

## ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 21 May 2009 at 7.45 pm at  
Ashby and Thurton Village Hall**

**Present:** Robert Todd (Chairman), Peter Wright, Carol Powell, Terry Kitt and Sarah Cook.  
**Also Present:** Linda Gray (Clerk), Adrian Gunson, County Councillor, District Councillor and 4  
Member of Public.

- 1     **Appointment of Chairman** - The Clerk asked for nominations for Chairman. Terry Kitt proposed Robert Todd, seconded by Sarah Cook there were no further nominations and agreement was reached unanimously. Robert Todd accepted the post of Chairman. The acceptance of office form was completed and witnessed by the Clerk.
- 2     **Appointment of Vice Chairman** – Carol Powell proposed Peter Wright continued in the role as Vice Chairman seconded by Terry Kitt and as there were no further nominations agreement was reached unanimously. Peter Wright accepted the post as Vice Chairman. The acceptance of office form was completed and witnessed by the Clerk.
- 3     **Declaration of Interest** – All Councillors - Councillors completed and returned the Declaration of Interest Forms.
- 4     **Standing Orders** – General Review – The Clerk presented a summary of the Standing Orders adopted 22 May 2008. The presented summary was unanimously agreed.

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1. **Apologies** were received from Mark Rolph, Edgar Hoddy and Derek Blake

2. **Declaration of Interest**

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

3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2009**

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

4. **Matters Arising**

Cold Calling initiative in connection with Trading Standards. Councillors were keen for a Cold Calling Zone to be arranged on Ashby Road and Mill Road. The Clerk to contact Thurton PC and Trading Standards with a proposal that only two signs would be required to cover both villages. A Co-ordinator for the zone was known to Terry Kitt.

5. **Correspondence**

**Race Night** – Thurton Primary School June 6<sup>th</sup> 2009 7.30pm for more information contact the school office on 01508 480335

**Family Fun Weekend** – June 20<sup>th</sup> & June 21<sup>st</sup> At Thurton & Ashby Village Hall.

**Dog Bin emptying** – change to twice weekly emptying - Agreed

6. **Finance**

Balance of Account and Payment table

Councillors agreed for an IT Reserve transfer of £50.00 be transferred to the Web site Account Proposed Terry Kitt and seconded Peter Wright.

<b>Receipts</b>	Balance of current account		£ 706.97	
	Balance of savings account		£ 500.00	£ 1,206.97
April 09	Precept		£ 1000.00	
April 09	Bank Interest March		£ 0.04	£ 1,000.04
		Balance	Subtotal	£ 2,207.01
<b>Payments</b>				
21.05.09	APM Refreshments via L Gray	100241	£ 36.85	
21.05.09	Roberts Printers APM Printing	100242	£ 42.00	
21.05.09	Ashby & Thurton VH Annual Fee	100243	£ 29.00	
21.05.09	Norfolk ALC Membership	100244	£ 93.40	
21.05.09	L Gray Salary & Expenses	100245	£ 362.65	
21.05.09	1&1 co.uk Web site provider	100246	£ 34.23	
21.05.09	IT Reserve Transfer to Website Account	100247	£ 50.00	
		Subtract	Total	£ 648.13
			Total	£ 1,558.88

**a Audit** – The Clerk had produced the figures for the annual audit which were presented to Councillors. The annual audit was agreed by all Councillors

**b Asset register** – The Asset register depreciation of 25% was discussed and agreed

## 7. Planning

Planning Application Ref & Date	Address and Proposal	Parish Council Decision	South Norfolk Planning Decision
<b>2009/0625</b> 23.04.09	<b>Lilac Cottage, Low Common, Ashby St Mary</b> Change of use of meadow to residential curilage and conversion and extension of existing garage and annexe	Approve	
<b>2009/0677</b> 01.05.09	<b>Land Adj Ashby Road, Thurton</b> Proposed residential development comprising 4no. new dwellings & garages and one replacement garage (and ancillary works)	Conditional Approved	

### Planned Development of 33 Ashby Road, Thurton.

Members of the public had attended the meeting to discuss their concerns regarding the application for the development with Councillors. Councillors confirmed that while the Parish Council had agreed to the development of land in principle they had raised further concerns relating to, the footway not being extended past the development, safety of both pedestrians and cars and the new road junction and the scale of the development in comparison to the surrounding dwellings. Although concerns raised from the previous application had been addressed, Councillors were aware of the concerns of the residents.

## 8. Report from Representative on the Village Hall Committee

At the recent Annual General Meeting the committee were re-elected and Esther Thomas was the new Secretary. A Play Area development group had been formed to raise funds for new play area equipment. The maintenance of the hall was ongoing and the electrics required some work. Due to the Pre-school experiencing low numbers a reduce rental fee for the hall had been negotiated.

## 9. TARA – Thurton and Ashby Residents Association

Janet Rackham of TARA reported the following; the residents association had been formed in connection with Saffron Housing and its main aim was to support those in social housing along with residents in tied/leased and rented properties with housing issues. It also wanted to

support the local community with local community and social events. There would be approximately 3 meetings a year organised by Saffron Housing. The issues being discussed at present were speeding in the village and parking outside the school. The aims of TARA were available on the Thurton Community Website and would be available on the Ashby St Mary Website soon.

#### **10. Web Site**

The Web site had experienced problems but once the payment for the domain was made these would be rectified. After a discussion it was agreed for the Clerk to contact GS Computers in Loddon for advice and the updating of equipment.

#### **11. Homewatch and Police Report**

Carol Powell had not received any reports from Homewatch recently. Kevin Nightingale had emailed a Police Report for the area to the Clerk.

#### **12. Public Consultation and Reports from County and District Councillors**

Report from Adrian Gunson, County Councillor

**Grass cutting** – A programme of verge cutting had started but at this early stage would be focussing on the cutting of angelica in the verge.

**SNAP Police Meeting in Loddon.** Antisocial behaviour in Loddon had been discussed along with thefts from the Bergh Apton Sculpture Trail.

**A146** – The footway on the Thurton Street side of the A146 close to the bus shelter had an overgrown hedge but the land owner remained unidentified. The need for bollards/posts on this side of the road was again discussed.

#### **Bollards/Reflector posts outside the Vicarage**

There had been a discussion regarding the newly placed bollards/reflector posts at the Annual Parish Meeting. Councillors were not happy that bollards/reflector posts could be placed without communication to any local organisation in a relatively quiet part of the village when bollards/posts had been requested for some time on the Thurton Street side of the A146 to protect pedestrians when crossing the very busy main road. Robert Todd would contact Liz Millward the Traffic Engineer NCC and Terry Kitt would contact John Longhurst Head of Highways.

#### **13. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information**

**14. Date of next meeting** needed to be changed from the original date as the clerk was now unable to attend the new date discussed was Tuesday 7 July pending the Village Hall being available.

**The meeting closed at 10.20pm**