

ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7 July 2009 at 7.45 pm at

Ashby St Mary and Thurton Village Hall

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

Also Present: Linda Gray (Clerk), Adrian Gunson, County Councillor and 0 Member of Public.

1. **Apologies** were received from Peter Wright, Carol Powell, Sarah Cook and Derek Blake, District Councillor. Councillors accepted their apologies.
2. **Declaration of Interest;** No declarations of interest relating to items on the Agenda.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2009**
The minutes, previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters Arising**
Cold Calling Zones – awaiting reply from Thurton PC regarding a collaborative venture.
Reflector posts/bollards on Ashby Road. Robert Todd and Terry Kitt had contacted both Liz Millward and John Longhurst at Highways to discuss the reasons regarding the location of the reflector posts/bollards. They were assured the installation was a temporary measure to let the grass grow on the verge.
5. **Correspondence** (tabled separately)
Broads Authority Planning Conference 30 September 2009

6. Finance

Receipts	Balance of Web site account		£ 84.23	
	Balance of current account		£ 500.00	
	Balance of savings account		£1,053.75	
	Bank Interest		£ 0.07	
		Balance	Subtotal	£ 1,638.05
Payments				
07.07.09	Chris Dix Internal Auditor	100249	£ 45.00	
07.07.09	Norfolk ALC Insurance	100250	£ 183.75	
07.07.09	Ashby and Thurton VH	100251	£ 35.00	
07.07.09	L Gray Salary & Exp	100252	£ 363.39	
		Subtract	Total	£ 627.14
	Balance Total		Total	£ 1,010.91

Grass Cutting Donation St Mary's Church. A request from Ashby St Mary PCC had been received regarding a donation towards the costs of grass cutting at the Church. Councillors discussed and agreed for a donation of £200.00 to be issued at the September meeting.

7. Planning

Planning Application Ref & Date	Address and Proposal	Parish Council Decision	South Norfolk Decision
2009/0625 23.04.09	Lilac Cottage, Low Common, Ashby St Mary Change of use of meadow to residential curtilage and conversion and extension of existing garage and annexe	Conditional Approved	Withdrawn
2009/0677 01.05.09	Land Adj Ashby Road, Thurton Proposed residential development comprising 4no. new dwellings & garages and one replacement garage (and ancillary works)	Conditional Approved	Refused
2009/0798	Dewberry, Mill Road, Ashby St Mary	Approve	TBA

26.05.09	Single storey kitchen extension		
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8. Report from Representative on the Village Hall Committee

Councillors extended their congratulations to Karen Bonsell and her team regarding the success of the Fun Day. Terry Kitt reported the Village Hall Committee had elected its committee and he would continue representing the Parish Council on the committee. The Playgroup had been offered a decreased hire rate of the hall due to reduced numbers which will impact on their financial position in the new term.

9. TARA – Thurton and Ashby Residents Association

Councillors had now viewed the aims of TARA on the Thurton online website and agreed several were in direct conflict with the aims as they were reported in the last meeting and there was no indication the association had been set up by Saffron Housing as previously stated.

10. Web Site

The Web site had now been updated and the Parish Plan to be reviewed at the next meeting.

11. Homewatch

Rogue traders had once again been present in the area. If implemented the Cold Calling Zone could restrict the behaviour of door to door sellers especially for vulnerable residents.

12. Public Consultation and Reports from County and District Councillors

Congratulations were extended to Adrian Gunson for his success in the recent local elections resulting in his re-election as County Councillor for Norfolk County Council.

Report from Adrian Gunson, County Councillor

Cllr Gunson's expenses had been published in the Eastern Daily press on 20 June 2008.

Grass cutting, the verge cutting schedule had been changed resulting in the programme being started later than usual resulting in overgrown grass and hedges in several areas.

Finger Posts missing at the junction of Hellington Hill and Green Lane had been reported.

Reflector posts on Ashby Road would be temporary and removed within 6 months.

Trowse bypass lights to be replaced in this financial year by the Highways agency.

Sand and Gravel on several roads in the area due to recent rain storms had been reported.

Local Government review, The Boundary Committee would publish a statement on 15 July stating the preferences for unitary councils in Norfolk.

Derek Blake, District Councillor was not present at the meeting but the following issues were raised to be reported to South Norfolk Council.

Housing Policy, Councillors discussed the recent move by South Norfolk to relax certain areas of the housing policy and requested the clerk writes to Derek Blake stating that residents were against the building of houses in Ashby as published in the Parish Plan and on sustainability grounds. Any further building development would not be acceptable unless it was required for local people to remain in the village and identified as affordable housing.

Road Signs, the clerk to report road signs for Mill Common and Hall Road required attention.

13. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information

Parish Plan Review, Section 137 Payments and Meeting Dates

14. Date of next meeting 24 September 2009

The meeting closed at 9.12pm