

# ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

19-01-17

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 19th January 2017 at 7.30 pm at Ashby St Mary and Thurton Village Hall

**Present:** Robert Todd (Chairman), Terry Kitt (Vice Chair), Sarah Cook, Carol Powell and Mark Rolph  
**Also Present:** Linda Gray (Clerk), Barry Stone, County Councillor and 0 Members of Public.

**This meeting was quorate**

**1. Apologies of absence** were received and accepted from Rachel Cooper, Edgar Hoddy and Jaan Lerner.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest** - There were no declarations of interest made.

### **3. Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

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

### **4. Matters Arising from the minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**Highways Issues** – The Highway Rangers had been informed to contact Terry Kitt when visiting the village. The Clerk confirmed to Barry Stone the Highway Rangers did not feedback the work completed in the village during their visits.

**Action Point Barry Stone** – To liaise with Highways to start feedback from the highway rangers.

**Silt on the Road** – Although Terry Kitt had tried to contact the landowner and highways to organise a clean up system the situation had not changed.

**Action Point Barry Stone** – To liaise with Bob Edwards at Highways to discuss the issue.

**Contractor Speeding** – This had been reported to the Police.

**Chapel Road** – The householder was pleased with the reinstatement of the post and verge.

**Two Finger Posts** – The reinstatement of the finger posts had not been completed.

### **5. Correspondence**

**Crime Figures** – Received for Chedgrave Broome and Loddon – nothing of note reported

**Big Litter Pick** – From 1<sup>st</sup> February to the end of May if complete a litter pick entered into a prize draw – NCC to provide the equipment.

**Norfolk Adult Education** had changed to Norfolk Community Learning Service – available through the NCC website under Adult learning – lots of free courses.

### **6. Finance**

**Payment table** – Accepted by Councillors proposed Carol Powell and seconded Mark Rolph.

**Precept** – Information regarding the precept setting had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors agreed to increase the precept for 2017/18 by 3%. Proposed Terry Kitt seconded Mark Rolph.

**Budget for Donations** – Highlighted for discussion from the previous meeting Councillors agree to set a budget of £200.00 for Donations for 2016/17.

**Dog Bin** – NCC were to charge for all Dog Bins and increase the charge from £78.00 to £100.00 per annum. Ashby only had one Dog Bin and the increase in charges was noted.

**Payroll and Pension guidance** – As the price from an accountant to complete the payroll would be £102.00 per annum Councillors requested the clerk to ask if Norfolk ALC had a group service for small councils.

### **7. Planning Applications**

05/12/2016 2016/2785 <b>The Old Rectory, Church Road, Ashby St Mary</b> Conversion of redundant Coach house to 2 bedroom holiday let	PC decision  Approve	SNDC decision  TBA
04/01/2017 2016/2994 <b>Cuckoos Nest, Hall Road, Ashby St Mary</b> Enlarge an existing pedestrian access to form a new vehicular access	PC decision  TBA	SNDC decision  TBA

### **8. Village Boundary Review**

Councillors wanted to reiterate and highlight their concern at the suggestion by South Norfolk Council that Parish Councils would be required to merge in the future.

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## 9. Annual Parish Meeting planning

The flyer from last year's meeting had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors agreed for the Emergency Vehicle co-ordinate update to be added to the flyer along with the details of the new Parish Councillors. The war memorial at St Marys Church was being listed with English Heritage. Mark Rolph would reorganise the flyer and produce a draft copy for the next meeting in March 2017.

## 10. Report from Representative of the Village Hall Committee - report by Carol Powell

**Marketing the Village Hall** – Research into marketing and advertising of the services of the Village hall to increase the amount of users was being undertaken. Mark Rolph confirmed the details of the Village Hall were included on the Parish Council website. Thurton PC were applying for a grant on behalf of the Village Hall to improve the condition of the driveway and lighting.

**Donations** would be requested to support the grass cutting programme now scaled back due to the football club no longer using the pitch.

**Events** – Sausage and Mash event 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and 100 club winners both details were included on the Parish Councils website.

**Community Help** – The Committee were researching the possibility of providing a lunch club at the village hall.

## 11. Web site

**Transparency Code** – The relevant documents were included on the website.

**Extra Data** from the Marriages and Deaths register had been recorded. Once the births information was complete the data would be input on the website. Other information to be included on the website in the future would include local landowners and the register of Vicars.

## 12. Neighbourhood Security and Heating Oil Syndicate

**Police reports** currently received were not specific to the area and no incidents were reported.

**Heating Oil** – The services of the syndicate continued to be in demand by 36 households.

## 13. Public Consultation and Reports from County and District Councillors

Report from Barry Stone, County Councillor

**Speed limit on the A146**- The speed restriction of 50mph close to the junction with Green Pastures Nursery had been agreed however it was uncertain when it would be implemented.

**Loddon Roundabout** – The work on the roundabout had been guaranteed by the NCC and SNC and work was expected to start in Spring 2017.

**Potholes** could be reported through the NCC website – Mill Road Pot hole reported. Robert Todd highlighted the merit, as a sustainable long term solution, of the County Council completing repair work on potholes to a higher standard to reduce reappearance and further repair in many cases only some months later.

Election year so there would be no major announcements until June 2017.

## 14. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information

**Village Hall Sign Mold** – Terry Kitt had the wooden mold for the village sign which was erected in 2000. He proposed some restoration work to be completed and for the mold to be mounted in the Church. The Clerk would provide information regarding the village sign from the Parish Council records.

**Action Point** – The Clerk to provide information on the Village sign to Terry Kitt.

## 15. Date of next meeting 16th March 2017

**The meeting closed at 21.28pm**

**Meeting Dates for 2016/17**

16 March 2017,

Annual Parish Meeting 20 April 2017

18 May 2017, 6 July 2017