

## 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.

**27/06/2017**

A QUICK LOOK AT WHAT'S IN THIS RELEASE:

- A long-standing councillor resigns - a casual vacancy exists- see on the HANDBOOK page or [HERE](#)
- 2016-17 audit report - see it on the MANAGEMENT page under Finance
- Draft minutes of the 18th May Annual General Meeting - see under Meeting Minutes on the MANAGEMENT page
- Rainfall has been updated

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 General Meeting to be held at the Ashby & Thurton Village Hall on THURSDAY 13 JULY 2017 commencing at 7.30 p.m. and NOT 6th July as previously advertised. The draft agenda is below and is therefore subject to amendment.

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

The draft minutes of the last (18 May 2017) meeting, the annual general meeting, can be found in Latest Minutes on the MANAGEMENT page.

Messages from the Ashby & Thurton Village Hall Management Committee

The Sausage & Mash night on the 18th March was a great success raising £362.17. Many thanks to those who bought tickets to support the event and those who helped out on the night as without them this could not have taken place. The 100 Club token was drawn and the winner was Chloe-Jane Davidson Number 87.

100 Club update - 100 Club April draw winner was the Pre School and the May draw winner was Olga Saam.

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**27/04/2017**

LATEST PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

(This replaces the update of 18th April 2017 - To view previous updates, click [HERE](#))

A QUICK LOOK AT WHAT'S IN THIS RELEASE:

- Ashby groups annual reports presented at the Ashby St Mary Annual Parish Meeting
- annual parish council oil syndicate report
- annual parish council neighbourhood security/Ashby update service report
- annual parish council website report

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### LATEST NEWS

Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting is the 2017 Annual General Meeting to be held at the Ashby & Thurton Village Hall on THURSDAY 18 MAY 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 (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

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18 /04/2017

LATEST PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

(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 20 APRIL 2017 commencing at 7.45 p.m. The draft agenda is below and is therefore subject to amendment.

Meeting Minutes

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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.

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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 of 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.

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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)

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#### 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 County 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 10.25 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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