

ASHBY ST MARY PC WEBSITE – LATEST NEWS ARCHIVE

Entries below are previous Latest News items that date back approximately one year from the most recent entry.

18/04/2017

(This replaces the update of 17th January 2017 - To view previous updates, click [HERE](#))

AN APOLOGY

- A series of problems occurred recently that necessitated the website to be placed "Under Maintenance". Every effort has been made to rectify the problems - apologies for the inconvenience and lack of service during the recovery period.

BREAKING NEWS!

- Look out for your invitation to the forthcoming Ashby St Mary Annual Parish meeting and details of how ultra fast, fibre optic broadband could be introduced in Ashby.

A QUICK LOOK AT WHAT'S IN THIS RELEASE:

- draft minutes of the last parish council meeting
 - draft minutes of the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting
 - reminder of the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting and draft agenda
 - a message from the Village Hall Management Committee
 - the latest Ashby rainfall figures have been added - see the HANDBOOK page
- Please take note of the REMINDERS (if any) shown below the Latest News Section.

LATEST NEWS

Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting is the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting to be held at the Ashby & Thurton Village Hall on THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2017 commencing at 7.45 p.m. The draft agenda is below and is therefore subject to amendment.

Meeting Minutes

The draft minutes of the last (16 March 2017) parish council meeting can be found in Latest Minutes on the [MANAGEMENT](#) page.

Messages from the Ashby & Thurton Village Hall Management Committee

An Invitation

Ashby & Thurton Village Hall Management Committee welcomes anyone who would like to join us for discussions on how it can raise money for refurbishment of the drive/car park and its kitchen.

If there is anyone who would be able to help in any way with materials and manpower for this refurbishment we would be pleased to hear from you - just call either of those named below.

Village Hall Management Committee AGM

We also invite you to attend our Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday 15th May 2017 at 8pm.

Carol Powell (Vice Chair) 480089 or Richard Taylor 480092

Sunday 28th May 2017 - Thurton Autojumble

This takes place at the Playing Field of the Ashby St Mary & Thurton Village Hall.

For details please ring 01508 480966

Latest 100 Club Winners

February - J Ball

Number holders were requested to renew their membership before the end of February. Holders should have received forms for returning, signed with the £12 fee, to Mrs J Lincoln, 24 Ashby Road, Thurton.

All profits go towards the maintenance of the Village Hall.

17/01/2017

This replaces the update of 10th October 2016 – To view previous updates, click [HERE](#)

A QUICK LOOK AT WHAT'S IN THIS RELEASE: - appointment of new parish councilor - date of next parish council meeting and draft agenda. See below. - views on Thurton's school bus collection point - see below. - county councillor Barry Stones latest update - see the CONTACTS page. - Ashby & Thurton's 50 Years of Disco Music event - November 2016 - see below. - Please support your village hall - Saturday 18th March 2017 - Sausage and Mash Evening - details below. - the latest Ashby rainfall figures - see the HANDBOOK page. Please take note of the REMINDERS (if any) shown below the Latest News Section.

LATEST NEWS New Ashby St Mary Parish Councilor The parish council extends a warm welcome to Mrs Rachel Cooper on becoming its newest councilor. Rachel and her husband Grenville live in the former Ashby Rectory which it is understood is due to undergo major refurbishment.

Next Parish Council meeting Reminder - all meetings now commence at 7.30 p.m. unless stated The next meeting is due to be held at the Ashby & Thurton Village Hall on **THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2017** commencing at 7.30 p.m. The draft agenda is below and is therefore subject to amendment.

Meeting Minutes The draft minutes of the last (17 November 2016) parish council meeting can be found in Latest Minutes on the **MANAGEMENT** page.

Thurton School bus collection point The subject of changing the bus collection point for children attending Thurton School was raised at September's parish council meeting.

As a result, a communication was sent on behalf of the parish council to Norfolk County Council - " At the Parish Council meeting on 15th September 2016 Councillors were very concerned to be told that the school bus pick up point for the mornings had been moved to the Thurton bus shelter on the A146. Apparently the bus stop for school children was originally on the A146 but due to serious safety concerns and the huge risk element regarding traffic on the A146 main road it had been successfully moved to the Ashby Road/Mill Road location some years ago. It was my understanding there was no consultation with the users of the bus and parents are understandably very concerned about this change. Considering this is the location for a speed camera on the opposite side if the road there must be an element of risk that has been overlooked. Is there any way in which the bus stop can be returned back to the safer position of the Ashby Road/Mill Road location for the pick up in the morning I would very much like an update on the situation in order that I can report back to the Councillor. Your attention to this matter would be very much appreciated."

A prompt reply was received from Daniel Yallop on behalf of the Norfolk County Council which stated - "The change in pick up location has been appealed by a parent, it has been reviewed by a reviewing officer and taken to appeal, the decision will remain the same for a number of reasons. -Avoids a bus having to reverse in the village with students on board around a part of the village which is busy with students going to the primary school. -Improves the punctuality of the arrival time at Hobart. -A bus stop which has a layby, shelter and adequate waiting area has been assessed as a safe place to wait."

The parish council also invited the views of the area county councillor, Barry Stone. He replied -

" I have had several emails and discussions about the school bus including the officer (not Daniel) who organised the changes this year. She is adamant that the changes are needed to coordinate timing with Framingham Earl school and save costs as well. She also feels it is safe. I have gone along to see for myself the school children congregating at the bus stop and being picked up by the school bus and have to say I see no problem, there is

plenty of room both in the shelter and behind and an adequate lay-by. I think the risks are highly exaggerated although totally understandable and I will continue to monitor the situation and check back with the officer with any concerns that arise. I have a school pick up stop near to my house on a very busy road with large agricultural lorries and machinery going past, where up to about 20 children wait with no shelter, no lay by and a narrow pavement and there has never been a problem. I know this is no help but there are others worse off than those using the Thurton pick up point. I would have mentioned this at your PC last week had I been able to attend and apologise for not giving you my update."

Any further developments will be reported for parishioners interest.

Ashby & Thurton Village Hall Management Committee 100 Club Winners October - R Taylor; November - M Allen; the November superdraw - Mrs E Leathers; December - J&R Rackman January - D Marshwood: February - J Ball Note - Number holders are requested to renew their membership before the end of February. Renewal forms are being circulated and should be returned promptly, signed with £12 fee to Mrs J Lincoln, 24 Ashby Road, Thurton. All profits go towards the maintenance of the Village Hall.

Ashby & Thurton's 50 Years of Disco Music event - November 2016 On behalf of the organisers of the one night only disco, Carol Powell, Ashby St Mary parish councillor and Vice Chairman of the Ashby & Thurton Village Hall Management Committee wishes to extend grateful thanks to everyone who supported this highly successful event.

10/10/2016

(This replaces the update of 28th June 2016 - To view previous updates, click [HERE](#))

A QUICK LOOK AT WHAT'S IN THIS RELEASE: - date of next parish council meeting and DRAFT agenda. See below. - state of the verges and soil on some roads in Ashby - read the Parish Council's view and about the responses. - see Gallery for words and pictures of Ashby's July fundraising event. - county councillor Barry Stones latest update - see the CONTACTS page. - 50 Years of Disco Music event - Saturday 12th November at the village hall - see below. - the latest Ashby rainfall figures - see the HANDBOOK page. - confirmed times and day the mobile library visits Ashby - recent 100 Club winners (in aid of the Ashby & Thurton Village Hall) Please take note of the REMINDERS shown below the Latest News Section.

LATEST NEWS Saturday 12th November - 50 Years of Disco Music - "You're never too old to boogie!" From 7 p.m. until late at the Ashby & Thurton Village Hall Starring local DJs of the past - back for one night only! No bar so bring your own bottle (or 2). Tickets £5 from Carol on 480089 or julie on 480036. In aid of village hall funds.

Meeting Minutes The draft minutes of the last (15 September 2016) parish council meeting can be found in Latest Minutes on the MANAGEMENT page when they have been issued.

Next Parish Council meeting Please note - henceforth all meeting start times have been amended to 7.30 p.m. unless stated The next meeting is due to be held at the Ashby & Thurton Village Hall on THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2016 commencing at 7.30 p.m. The draft agenda is below and is therefore subject to amendment.

Your Parish Council Acts - Verges and Road Silt In Ashby Two requests for action were made to the Parish Council recently. The first concerned one particular road with overgrown hedges and verges leaving walkers and cyclists with nowhere to wait off the highway when a car approached. The Parish Council raised the matter with the County

Councillor, Barry Stone. This was his reply concerning those points - "Please find below the policy on hedge cutting and verges. Roadside hedges and trees In rural locations, roadside hedges and trees are (almost always) the responsibility of the adjacent land owner. The Wildlife and Countryside Act states that is an offence to disturb nesting birds and advises land owners to cut hedges outside the nesting season (usually September to March I believe). This creates a problem because hedges tend to grow most rapidly in April and May so we get inundated with reports at this time of year. The Highways Act 1980 Section 154 allows us to serve notice on a landowner where an obstruction occurs although the Highways Act doesn't 'trump' the W&C Act. We usually ask Parish Councils if they can make the first approach to a hedge or tree owner before involving Highways. Overgrown Verges The statement on our website says: Our rural grass cutting policy has recently changed and we no longer always cut the full length of rural verges; this means that only bends and visibility splays will be cut during first cut countywide which this year started on the 16 May and the programme usually takes 4 weeks to complete. A second, and final, cut will take place in July or August." Around Ashby generally it was noted the July cut was much improved and more thorough than the early cut which some parishioners were particularly disappointed with.

The second matter concerned a long-established problem of silt and water being washed off fields during heavy rain and flowing into neighbouring properties, causing damage and inconvenience, and resulting in either a hazardous quagmire or large heap of sandy silt across the highway at a T-junction. The Parish Council wrote to a representative of the Norfolk County Council Highways department about the issue. It is understood the landowner has since been written to by NCC. Any further news or action is awaited.

Mobile Library In Ashby A reminder has been received from Norfolk Couty Council about its mobile library. It visits on a four week cycle stopping at Mill Common NR14 7BW at 10 a.m. and Mill Road (near the village sign) NR14 7BN at 1025 a.m. The next visit is on 14 October followed by 11 November etc. When this subject of latest news is removed it will be found in HANDBOOK.

OTHER - Ashby & Thurton Village Hall Management Committee 100 Club June - J Looker
July - D Millward August - The Women's Institute September - F Stone

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28/06/2016

(This replaces the update of 30th May 2016 - To view previous updates, click [HERE](#))

IN THIS RELEASE: - draft minutes of the May meeting. See below. - next parish council meeting agenda and new meeting time. See below. - New Norfolk Police & Crime Commissioner wants your views. - 2016 Accounts Notice (electors rights) added - see Finance on the MANAGEMENT page. - Ashby's Street Party celebration for the Queen's 90th birthday - see the HISTORY page. - Ashby's Cheese and Wine evening - see the HISTORY page. - Ashby St Mary Cricket Club 2016 fixture list - see the HANDBOOK page. - The next village fundraising event (Strawberries & Bubbly) - see below. - the latest Ashby rainfall figures - see the HANDBOOK page. - re bin collections, have yours been taking place (with the correct service)? See below. Please take note of the REMINDERS shown below the Latest News Section.

LATEST NEWS Meeting Minutes

The draft minutes of the last (19 May 2016) parish council meeting can be found in Latest Minutes on the MANAGEMENT page.

Next Parish Council meeting Please note - henceforth all meeting start times have been amended to 7.30 p.m. unless stated The next meeting is due to be held at the Ashby & Thurton Village Hall on THURSDAY 7 JULY 2016 commencing at 7.30 p.m. Draft agenda is below.

OTHER - South Norfolk Bin Collection changes To check Ashby's bin collection days and dates see the HANDBOOK page. It was ironic that in at least one village area the first Thursday collection failed to materialise, the second was the opposite collection of that advertised, and the third didn't happen! No recycling collection for nearly 4 weeks!

Ashby & Thurton Village Hall Management Committee 100 Club May - Anita Somerville
June - awaited

Have your say – PCC wants your views on keeping Norfolk safe Norfolk's police and crime commissioner is launching a two-month public consultation asking people to help set policing priorities in the county for the next four years. Lorne Green is asking Norfolk people to share their views and to help shape and develop his Police and Crime Plan for 2016-2020. The consultation, will run for eight weeks and closes on Friday August 12. As well as running an online survey, the PCC will be meeting with people, groups and organisations across the county to help him draft his plan. That plan, to be published in the Autumn, will outline what the PCC will work to achieve over his four-year term, as well as setting out the objectives for policing, the resources that will be made available to the Chief Constable and how performance will be measured. Launching the consultation, Lorne said: "My police and crime plan will set out how we, as a county, tackle crime and disorder between now and 2020. In setting that plan, I must meet requirements set by the Home Secretary, such as ensuring our police have the capacity and capability to respond to threats like cybercrime, terrorism and child sexual abuse. I must also take into account what victims of crime, our police, partners and other agencies identify as the key issues affecting Norfolk. The final piece of the jigsaw, and the part that will enable me to ensure the needs of Norfolk people are considered, is the community perspective on crime and policing. During my campaign to become your PCC, I spoke with many people living and working in different parts of our county, and began the process of finding out about the issues of most concern to them. To build on what I heard, and get a fuller picture of what matters to our communities, I am asking people to share with me their views on crime and policing. Your views are crucial to ensuring the approach we take over the next four years is the right one for our county." From speaking to people in market squares and supermarkets, to attending community meetings and events, Lorne will be gathering public views across Norfolk over the next eight weeks. A short survey has also been set up at www.norfolk-pcc.gov.uk which will run until the end of the consultation period. People are also invited to email, telephone and write to the PCC to give their views. Dedicated email address: TellLorne@norfolk.pnn.police.uk Web survey: <http://www.norfolk-pcc.gov.uk/TellLorne> Twitter: #TellLorne Telephone: 01953 424455 Postal address: Building 8, Falconers Chase, Wymondham, NR18 0WW

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18/03/2016

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IN THIS RELEASE: - next parish council meeting agenda - South Norfolk District Council - Streamlining the Planning Process. See below - Scams. See Norfolk Constabulary advice below. - the latest Ashby rainfall figures - see the HANDBOOK page

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LATEST NEWS

Meeting Minutes The confirmed minutes of the last (November) parish council meeting can be found in Latest Minutes on the MANAGEMENT page.

Next Parish Council meeting The next meeting is due to be held at the Ashby & Thurton Village Hall on THURSDAY 17 March 2016 commencing at 7.45 p.m. The confirmed agenda is - A G E N D A 1. Apologies 2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2016 4. Matters Arising 5. Correspondence - tabled separately 6. Finance - tabled separately 7. Planning Applications - tabled separately 8. Village Boundary Review 9. Annual Parish Meeting planning 10. Report from Representative on Village Hall Committee 11. Web Site - Transparency Code 12. Neighbourhood Security and Heating Oil Syndicate 13. Public Consultation including reports from County and District Councillors 14. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information 15. Date of next meeting, the Annual Parish Meeting, 21st April 2016 The Press and Public are warmly invited to attend Signed.....Linda Gray..... Clerk Date 10th March 2016 Parish Clerk: Linda Gray Parish Office: 5 Cedar Drive, Loddon, Norwich, Norfolk NR14 6LE Tel 07580 796044

Streamlining the Planning Process - Site Notices and consultations - Issued by South Norfolk District Council 8th February 2016

You may recall in 2014 we notified you of changes to the way we consult on planning applications for householder applications and explained that a site notice for this type of application would not always be erected. As from the 15 February 2016 the Council will only be posting a site notice for where there is a statutory requirement to do so, to help speed up the process in dealing with all types of application. We will still be consulting you on all these applications for your views. The new process will be as follows:

Site Notices will only be posted if there is a statutory requirement to do so i.e. it is in a conservation area or is a listed building (in both these instances we also have to put and advert in the local press), a major application ((defined as residential - 10 or more dwellings or site of 0.5 hectares or more; nonresidential - new floor space 1000sqm of a site of 1 hectare or more); has an Environmental Impact Assessment; Affects a public right of ways; does not accord with the provisions of the development plan or is adjacent to open land (i.e. where there is no address point)

We will continue to notify in writing all neighbours adjacent to the boundary of the site, or opposite the site if it relates to any front alterations, the selection of any other neighbours will be a judgement call by the case officer (as is the case at present), and whether they are materially affected by the proposal.

This level of publicity together with press adverts, where required, satisfies the statutory requirement for public consultation on applications. In addition to the above the Council also publishes the weekly list of applications on its web site and also residents can sign up to 'My South Norfolk' on the web site to receive alerts on what is happening in their area. All District Members have been notified of this change and it would be helpful if you could also pass this message on to as many of your residents as possible.

Scams Norfolk Police have circulated advice to avoid being caught out by various scams. To read this please click [HERE](#).

Safer Internet To help stay safe when online, Norfolk Police have suggested these websites for useful information - www.saferinternet.org.uk/ www.thinkuknow.co.uk/ www.getsafeonline.org/ www.norfolk.police.uk/safetyadvice/personalsecurity/onlinesafety.aspx

OTHER - Ashby St Mary & Thurton Village Hall 100 Club - The latest names of winners are
- Winners for November draw are Super draw – Sally Clay; Normal draw – Matthew Hoddy
December winner – Chris Brown ; January winner – Alan Baugh

Ashby St Mary & Thurton Village Hall The AGM is to take place at the Village Hall on
Monday 16th May 2016 at 8 p.m.

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