

ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 21 January 2010 at 7.45 pm at

Ashby St Mary and Thurton Village Hall

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

Also Present: Linda Gray (Clerk), and 0 Members of Public.

1. Apologies

Adrian Gunson, County Councillor.

2. Declaration of Interest

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

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2009

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

4. Matters Arising

Finger Posts Missing close to the church had now been replaced.

Parish Plan Review had been sent to South Norfolk Council via Derek Blake.

5. Correspondence

HGV Investigation, results of Survey. Due to public concern Adrian Gunson, County Councillor had a survey taken before Christmas to find out how many HGV were going through the village. The average daily vehicle count was 605 and 561 with only 13 vehicles being of class 6 or above on Mill Road, this is approximately 1% of the total vehicle flow. This low level of recorded HGVs and site visits undertaken it is not felt that a 7.5 Tonne weight restriction would be appropriate at this location.

Grit Bins The Clerk had received a list of 6 grit bins in Ashby St Mary. Some double counting had taken place and the Clerk would contact Norfolk County Council with a revised list.

Top Priority Salting Routes a map showing top priority gritting routes had now been published and was available on www.norfolk.gov.uk/gritting.

Information on William Dyble, Jeremy Dyble had been in contact with the clerk regarding his grandfather William Dyble and his possible connection with Thurton. Councillors did not have any information to return to Jeremy Dyble. The Clerk had sent the details to Rev Peter Knight in case there were any church records.

Grit Bins and the spreading of Grit

Grit Bins are provided in communities so the public can assist on a 'self help' basis where local conditions require treatment of the road or footway. There is an expectation that those spreading the material will take reasonable care, and therefore wouldn't lay themselves open to accidents. It is important that people do not take actions that make the situation worse, for example pouring hot water on snow, which then freezes. All Grit Bins are filled with salt or salt/sand mixture prior to the winter season and are checked and topped up during the winter season. However, at the times of higher usage it is helpful for the Parish Council or residents to notify the County Council if bins are empty. This can be done by phoning the Customer Service Centre Tel no 0344 800 8009.

6. Finance

Web Site Payment. The annual payment for the website would be due in February 2010, the Clerk asked for permission to pay the invoice between meetings up to £30.00. Proposed Mark Rolph, seconded Terry Kitt.

Standing Order Payment of Clerks Salary. The Clerk had requested to be paid monthly by Standing Order. Councillors discussed and agreed for this to be set up. Proposed Terry Kitt, seconded, Sarah Cook.

Payment Table – Agreed and proposed by Sarah Cook, seconded Edgar Hoddy.

Receipts	Balance of Web site account		£ 84.23	
Dec 09	Balance of current account		£ 500.00	
	Balance of savings account		£ 838.66	
Dec 09	Bank Interest		£ 0.04	
Payments		Balance	Subtotal	£ 1,422.93
21 Jan 10	Loddon On Call	100257	£ 150.00	
21 Jan 10	East Anglian Air Ambulance	100258	£ 100.00	
21 Jan 10	BYRUS	100259	£ 100.00	
21 Jan 10	L Gray Salary & Expenses	100260	£ 359.87	
		Subtract	Total	£ 709.87
			Total	£ 713.06

7. Planning

Planning Application Ref & Date	Address and Proposal	Parish Council Decision	South Norfolk Planning Decision
2009/1445 18.09.09	1 Hill House Cottages, Mill Road, Ashby St Mary- Proposed 2 storey and single storey side extensions	Approve	Approved
2009/1592 19.10.2009	Bronte Cottage, Mill Common, Ashby St Mary Proposed change of use of agricultural field to residential curtilage.	Refuse	Withdrawn
2009/1717 04.11.09	Land to the rear of Hill House Cottages, Mill Road, Ashby St Mary. Proposed new conservatory	Approve	Approve
2009/1796 17.11.09	Lilac Cottage, Low Common, Ashby St Mary Proposed conversion and extension of existing garage to annexe	Approve	Approved EA Planning 21/12/09
2009/2049 30.12.09	Ashlea, Mill Common, Ashby St Mary Detached double garage/store	Approve	TBA

8. No Cold Calling Zone

The Ashby St Mary co-ordinator was in place. The Clerk would contact Thurton PC to establish if a joint venture was still wanted.

9. Report from Representative on the Village Hall Committee

Robert Todd, Chairman and Terry Kitt had met with Thurton Parish Councils Chairman and the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee to discuss the Play Area at the Playing Field. Terry Kitt presented ideas and a plan that had been discussed at the meeting. The Village Hall committee seek a treasurer if anyone would like further information please contact the Village Hall Chairman or Secretary.

10. Web Site

The Parish Plan update would be included on the site shortly along with the ideas and plans for the Play Area.

11. Homewatch – Police Report

The Clerk had received a Police Report to read out at the meeting from PCSO Kevin Nightingale from Loddon as he was unable to attend the meeting. Carol Powell had no further information from Homewatch to add.

8.45pm Robert Todd arrived

12. Annual Parish Meeting Planning.

It was discussed and agreed for the Play Area plan to be advertised on the Annual Parish Meeting flyer and for plans and ideas to be presented to residents at the Annual Parish Meeting due to be held in April.

13. Public Consultation and Reports from County and District Councillors

Report from Adrian Gunson, County Councillor – Adrian Gunson was not present at the meeting but had given a report which the Clerk read out covering the following matters.

Pedestrian improvements on A146, The improvements to the footway in Thurton on the side of the A146 had now been completed. Oak posts had been installed between Ashby Road and Vale Road.

HGV Survey – Undertaken in September 2009, due to residents concern, had recorded that only 1% of the traffic using Mill Road were of a Class 6 or above. This result was not enough for the County Council to put a weight restriction on Mill Road.

Trowse Bypass – Work on the Trowse By Pass Traffic Lights would continue until March 2010. The bulk of the work would be undertaken during the hours of 8pm and 5pm when there would be lane closures and speed restrictions. Once the traffic lights had been updated the traffic from the A47, Gt Yarmouth would no longer take preference over traffic already on the Trowse By Pass.

Gritting A map of priority routes had been published. These routes would only be used if the stocks of grit were restricted during a period of prolonged bad weather. 70 gritting trips had taken place in the area so far which was equal to the total amount of gritting trips undertaken in the whole of last winter. Highways would now require extra funds to deal with the potholes that had happened during the bad weather.

Northern Distributor Road – A grant of 20million had been received by Norfolk County Council to start work on the Postwick Interchange. The work would include a total rebuild of the Postwick Interchange to accommodate the NDR to link with the Southern Bypass and for the Postwick Park and Ride to be doubled in size.

Pothole reports – The potholes on Claxton Church Lane had already been reported. Councillors were aware of further potholes on Green Lane going towards Hellington.

Report from Derek Blake, District Councillor – Derek was not present at the meeting.

14. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information

15. Date of next meeting 11 March 2010

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

N.B. THE MEETING OF 11 MARCH 2010 WAS CANCELLED

ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 20 May 2010 at 7.45 pm at

Ashby St Mary and Thurton Village Hall

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Present: Peter Wright, Carol Powell, Mark Rolph, Terry Kitt and Sarah Cook.

Also Present: Linda Gray (Clerk), PCSO Nightingale and 0 Member of Public.

1. **Appointment of Chairman** –Nominations for Chairman were requested. Peter Wright, proposed Robert Todd seconded Terry Kitt and agreed unanimously. Robert Todd was not present at the meeting had offered to stand again as Chairman.
2. **Appointment of Vice-Chairman** – Terry Kitt proposed Peter Wright, seconded Mark Rolph and agreed unanimously. Peter accepted the post as Vice- Chairman.
3. **Declaration of Interest** – All Councillors – All Councillors present completed and returned Registration of Members Interest forms.
4. **Standing Orders annual review** – The Clerk presented the Financial Standing Orders and Responsibilities of the Parish Council. A discussion is required for the new updated Model Standing Orders to be accepted. This will be included on the next agenda.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Robert Todd, Edgar Hoddy, Derek Blake and Adrian Gunson. Councillors accepted their apologies.

1. Declaration of Interest

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

Sarah Cook arrived at 8.10pm

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2010

The minutes, previously circulated, approved and signed by the Chairman. The minutes from 12 November 2009 were amended on item 6 Finance and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising, which were not covered by the Agenda.

4. Correspondence (tabled separately)

5. Finance

Internal Auditor – Chris Dix had been the Internal Auditor for the last 4 years proposed by Carol Powell and seconded Sarah Cook, agreed unanimously.

Audit – The audit for the Councils accounts for 2009/10 was prepared and presented by the Clerk and the bank reconciliation signed by the Chairman. The Audit was proposed by Terry Kitt, seconded by Carol Powell and agreed unanimously.

Grass Cutting Donation – Due to the lack of available funds the donation for the Grass cutting for St Marys Church was changed to £100.00.

Online Banking – The Clerk asked for Councillors to agree for her to access the accounts online. This would mean balances would be available but no movement of funds out of the accounts would be authorised. Councillors agreed.

Balance of Account and Payment table

Date	Detail	Cheque No	Amount	Totals
1 .02.10	Balances of Accounts Savings Current Web Site Account		£0.00 £297.41 £76.85	
	Sub Total of Balances	Sub total		£374.26
	<u>Receipts</u> Precept		£1,000.00	
	Sub Total of Receipts	Sub total		£1,000.00
	<u>Payments</u>			
28.04.10	Dog Bin Service	100261	£63.97	
20.05.10	Void cheque	100262	£0.00	
20.05.10	Roberts & Sons Printers	100263	£38.00	
20.05.10	Norfolk ALC	100264	£92.43	
20.05.10	L Gray Expenses	100265	£46.32	
20.05.10	L Gray APM Expenses	100266	£29.57	
20.05.10	St Marys Grass Cutting Donation	100267	£100.00	
23.04.10	L Gray Salary - Standing Order	STO	£110.50	
23.05.10	L Gray Salary - Standing Order	STO	£110.50	
23.06.10	L Gray Salary - Standing Order	STO	£110.50	
	Sub Total of Payments	Sub total		£701.79
	Balance of Accounts		Balance	£672.47

The payment table was agreed by Councillors, proposed Peter Wright, seconded Sarah Cook and agreed unanimously.

6. Planning Applications

Planning Application Ref & Date	Address and Proposal	Parish Council Decision	South Norfolk Decision
2009/2049 30.12.09	Ashlea, Mill Common, Ashby St Mary Detached double garage/store	Approve	Approve
2010/0320 26.02.10	Mardon House, Church Street, Ashby St Mary. Rear 2-storey extension and porch extension to front	Approve	Approve
2010/0755 05.05.10	Ashlea, Mill Common, Ashby St Mary Proposed amendments to planning approval 2009/0196- removal of proposed loft conversion, addition of 2no dormers to main dwelling, revise internal floor layouts, creation of cat flap style roof to part of rear lower roof, green painted softwood fascia & barge boards, removal of rear window to bedroom one, increase size of sidelights to kitchen French doors and raise height of dormers to bedroom 3&4	Approve	

7. No Cold Calling Zone

The Clerk had asked Thurton Parish Council if they had a Co-ordinator but as yet had no reply had been received.

8. Report from Representative on the Village Hall Committee

Nominations for Village Hall Committee Representative were requested, Mark Rolph proposed Terry Kitt and Sarah Cook seconded, agreed unanimously. Terry Kitt was willing to remain on the Village Hall Committee.

At the Village Hall AGM, John Pidgen remained as Chairman, Esther Thomas as the Secretary and Judy Powell was the new Treasurer.

The recent Auto Jumble event had raised £640.00. The Village Fun Day/Fete scheduled for 19 June had been cancelled due to lack of support from the village, the Scouts would now hold a Car Washing event on this day instead. Good Neighbours Day would be held on 29th May between 2-5pm. The Fees and Charges of the Village Hall required updating; the Clerk would contact the new treasurer for details of the changes.

The Play Area plans would be open for a Village consultation shortly. A flyer would be posted around each house inviting comments. New goal posts had been installed on the field and the old ones removed.

9. Web Site

The Web site update was now complete. The Village Hall contacts would be updated and the Cricket Club had been added to the site and scores would be included shortly.

10. Homewatch

The Homewatch scheme had been updated on line, the system had changed and Carol had not received a great deal information from the new system.

Police – PCSO Kevin Nightingale attended the meeting. The team based in Loddon now cover 31 Parishes and they were each trying to attend Parish Council Meetings. The Inspector covering Loddon was James Brown and he is based at Wymondham, the Sargeant at Loddon was Peter Lowndes-Smith. The rest of the team were made up of 3 PC's and 2 PCSO's. As of the 1st April 2010, Response Officers were coming from Norwich instead of Gt Yarmouth and for Ashby St Mary would result in quicker response times. Residents were reminded that Oil and Diesel remained high on the list for being stolen. Milk money had also been stolen from residents in Ellingham and residents were asked to take care and not put cash on the doorstep overnight and try to find other ways to pay for their milk.

Non Emergency Number for Police 0845 456 4567

11. Public Consultation and Reports from County and District Councillors

Report from Adrian Gunson, County Councillor read by the Clerk

Verge Cutting Programme – Started later than previous years in order to save money. The limited rainfall in both April and May had helped keep growth to a minimum.

Pot Holes – Dangerous Pot holes were being repaired first and a programme of repairing potholes in areas had commenced.

Resurfacing and Surface dressing programme – Had already started as a lot of road surfaces had been damaged and many chippings dislodged during this winter.

A11 Dualling – Delays of this scheme were expected due to the present economic situation.

Traffic Lights Trowse – Work to replace the traffic lights had been completed. The new timings were very good during busy times but the off peak timings required reassessment.

X2 Bus Service – Improvements to the reliability of the Service would be evident shortly.

Report from Derek Blake, District Councillor read by the Clerk

Council Tax had been frozen even though fee income was down as a reduction in Planning Applications. Interest from investments had fallen and the Council was £2m worse off this year. The Council had balanced the budget; key service levels were being maintained and living within its means. The benefits team had performed well, the new benefits application process was 3 days. For next year the Council was looking into sharing services with Breckland Council and the cost reductions should help to maintain the freeze on Council tax.

12. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information

Location for Emergency Services using Grid References.

Date of next meeting 15 July 2010

The meeting closed at 9.29pm

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 15 July 2010 at 7.45 pm at

Ashby St Mary and Thurton Village Hall

Present: Robert Todd (Chairman), Peter Wright, Terry Kitt, Sarah Cook and Edgar Hoddy.

Also Present: Linda Gray (Clerk), Adrian Gunson, County Councillor and 1 Member of Public.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Carol Powell, Mark Rolph and Derek Blake

2. Declaration of Interest

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

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2010

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

4. Matters Arising

Financial Standing orders had been amended and duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Correspondence (tabled separately)

Armana Handley Neighbourhood Officer – Request to visit Ashby St Mary. Clerk to contact and invite to the next meeting.

Police – A report from the Loddon Beat Office confirmed no calls to the Police were received from Ashby St Mary residents from 14 May 2010 to 15 June 2010.

Laptop – As the laptop is now over 5 years and termed out of date technology. All the Parish information had now been removed and ownership had passed to Mark Rolph.

Highway Community Rangers – Information session 4th August 2010.

6. Finance

Balance of Account and Payment table

Date	Detail	Cheque No	Amount	Totals
1 .07.10	Balances of Accounts Savings Current Web Site Account		£104.31 £500.00 £76.85	
	Sub Total of Balances	Sub total		£681.16
	<u>Receipts</u> VAT Return Interest		£8.66 £0.03	
	Sub Total of Receipts	Sub total		£8.69
	<u>Payments</u>			
15.07.10	Norfolk ALC - Insurance	100268	£193.99	
15.07.10	C Dix Auditor	100269	£45.00	
23.07.10	L Gray Salary - Standing Order	STO	£110.50	
23.08.10	L Gray Salary - Standing Order	STO	£110.50	
23.09.10	L Gray Salary - Standing Order	STO	£110.50	
	Sub Total of Payments	Sub total		£570.49
	Balance of Accounts		Balance	£119.36

Norfolk ALC Summer Conference – The Clerk requested agreement from Councillors to attend the Summer Conference. Councillors agreed.

7. Planning

Planning Application Ref & Date	Address and Proposal	Parish Council Decision	South Norfolk Planning Decision
2010/0755 05.05.10	Ashlea, Mill Common, Ashby St Mary Proposed amendments to planning approval 2009/0196- removal of proposed loft conversion, addition of 2no dormers to main dwelling, revise internal floor layouts, creation of cat flap style roof to part of rear lower roof, green painted softwood fascia & barge boards, removal of rear window to bedroom one, increase size of sidelights to kitchen French doors and raise height of dormers to bedroom 3&4	Approve	TBA
2010/1158 06.07.10	Bronte Cottage, Mill Common, Ashby St Mary Proposed change of use of agricultural field to residential cartilage and proposed bank stabilisation.	Approve	
2010/1159 06.07.1	Bronte Cottage, Mill Common, Ashby St Mary Proposed change of use of agricultural field to residential cartilage and proposed bank stabilisation.	Approve	

Bronte Cottage, Mill Common, Ashby St Mary

Mrs Stowers attended the meeting to discuss with Councillors the proposed planning application for Bronte Cottage. The Councillors response to the planning application was they had no objections to the proposed stabilisation of the bank, but strongly objected to the whole field's change of use from agricultural to residential curtilage as it does not seem appropriate or necessary and with a re submission of the plans with the appropriate use of red and blue lines as the original application the whole application would be approved by the Parish Council.

8. No Cold Calling Zone – As a co-ordinator could not be found in Thurton this project would no longer continue and removed from the agenda.

9. Report from Representative on the Village Hall Committee

Multi Use Games Area - A leaflet promoting the planned play area and consultation event had been printed and would be distributed to all residents in Thurton and Ashby St Mary. Residents would be asked to donate plants and benches and volunteer to help with the planting. Terry Kitt would not be able to attend the next Village Hall Committee and requested another Councillor to attend.

10. Web Site

The Web Site now updated would include some additional old pictures of Ashby St Mary in the gallery shortly.

11. Homewatch

Councillors confirmed the Norfolk Police bulletin emails were being received by all.

12. Public Consultation and Reports from County and District Councillors

Congratulations were extended to Adrian Gunson who had been named in the Queen's Birthday Honours list to receive an MBE. Robert Todd on behalf of the Ashby St Mary PC congratulated Adrian Gunson as a very respected member of the community and paid tribute to his tireless work, commitment and support given to the area over the last 40 years.

Report from Adrian Gunson, County Councillor

Surface Dressing Programme – Several roads locally would be included in this programme.

Chedgrave – Footway close to the shops on Hardley Road would be completed soon.

Crime – Several grates covers on the sides of the road had been stolen. With the grates removed the gullies were exposed which could result in danger for pedestrians and wild animals.

Government Expenditure cuts – The Local Transport Plan had been cut by 35% and this would impact on Footway maintenance and Road Accident Prevention measures being implemented.

Joint Core Strategy and Northern Distributor Road – Due to the change in Government both of these local plans could be affected by being deferred to a later date.

Hobart Swimming Pool. – The funding was now in place but the planning application progress was slow and the planned work for the summer holidays would now not take place. The planning application required validation from the Local Authority and local consultation was also required. The Parish Council had identified the planning application had been delayed by the incompetence of the planning department at Norfolk County Council.

Low Common – Mark Rolph had reported to the Clerk that an area of road previously patched up had begun sinking again. Adrian Gunson would investigate.

13. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information

Grid References for Emergency Services – Terry Kitt and Mark Rolph had found and listed the grid references for all the properties in Ashby St Mary. The Clerk was requested to write to the Emergency Services to offer the list for their information and stickers would be produced for residents to put on their phone. To be included on the next agenda.

14. Date of next meeting 23 September 2010

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

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Also Present: Linda Gray (Clerk), Adrian Gunson, County Councillor, PCSO K. Nightingale and 0 Member of Public.

1. Apologies were received from Robert Todd and Terry Kitt

2. Declaration of Interest

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

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2010

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

4. Matters Arising

Mark Rolph and Terry Kitt had met with Armana Handley the Safer Neighbourhood Officer from South Norfolk to discuss the needs of Ashby St Mary. Several areas were discussed including the need for better mobile phone coverage, the refurbishment of the Play Area and the Grid Reference information for the emergency services.

5. Correspondence (tabled separately)

Norfolk County Council Planning notification via email.

Election Training for the Clerk. The Clerk would be able to share the cost of £25.00 with Alington with Yelverton Parish Council to attend the training.

6. Finance

Balance of Account and Payment table

Date	Detail	Cheque No	Amount	Totals
	Balances of Accounts			
23.08.10	Savings		£0.00	
23.08.10	Current		£144.32	
23.08.10	Web Site Account		£76.85	
	Sub Total of Balances	Sub total		£221.17
	<u>Receipts</u>			
30.09.10	Interest		£0.00	
	Precept		£1,000.00	
	Sub Total of Receipts	Sub total		£1,000.00
	<u>Payments</u>			
23.09.10	Mazars Auditors	100270	£58.75	
23.09.10	Norfolk alc Summer conf	100271	£20.00	
23.09.10	L Gray Expenses	100272	£28.80	
23.10.10	L Gray Salary - Standing Order	STO	£110.50	
	Sub Total of Payments	Sub total		£218.05
	Balance of Accounts		Balance	£1,003.12

Audit 2009/10

The Audit had been agreed and received back with comments relating to the timescale of the Internal Auditor and the Full Council agreeing the Audit. The Clerk would refer to the Norfolk Alc (Norfolk Association of Local Councils) for comments and report back at the next meeting.

7. Planning

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2010/0755 05.05.10	Ashlea, Mill Common, Ashby St Mary Proposed amendments to planning approval 2009/0196- removal of proposed loft conversion, addition of 2no dormers to main dwelling, revise internal floor layouts, creation of cat flap style roof to part of rear lower roof, green painted softwood fascia & barge boards, removal of rear window to bedroom one, increase size of sidelights to kitchen French doors and raise height of dormers to bedroom 3&4	Approve	Approved
2010/1158 06.07.10	Bronte Cottage, Mill Common, Ashby St Mary Proposed change of use of agricultural field to residential cartilage and proposed bank stabilisation.	Approve	TBA
2010/1159 06.07.10	Bronte Cottage, Mill Common, Ashby St Mary Proposed change of use of agricultural field to residential cartilage and proposed bank stabilisation.	Approve	TBA
2010/1263 28.07.10	Lilac Cottage, Ashby St Mary Proposed first floor extension, new porch and extension to annexe	Approve	Approved

Mill Cottage, Mill Road, Ashby St Mary Sun Room and porch extension. The Clerk had received a planning application which was discussed with Councillors at the meeting. Councillors agreed to approve the planning application.

Local Development Framework consultation.

A map detailing land available for development had been received by the Parish Council. The plots detailed are parcels of land offered by landowners for development. None of the plots have planning permission and most will be found to be unsuitable for building for numerous reasons including cost of land, location in relation to the village, facilities and utilities available in the village. Norfolk has a quota of new housing from the Government and whilst most developments will be in major market towns such as Wymondham, Diss etc smaller developments may be considered. Peter Wright proposed the Parish Council would respond to the LDF consultation by totally objecting to any large scale development of the village regarding the response from residents relating to the Parish Plan questionnaires, facilities and amenities available, the effect the population increase would have on the capacity of the school, the rural nature of the village along with increase traffic problems. All Councillors agreed to the proposed response to the Local Development Framework.

8. Report from Representative on the Village Hall Committee

The meeting scheduled for the 7 September had been cancelled.

9. Web Site

A three day weather report had been added to the Web Site.

10. Homewatch

Kevin Nightingale attended the meeting to report on the changes at Loddon police team along with 7 incidents reported on the non emergency line in Ashby St Mary. Residents were reminded to collect as much information as possible of suspicious events or vehicles to report to the police including car registration numbers colour and type of cars.

11. Public Consultation and Reports from County and District Councillors

Report from Adrian Gunson, County Councillor

Speed Camera Thurton. Due to Government cuts it had been reported that the retention of the Speed Camera in Thurton was no longer viable and along with others in the county would be removed as it was against the law to leave the casing without a camera in situ. Councillors discussed this matter at great length and agreed to contact David White, Chief Executive, Norfolk County Council and the Chief Constable at Wymondham Phil Gormley to make a request to retain the speed camera on minimum film and service to maintain the 40mph speed limit and safety for pedestrians on the A146.

Surface Dressing schedule had been completed.

Chedgrave Footway at Hardley Road had been completed.

Hobart High School – Tenders for the refurbishment of the Swimming Pool were expected and required before the Government budgets were agreed in order for the work to progress.

Report from Derek Blake, District Councillor – Derek Blake was not present at the meeting.

12. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information

Quality Parish Councils – Mark Rolph to report at the next meeting.

BBC Website has dates for the switch over to digital relating to the Tacolneston mast.

Grid reference for emergency services to be removed from the agenda and reported in matters arising at the next meeting.

13. Date of next meeting 18 November 2010

The meeting closed at 9.46pm

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

Also Present: Linda Gray (Clerk), Adrian Gunson, County Councillor, and 0 Member of Public.

16. Apologies

Carol Powell and Derek Blake, District Councillor sent their apologies, which Councillors accepted.

17. Declaration of Interest

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

18. Minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2010

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

19. Matters Arising

Removal of Speed Camera Thurton – The Clerk had written to Norfolk County Council with the Councillors request to retain the Speed Camera in Thurton. There had been no reply but there had been some developments in this matter that would be reported by Adrian Gunson, County Councillor.

Local Development Framework – The Clerk had written to South Norfolk Council with comments from Councillors.

20. Correspondence (tabled separately)

There was no further correspondence that had not already been circulated to Councillors.

21. Finance

Balance of Account and Payment table

Date	Detail	Cheque No	Amount	Totals
	Balances of Accounts			
01.11.10	Savings		£315.78	
01.11.10	Current		£500.00	
01.11.10	Web Site Account		£76.85	
	Sub Total of Balances	Sub total		£892.63
	<u>Receipts</u>			
	Interest		£0.00	
	Sub Total of Receipts	Sub total		£0.00
	<u>Payments</u>			
18.11.10	L Gray Expenses	100273	£43.05	
			£0.00	
			£0.00	
23.11.10	L Gray Salary - Standing Order	STO	£110.50	
	Sub Total of Payments	Sub total		£153.55
	Balance of Accounts		Balance	£739.08

The Clerk presented the 2010/11 budget to Councillors and after a discussion it was agreed to increase the precept by 10% £200 for 2010/11.

The Precept had been increased this year for the first time in 5 years. Councillors felt the increase was reasonable under the present economic circumstances but the Parish Council would need to consider carefully all costs this year.

22. Planning

Planning Application Ref & Date	Address and Proposal	Parish Council Decision	SNDC Planning Decision
2010/1158 06.07.10	Bronte Cottage, Mill Common, Ashby St Mary Proposed change of use of agricultural field to residential cartilage and proposed bank stabilisation.	Approve	To East Area Committee
2010/1159 06.07.10	Bronte Cottage, Mill Common, Ashby St Mary Proposed change of use of agricultural field to residential cartilage and proposed bank stabilisation.	Approve	To East Area Committee
2010/1263 28.07.10	Lilac Cottage, Ashby St Mary Proposed first floor extension, new porch and extension to annexe	Approve	Approved
2010/1547 07.09.10	Mill Cottage, Mill Road, Ashby St Mary Sun Room and porch extension	Approve	Approved
2010/1772 13.10.10	Land to the rear of Hill House Cottages, Mill Road, Ashby St Mary Application for approval of double garage not built in accordance with planning permission 2006/2666/F	Approve	TBA

2010/ 1921 Claxton House, Church Lane, Claxton Planning Application

Proposed extension to existing care home to provide 40 bedroom dementia unit.

Although this application was not in Ashby St Mary, the increased traffic to Claxton House during construction and when completed would affect Ashby St Mary. Councillors discussed at length the implications of the increased traffic and guidelines and restrictions they would like actioned by South Norfolk Council if the application is approved.

23. Quality Parish Council

Mark Rolph had met with Sarita Presland to discuss the Quality Parish Council status.

Councillors discussed the implications of gaining the Quality Parish Council status for Ashby St Mary at length and agreed at present that seeking the Quality Parish Council status would not be advantageous for Ashby St Mary PC. The production of a newsletter/report to be published in the eleven says Parish Magazine was agreed and Mark Rolph and Terry Kitt were asked to investigate and highlight areas of the application form for further consideration at the next meeting.

24. Report from Representative on the Village Hall Committee

The rates to hire the Village Hall had been increased. The Playing Field Multi Use Games Area project was on going. A consultation event had highlighted areas of concern from residents and the plans had been amended accordingly. Researching costings and available grants and a survey of the land regarding levelling would be completed shortly.

25. Web Site including Emergency Service Grid Reference

The Web Site had been updated. The Clerk had confirmation from Norfolk Association of Local Councils that the Grid Reference detail could be added to the Web Site. The Village Hall hire rates would be added to the Web Site.

26. Homewatch

No report

27. Public Consultation and Reports from County and District Councillors

Report from Adrian Gunson, County Councillor

Speed Camera Thurton – Discussions are ongoing between Norfolk County Council and the Police Authority to retain the speed camera in Thurton

Hobart High School Swimming Pool – The Planning application had been approved and funding had been gained through the School, Norfolk County Council and the White Dolphins fund raising. The work to replace the pool cover and update the changing facilities would commence shortly.

Bergh Apton Waste Recycling Site. – The Planning permission for the site will expire in 2012 and without the support of the Community the site could close. The site is already working on a part time basis. If the site closes the nearest sites for waste are Morningthorpe and Norwich Mile Cross.

Norwich Bus Service – The bus service on the A146 had undergone some improvements, the first bus of the day is now leaving Lowestoft earlier and then returns from Norwich back to Loddon for a second service in the peak morning time.

Loddon to Rockland Bus Service – The use of this service had declined and there were reports of the bus stopping at hazardous parts of the route.

Local Development Framework – Mr Gunson had objected to the sites identified in the consultation on behalf of the Village.

Council Tax – In order that the Council Tax would not increase this year Norfolk County Council had cut running costs of up to 25% which would have an impact on Adult Social Services and Children Services.

28. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information

Meetings for 2011

Thursday 20 January 2011

Thursday 17 March 2011

Thursday 07 April 2011 APM Main Hall

Thursday 19 May 2011 AGM

Thursday 14 July 2011

Thursday 22 September 2011

Thursday 17 November 2011

29. Date of next meeting 20 January 2011

The meeting closed at 9.59pm

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PLEASE NOTE – SINCE THE NOVEMBER MEETING THE ABOVE MEETING DATES IN MARCH & APRIL HAVE BEEN CHANGED. CHECK THE ASHBY ST MARY WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.