

ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 24 September 2009 at 7.45 pm at
Ashby St Mary and Thurton Village Hall

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

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Edgar Hoddy and Kevin Nightingale PCSO and accepted by Councillors.

2. Declaration of Interest

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

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2009

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

4. Matters Arising

Finger post replacement. - The missing finger posts on Hellington Hill, Green Lane junction had been reported and now replaced. The Clerk had recently reported the missing finger posts at the junction of Church Road, Chapel Road and The Street.

Police - Sargeant Mark Aldis reported that a hand held speed gun was now available at Poringland SNT and local officers would receive training shortly.

Street Name Plates - The Clerk had contacted Jim England at NCC to undertake an inspection of street signs. The inspection identified 3 name plates that needed replacement.

Footpath - Peter Wright had reported at the last meeting the footpath from Mill Road to The Street was becoming impassable. This had been reported to SNDC and work to clear the footpath was now complete.

Housing Policy - The Clerk at the last meeting had been instructed to write to Derek Blake, District Councillor to convey the Parish Councils concern with the proposed relaxing of specific areas of the Housing Policy. Derek Blakes's reply had been circulated to all the Councillors.

Bidwells – The Clerk had been contacted by Bidwells regarding the ownership of an access track off Church Road. The landowners had now been contacted.

5. Correspondence had been tabled separately and previously circulated.

6. Finance

Receipts	Balance of Web site account		£ 84.23	
	Balance of current account		£ 500.00	
	Balance of savings account		£ 449.11	
	Bank Interest		£ 0.05	
		Balance	Subtotal	£ 1,033.39
Payments				
	Ashby PCC Grass cutting Donation	100254	£ 200.00	
	Mazars Audit Charge	100255	£ 57.50	
		Subtract	Total	£ 257.50
			Total	£ 775.89

Section 137

This item would be discussed at the next meeting as the precept had not been received and the accounts required further discussion. A decision regarding the Precept and Section 137 payments would be made at the next meeting. The Clerk would provide a budget document.

7. Planning

Planning Application Ref & Date	Address and Proposal	Parish Council Decision	South Norfolk Planning 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.	Approve	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 26.05.09	Dewberry, Mill Road, Ashby St Mary Single storey kitchen extension	Approve	Approved
2009/1085 09.07.09	Mill Cottage, Mill Road, Ashby St Mary Proposed subdivision of residential curtilage and erection of detached bungalow and garage.	Approve	Approved

2009/1445 1 Hill House Cottages, Mill Road, Ashby St Mary.

Proposed 2 storey and single storey side extensions.

The above application had been received recently and was discussed at the meeting. The Councillors decision was to approve the application;

8. No Cold Calling Zones

Thurton Parish Council had discussed the proposal that both Ashby St Mary PC and Thurton PC should work together to encourage a No Cold Calling Zone to be applied to Ashby Road/Mill Road. Thurton Parish Council had agreed in principle to support this proposal once they had found a volunteer coordinator. The Clerk would contact the Ashby St Mary's Co-ordinator confirming that the Parish Council had officially agreed to the setting up of a No Cold Calling Zone and to offer their whole support.

9. Parish Plan Review

Mark Rolph had reviewed the Parish Plan, Councillors discussed and agreed the updates proposed by Mark. Once updated the plan would be sent to Derek Blake, District Councillor and Councillors would make sure anyone moving in to the village would receive a Parish Plan.

10. Review of Footpath Map

Terry Kitt had updated the village map in the Parish Plan to include the footpaths. This would also be included on the Web Site.

11. Report from Representative on the Village Hall Committee

Terry Kitt reported the Village Hall Committee had drawn up a wish list that would require a substantial amount of funding. It was agreed that the Chairman would meet the Chairman of Thurton PC and the Village Hall Committee to discuss the way forward.

12. Web Site

Mark Rolph had included the updated Parish Plan review on the Web site and included referring new residents to contact the Clerk for further copies of the Parish Plan.

13. Homewatch

Carol Powell reported the Homewatch Co-ordinator had now gone and Homewatch would be covered by the Safer Neighbourhood teams locally. A report sent by PCSO Donna Boggis regarding reported crime in the area was read out.

14. Public Consultation and Reports from County and District Councillors**Report from Adrian Gunson, County Councillor**

Streetlights – Along the A146 would be replaced shortly.

Trowse bypass – The traffic lights would be replaced by the Highways Agency shortly

Hobart High School – Had received very good GCSE results again. The refurbishment plans for the swimming pool were ongoing and the White Dolphin swimming club had raised 11K

Finger Posts- Missing on Church Road and Chapel lane had been reported to Highways.

Road sweeper – Issues were discussed with Councillors relating to the quality of the work undertaken by the Road Sweeper and the amount of grit left on the road in areas.

Traffic Counter – Had been installed on Mill Road relating to HGV's using the road.

Report from Derek Blake, District Councillor

Long Stratton Bypass – Work could start on the eastern side by Christmas.

Affordable Housing Schemes – Over 60 villages in South Norfolk had taken up the option were a need had been identified for affordable housing.

Audit commission – An investigation of the existing housing stock regarding the fitting of insulation had been undertaken.

Wren funding. – Although certain aspects of the fund had changed Ashby St Mary remained well placed for funding. All community groups could consider funding from Wren.

Handy person scheme – SNDC would contact reputable tradesmen in the area to those on benefits and would give contact details to others.

Tree and Hedge cutting – The contract for this year had finished, slightly earlier than usual

Joint Core Strategy – This matter was ongoing and the consultation would be complete in December. Decision regarding the Northern Distributor Road could affect the plans for housing developments in the Broadland Area.

15. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information

Precept and Section 137

16. Date of next meeting 12 November 2009

The meeting closed at 9.50pm