

# ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm  
at Ashby and Thurton Village Hall.

**Present:** Robert Todd (Chairman), Terry Kitt (Vice Chairman), Mark Rolph, Sarah Kings, Edgar Hoddy, Carol Powell, Jayne Casey (clerk).

**Guests:** Bridie Mickleborough

**1. Apologies;** none.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest.** No declarations were made.

**3. Presentation**

The Thurton and Ashby Playground Project (TAPP) was represented by BM who came to discuss their plans of a new park to replace the old one in the playing field at the village hall. She explained they are a sub-committee under the umbrella of the Village Hall Committee. They are aiming to raise £10,000 themselves and have so far raised £4,500 of that. The total they are aiming for is £65,000 with a hopeful finishing date of the end of this current year. They are asking for the support of the Ashby St Mary PC. MR suggested they get in touch to advertise on the Ashby website also.

**4. Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**5. Matters arising from the minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

Parish clerk to find out if the recommendation for Ashby St Mary to remain independent was ratified in February 2018.

So far there has been no response from the Highway Rangers regarding the potholes in Ashby. There are two more that we are aware of; on Green Lane towards Hellington and at the entrance to St Mary's Rd. The pothole near South Lodge has worsened. TK to send a reminder.

**6. Appointment of Parish Clerk**

Jayne Casey was proposed as Parish clerk by TK and was seconded by RT. Appointment commenced on the 1<sup>st</sup> March. MR to update clerk information on Parish website.

**7. Appointment of Parish Councillor**

Sarah Kings was proposed by TK and seconded by EH. RT on behalf of the PC gave thanks.

**8. NCC Norwich Link Consultation**

We had received a letter asking what support we have for the Northern Distributor Rd. TK to draft a letter for JC to send in response.

**9. Greater Norwich Local Plan Consultation**

It was felt that at this moment no response would be best.

**10. Finance**

We now have banking forms to take past councillors off the bank account and to add TK and JC. To be signed after the meeting.

Subsequently our historical accounts stand thus; £500 PC account, £100 Website account and £2568.15 in the Premium account. Current balances will be updated asap.

Our recent transactions are £120 to the South Norfolk dog bins and £100 to Yelverton PC.

It was decided that once we have our accounts for this year we will look at making a commitment to the TAPP. The money that has not been spent on a clerk in the past 6 months was considered as a possibility. We will invite TAPP to the APM to discuss.

EH excused.

### **11. Planning/Correspondence**

An application of two dwellings off Mill Rd has been approved with conditions. Our response concerned flooding; there is no stipulation for off-site drainage however there are limitations on water usage at the property.

Outstanding: planning application of a proposed replacement dwelling at The Paddocks on Mill Common. Concerns raised as it has now doubled in footprint and because of the sequential nature in which it has been done. RT to draft a response.

New proposal; Hilltop Farm Appeal. The parishioner is asking for our support in splitting the properties, as there is a clause to say this cannot be done. If the planning inspector requests the local view of the PC we would happily respond.

### **12. Report from representative on Village Hall Management Committee**

There is now an up and running Facebook page for the Village Hall.

There are two fundraisers planned; on the 19<sup>th</sup> May there is to be a Fish and Chips Quiz, tickets will sell at £12 each. In November they are planning a Yule Disco.

Next year is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Village Hall, a fete is planned to include the community.

£2K was received from the Tesco Bags scheme, which is being used to update the kitchen. Quotes are currently being sought and this will be completed with local support.

The 100 club is seven people off being full.

Saffron has been asked to look at the fencing around the playing field that is in need of repair.

The Village Hall is working closely with TAPP. JC applied for the Police Community Support scheme and was successful. The cadets will arrive on the 21<sup>st</sup> April to help clean up the area ready for the new park.

### **13. Website**

TK asked for separate church page, MR happy to do so but is a big job.

There have been two oil purchases since January. The first was 9,700 litres for 13 people at a price of 47.5p/l, which was 4-6p cheaper than the best for 500l. The second, for 9 people was 6,450l at 54.75p/l, which was 3-5p cheaper than the best for 1000l.

The next anticipated purchase will be early June.

### **14. Neighbourhood Security**

No local police alerts. Some burglaries and attempted burglaries had been reported on Chapel Road /Lane. To join the Ashby update service for security matters contact [webmaster@ashbystmary.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@ashbystmary.org.uk)

### **15. Public consultation including reports from county/district councillors.**

Barry Stone emailed PC members his report, no word from Jaan Larnar.

### **16. Matters for future consideration and items for discussion.**

A parishioner is considering allotments on their field, if anyone is interested in having an allotment please email the parish clerk.

Transparency code to be updated by MR. MR to update flyer for APM and print.

Damaged grit bin on the junction from Hall Rd and The Street. TK to action.

### **17. Date of next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

The meeting closed at 9.38pm