

# ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 19 March 2009 at 7.45 pm at  
Ashby and Thurton Village Hall

**Present:** Robert Todd (Chairman), Peter Wright, Carol Powell, Terry Kitt and Edgar Hoddy.  
**Also Present:** Linda Gray (Clerk), Adrian Gunson, County Councillor and 0 Members of Public.

## 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mark Rolph, Sarah Cook 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 January 2009

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

## 4. Matters Arising

Freedom of Information act. Councillors were required to agree on a price, per page for the Clerk to reproduce information to residents under the Freedom of Information Act. After a discussion it was agreed to charge 20p per A4 sheet and postage would be charged at the recommended rate for the items in question.

## 5. Parish Plan – Affordable Housing

The Parish Council attention had been drawn to fact the no further development of Ashby St Mary had not addressed the issue of an Affordable Housing Development. After a discussion Councillors requested the following statement be added to the Parish Plan as an Appendices, 'There is inadequate infrastructure in the Village to support any further development however, this could be reviewed in the event that proven local need for affordable housing were identified'.

## 6. No Cold Calling Zones

The Parish Council supports the idea of residents setting up 'No Cold Calling Zones' and would like to provide information at the Annual Parish Meeting. The clerk would contact the Safer Neighbourhood Police team to see if any leaflets were available for the Annual Parish Meeting.

## 7. Correspondence (tabled separately)

**Village Hall Burglaries** - The clerk had forwarded an email to Karen Bonsell, bookings clerk to the Village hall, information from the Police concerning an increase of Village Hall burglaries in the area.

## 8. Finance

<b>Receipts</b>				
31.12.08	Balance of current account		£ 500.00	
31.12.08	Balance of savings account		£ 767.29	£ 1,267.68
01.01.09	Bank Interest February		£ 0.29	£ 0.29
		Balance	Subtotal	£ 1,267.68
<b>Payments</b>				
19.03.09	SNDC Dog Bin Service	100240	£ 60.79	
		Subtract	Total	£ 60.79
		New	Balance	£ 1,206.89

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

**a) Bank Card**

After several complications and updates to be completed Councillors were requested to agree on the name to be included on the bank card. It was agreed for the Chairman's name to be detailed on the card along with Ashby St Mary PC Website.

The forms will be returned to the bank and a card would be issued shortly.

**b) Village Hall Annual Fee**

The Parish Council had started to pay for the hire of the Village Hall annually and now required an invoice for the hire of the hall for 2009/10. Terry Kitt would request an invoice at the next Village Hall Committee meeting for 6 meetings in the small room and 1 in the main hall.

**c) Audits for Councils Accounts**

It was discussed and agreed by Councillors that as Chris Dix was the appointed as the internal auditor for the Parish Council accounts it was no longer necessary for a councillor to audit the accounts. The accounts would now be reviewed informally at a meeting during the year.

**d) Appoint internal auditor**

Chris Dix was appointed as Internal Auditor for the 2008/09 accounts, proposed Peter Wright and seconded Terry Kitt.

**9. Planning**

Planning Application Ref & Date	Address and Proposal	Parish Council Decision	South Norfolk Planning Decision
<b>2008/2392</b> 10.12.2008	<b>Land Adj 33 Ashby Road, Thurton</b> Proposed residential development comprising of 5 new dwellings & garages and one replacement garage (and ancillary works)	Abstained	Withdrawn
<b>2009/0196</b> 09.02.09	<b>Ashlea Mill Common, Ashby St Mary</b> Proposed two storey rear extension, first floor side extension and loft conversion of main house including installation of dormer windows	Approved in principle	

**Planning Application comments by Councillors.**

The present system of sending round planning applications had not been working effectively recently with several Councillors not receiving planning applications before the return date. It was agreed for the Clerk to email Councillors details of Planning Applications in order that they may be viewed on line and for Councillors to return their comments to the Clerk via email. The plans would be available from the Clerk if required. The Clerk agreed to text message both Edgar Hoddy and Carol Powell when planning had been received.

**10. Report from Representative on the Village Hall Committee**

Due to the meeting date being changed Terry Kitt was unable to attend the last meeting.

**11. TARA – Thurton and Ashby Village Residents Association**

Although invited no representative of TARA was available for the meeting. Councillors still remain uncertain regarding the aims of this association and will make a further request for a representative to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council in May.

**12. Web Site**

The web site invoice had not been paid due to the bank card not being issued. A Cheque would be issued at the next meeting for £32.74 via Mark Rolph to meet the invoice. The web site may be frozen until the payment for the invoice is received.

**13. Homewatch**

Carol Powell had nothing to report for Ashby St Mary. Councillors were made aware that Poringland Police had been experiencing problems from a recent influx of travellers around the A140 Ipswich Road area.

**14. Annual Parish Meeting Planning.**

Councillors agreed the draft flyer, with one change to the date of issue on the agenda to 2 April 2009, in order that distribution could take place as soon as the flyers were printed. It was agreed for the Annual Parish Meeting to remain on St George's Day, 23 April, after concerns were raised of historically the village having many celebratory events on this day.

Once the flyer had been printed the Clerk would distribute an agreed amount for each Councillor to deliver to households. The following reports were requested from Councillors, Chairman's Report – Robert Todd, Financial Report – Linda Gray, Homewatch – Carol Powell and Web site – Mark Rolph.

**15. Public Consultation and Reports from County and District Councillors**

Report from Adrian Gunson, County Councillor

**Bus Stops on A146** were being constructed to provide a low floor compatibility with the buses for disabled passengers.

**Old School Building, Thurton** was still subject of discussion regarding ownership. So far ownership details had included the Beauchamp Family, the Church and the County Council.

**Widening of crossing island** on A146 for Thurton school. The owner of the land on the side of the George and Dragon has not been located. Wooden bollards will be in place on the pavement soon between Ashby Road and Vale Road.

**Bus Service** the X2 service seems to be running well at present.

**Church Road, Claxton** that continues into Ashby requires a weight restriction and the drainage problems are being investigated along with flooding at Claxton Corner.

**Potholes** between Church Lane and The Avenues had been repaired.

**Seething Primary School** rebuild had been prohibited by the study of newts on the land

**Hobart High School** is entering into a partnership headship with Loddon Junior School.

**16. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information**

Tara – Thurton and Ashby Residents Association.

**17. Next Meeting Annual Parish Meeting to be held 23 April 2009 7.45pm**

**Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Thursday 23 April 2009**  
**Ashby and Thurton Village Hall**  
**7.45pm**  
 All residents are invited

**The meeting closed at 9.15pm**