortly.

Boundary Committee Meeting Dates. Councillors requested the Clerk to write to the Committee including the following points; maintain the present status quo of District Council and County Council in Norfolk and point out that Norfolk Residents had not been consulted on the proposals.

Community Composting Scheme This type of scheme had been investigated in the past but with out a location could not proceed.

Grit bins locality Audit – 2 @ Mill Common, 1 @ Mill Road and 1 @ Hall Road.

High Hedge Complaints – South Norfolk had reviewed the charges involved.

6. Finance

Receipts				
01.07.08	Balance of current account		£ 500.00	
	Balance of savings account		£1,856.28	£ 2,356.28
02.06.08	Bank Interest		£ 7.55	
01.07.08	Bank Interest		£ 6.53	
		Add		£ 14.08
		Balance	SubTotal	£ 2,370.36
Payments				
17.07.08	Ashby & Thurton Village Hall	100224	£ 7.00	
17.07.08	C Dix Auditor	100225	£ 40.00	
17.07.08	NCAPTC Insurance	100226	£ 180.75	
17.07.08	L Gray Salary & Expenses	100227	£ 368.08	
17.07.08	Thurton VC Primary School	100228	£ 50.00	
		Subtract	Total	£ 645.83
	New Balance			£ 1,724.53

Pupil Award trophy, Councillors proposed to donate £50.00 toward the cost of the trophy. The payment table was proposed by Sarah Cook, seconded Terry Kitt and agreed unanimously

Debit Card for the Parish Council due to payments method required to pay the web site provider the Clerk had brought information relating to the Parish Council applying for a Debit

Card. Councillors along with the Clerk were against the proposal and paying by Direct Debit will be considered.

Section 137 Donations

As in previous years Councillors were keen to support the local community. The following was proposed. Loddon on Call, £150.00, East Anglian Air Ambulance, £ 100.00, BYRUS, £100.00 and Contribution to the Grass Cutting of Ashby St Mary Church £150.00. Proposed by Robert Todd, seconded Terry Kitt and agreed unanimously. The cheques will be issued at the meeting of the Parish Council in September.

7. Planning

Planning Application Ref & Date	Address and Proposal	Parish Council Decision	South Norfolk Planning Decision
2008/0156 25.01.08	16 Foxglove Close, Ashby St Mary, Single storey extension to south side of property	Approve	Approved

8. Sponsorship of Pupil Award for Thurton Primary School

Councillors were delighted to be able to sponsor a Pupil Award at the primary school. The award, Contribution to Teamwork will be given each year to a pupil from the school and will be kept in the new Trophy Cabinet at the school. This year the award ceremony took place before the end of term and Christopher Alexander was awarded the Ashby St Mary Parish Council Contribution to Teamwork trophy. The Head teacher and Governors of the school extended their thanks to the Parish Council for their contribution and involvement.

9. Parish Plan Action Plan Review

When the Parish Plan had been researched and distributed in 2005 the action plan enclosed in the back of the plan included points raised by residents for improvements to Ashby St Mary. After the Action plan had been discussed with residents at the 2008 Annual Parish Meeting Councillors reviewed and updated all items on the Action plan. Several of the items had been implemented; the Homewatch scheme had been re-organised, enhanced and continues to be very well supported, a web site was in place and receives a good amount of hits on a weekly basis, the signage around the parish had been updated including new signage to clearly mark Ashby Road, Thurton and Mill Road, Ashby St Mary, new Police Community Officers were in place in Loddon with an increase in Police presence noted. The Residents of Ashby St Mary confirmed that they continue to be against any further development, residential or business, in Ashby St Mary. The updated action plan may be viewed on the web site www.ashbystmary.org.uk.

10. Standing Orders

The standing orders had been reviewed and ratified at the Annual General Meeting in May, after being reprinted Robert Todd, the Chairman duly signed the Standing Orders.

11. Report from Representative on Village Hall Committee

Terry Kitt reported Keith Lincoln had been appointed as Vice-Chairman. The Fun Day had been very successful and very well supported by the Village; £1000.00 was raised and will be used for the planned Village Hall improvement. A proposal to make pedestrian access to the Village Hall field from Vale Road and The Meadows was being considered.

12. Web Site

Mark Rolph reported the Web site had been updated and would like to take the opportunity to remind residents that events and information of the Parish could be included on the web site. For further information contact the Parish Clerk.

13. Homewatch

Carol Powell reported that Mrs Wood, who attended the last parish Council meeting with a query about Homewatch had been updated and set up with a new Homewatch co-ordinator. Thanks were extended to Mark Rolph for attending the Fun Day with questionnaires relating to Homewatch. Good results were received from residents.

14. Public Consultation and Reports from County and District Councillors

Report from Adrian Gunson, County Councillor

A146 Resurfacing scheme in Thurton will finish shortly and the widening of the traffic/crossing island had already been completed.

Thurton VC Primary School will be ready to open for the new term in September.

Claxton Street – Pot holes to be repaired shortly.

Claxton to Langley – Resurfacing programme to commence shortly.

Loddon Library – The refurbishment of the Library had been completed to a high standard. The entrance to the library had been changed to the opposite end of the building.

Hobart High School Swimming Pool – The questionnaire to establish demand by the public for the pool, to be submitted with the business case, had been circulated since the Loddon All Sports Fete and results so far were very good. Plans for the proposed development of the Swimming pool were on display at the School. The proposals include deepening the pool along with creating new changing areas, a disabled access and re roofing the whole structure.

Parking difficulties at peak times once yellow lines are in place close to Thurton School, Robert Todd discussed with Adrian Gunson the difficulties of parking that could result once the proposed yellow lines were installed at St Georges Close and Park Close junctions and the possibility of finding the land owner of the wedge of land behind the school which backs on to the end of St Georges Close as a possible new pedestrian entrance to the school from that area.

15. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information

16. Date of next meeting 25 September 2008

The meeting closed at 9.40pm