

ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 20 November 2008 at 7.45 pm at
Ashby and Thurton Village Hall

Present: Robert Todd (Chairman), Carol Powell, Mark Rolph and Terry Kitt,

Also Present: Linda Gray (Clerk), Adrian Gunson, County Councillor, Derek Blake, District Councillor and 0 Members of Public.

1. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Sarah Cook, Peter Wright 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 25 September 2008

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

4. Matters Arising

Parish Plan Action Plan review, Derek Blake agreed to send the updated Parish Plan Action Plan to the Chief Executive and Director of Planning and Housing along with a copy to David Willis from Planning Policy at South Norfolk Council.

5. Speeding in the Village

A resident had contacted the Parish Council regarding the issue of speeding in the village. Parish councillors along with County and District councillors discussed this matter at great length and Adrian Gunson County Councillor detailed the available speed surveys. Councillors were very concerned with this issue and instructed the Clerk to highlight the concerns of Councillors and residents in a letter to the Police.

6. Correspondence

Ashby St Mary Footpaths; a letter from Megan Coombs, Countryside Access Warden at Norfolk County Council asked for landowner details regarding two footpaths in the village.

7. Finance

Receipts	29.09.08	Balance of current account		£ 500.00	
	29.09.08	Balance of savings account		£1,234.29	£ 1,734.29
	01.10.08	Precept		£1,000.00	
	01.10.08	Bank Interest October		£ 3.90	
			Add	Subtotal	£ 1,003.90
			Balance	Subtotal	£ 2,738.19
Payments		September Payments		£ 625.73	
					£ 2,112.46
	20.11.08	L Gray Salary and Expenses	100236	£ 353.12	
			Subtract	Total	£ 353.12
			New	Balance	£ 1,759.34

- a **Balance of Account and Payment table** was agreed by Councillors proposed Mark Rolph, seconded Terry Kitt and agreed unanimously.
- b **Budget and Precept 2009/10** Councillors examined the budget for 2009/10 and agreed the precept should remain the same at £2K.
- c **National Interim salary award for Local Council Clerks 2008/09** the clerk issued the paperwork sent by NALC regarding a 2% pay award, Councillors agreed the pay award for the clerk to be back dated to 1 April 2008. Proposed Carol Powell, seconded Terry Kitt and agreed unanimously.
- d **Cilca Training for Clerk** The Clerk requested to undertake further training by applying for the recognised Cilca Training. The cost would total £325.00 but could be shared

between the two Parish Councils the Clerk covered. Proposed Carol Powell, seconded Mark Rolph and agreed unanimously.

8. Planning - No new planning applications or outstanding decisions to report.

9. Report from Representative on the Village Hall Committee

Terry would be attending a meeting shortly.

10. Web Site

Councillors had been asked to consider links to the ukvillages.co.uk and problemneighbour.co.uk websites. After a discussion Councillors agreed the link to UK Villages website only. New items on the site were to include the updated Councillor Contact details list and Parish Plan Action Plan along with a recruitment poster for Loddon on Call.

11. Homewatch

An account of reported incidents had been sent by Kevin Nightingale. Carol had still been experiencing problems with emails.

12. Public Consultation and Reports from County and District Councillors

Report from Adrian Gunson, County Councillor

Thurton School, the Bishop of Norwich had officially opened the school

SNAP Police Meeting at Poringland where resident's issues were discussed highlighting the following, crime committed after midnight when PCSO's have finished their shifts. Wheelie bin fires, increased crime in Loddon and Chedgrave but in Poringland crime had decreased.

A11 Dualling, plans for the stretch at Barton Mills to go ahead.

X2 Bus service, a route manager had been appointed to improve the service on the route and two newer double decker buses were now on the route. Plans to stop the buses meeting in Loddon High Street were being discussed.

Report from Derek Blake, District Councillor

Apologies for being unavailable to attend meetings recently due increases in workload.

LDF- Local Development Framework, the Governments are keen to continue with Housing Development proposals and overlooking the current down turn in building. David Willis from South Norfolk who deals with housing policy had received the letter from Ashby detailing the residents wish for no further development of the village.

Design Award Thurton School The school received a Highly Commended award for design
Car Parking Loddon, problems had been addressed and along with an adjustment to the Pay Machines, new 20 minute parking without a ticket spaces had been input and the return time to qualify for a further free parking period had been reduced to 2 hours.

Loddon Swimming pool, South Norfolk Council were unable to support this project due to the cost and lack of funds at the Council.

13. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information

TARA Thurton and Ashby Residents Association. It had come to the attention of the Parish Council of the existence of a residents association, by reports in the Thurton Thunder which is not distributed to Ashby Residents.

The Parish Council would need to consider the validity of including Ashby St Mary in the title when the Parish Council could confirm no consultation and was of the understanding that no Ashby Residents were included on the Committee.

14. Date of next meeting 22 January 2009

The meeting closed at 9.05pm