

ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 11th January 2018 at 7.30pm at
Malva Rosas, Mill Road, Ashby St Mary

Present Robert Todd (Chairman), Terry Kitt (Vice Chairman) and Mark Rolph

1. Apologies of absence were received from Edgar Hoddy and Carol Powell.
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest. No declarations were made.
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2016.
The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of 21st September 2017.

Parish Clerk.

Whilst discussing training with the NALC and her role as Clerk, the NALC were not very helpful and as a result Jill Backus had withdrawn as the Temporary Parish Clerk.

Village Boundary review.

Robert Todd successfully argued our case at the South Norfolk Review Committee on 29th November 2017, for Ashby St Mary to remain independent and not to join with Thurton. The Review Committee then withdrew the proposal to join Ashby St Mary PC with Thurton PC. This recommendation will now be ratified in Feb 2018, with implementation (of changes) from May 2019.

Neighbourhood Security. - Nothing to report.

Heating Oil Syndicate.

November 9100 litres ordered at 43.05p/l. December 1200 litres ordered at 54.75p/l

Parish Website.

St Mary's Church application for Lottery Funding for repairs etc had been unsuccessful.

5. Parish Precept.

It was agreed unanimously that the precept for Ashby St Mary for 2018/19 should not be increased and would remain the same as 2016/17.

Edgar Hoddy, when giving his apologies for the meeting, had also agreed.

The Chairman would submit details to South Norfolk DC by 16th January 2018.

6. Parish Clerk.

Terry Kitt reported that Jayne Casey who lives in Mill Road may be interested in being the Parish Clerk and Robert Todd also reported that the Clerk to Rockland PC, Monica Armstrong, could also be interested.

It was decided that Jayne Casey be approached initially, as an applicant living in the Parish would be more beneficial.

Terry Kitt would contact Jayne and if she was still interested after hearing what the job involved. Robert Todd would then speak to her, to discuss the appointment in more detail.

7. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information

Terry Kitt reported that he had responded on the Councils behalf to the Norfolk CC survey of items of highway maintenance that should take priority in the current pressure on Council funds.

1. Road safety work should be the highest priority.
2. Ensure that manholes and other equipment within highway belonging to other authorities i.e. BT, Gas etc should be repaired where necessary. This would not involve costs to NCC.

A146 has many manholes that are in need of repair.

3. Make more use of Parish Councils to identify urgent highway works within Parishes to ensure funds are spent wisely. Parishes are in a better position to identify urgent works in the Parish as they live with the problems on a day to day basis.

In addition the Highway Rangers were due to visit the Parish and items for their attention are:

1. Removal of Gorse Bush at Junction of Mill Road and Mill Common, The bush obstructs visibility at the junction.
2. Repair pothole on Mill Road just past South Lodge.
3. Clear drains and grips at South Lodge Corner which was flooded during recent bad weather.
4. Clear mud and soil on Mill Road, Chapel Lane and Chapel Road.

Matters for discussion at next meeting.

Laura Vassiere who is raising funds for the improvement of the children's play area at the Village Hall has asked if she can discuss her Groups proposal at the next PC meeting.

Date of next meeting 15th March 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Meeting dates for 2018
Annual Parish Meeting 19th April 2018
17th May 2018, 12th July 2018
20 September 2018, 22nd November 2018.

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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.

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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 1st 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 19th 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 50th 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 21st 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

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 19th April 2018

The meeting closed at 9.38pm