

# ASHBY ST MARY PARISH PLAN

## APPENDIX—SUMMER 2008

### REVIEW OF PARISH COUNCIL'S 2005 ACTION LIST

- 1 Limited good neighbour type of scheme      Achieved  
Action – HomeWatch scheme now introduced covering all areas of the parish, central co-ordinator now in place, and resident's support sought via noticeboard advertisements.
- 2 Extend mains sewerage disposal      Unachievable  
Action - Letter sent to Anglian Water to establish if request is viable. Its reply stated there were no plans to extend the existing services.
- 3 Provision of more NHS dentists      Commenced - ongoing  
Action - Letter sent to Norfolk Primary Care Trust to establish if Request is viable. A reply has not been forthcoming.
- 4 Shorter notice for doctor appointments      Commenced - ongoing  
Action - Letter sent to Norfolk Primary Care Trust to establish if request is viable. A reply has not been forthcoming.
- 5 Improve police presence in parish      Achieved  
Action – Norfolk Constabulary contacted following which more frequent visits through village already noted plus improved attendance at Council meetings by Police Community Support Officers. It was noted a manned police station was now open in Poringland.
- 6 Reinforce neighbourhood watch scheme      Achieved  
Action – Linked to revamped HomeWatch scheme with Police Co-ordinator assistance. Signs, window stickers etc now available through village co-ordinator.
- 7 More activities for the young      Commenced - ongoing  
Action – Having been brought to the attention of the Village Hall Management Committee by the Parish Council's representative, the VHMC has held discussions with local youth groups, learnt of requested activities and is seeking to assist where practical and viable.
- 8 Provide more mains gas      Unachievable  
Action - Letter sent to British Gas to establish if request is viable. Its reply stated there were no plans to extend the existing services.

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- 9 Provide more recycling facilities Achieved  
Action - Bottle banks now more plentiful and accessible due to District Council recycling policies. Recycling bins now provided by District Councils. The Parish Council considers the provision of a small recycling unit in the village is dependent on finding a suitable site acceptable to any nearby residents and also to a sustainable financial return to the Council.
- 10 Review procedures at recycling centres Achieved  
Action - A review of local centres was carried out by the District Council which resulted in retaining the Bergh Apton site. While the change in opening times was accepted, the Parish Council was not in favour of the restriction placed on the size, number and type of loads that could be deposited as it might increase fly-tipping in the area.
- 11 Inform parishioners how income is spent Achieved  
Action – Already shown on village noticeboards and at the Council's Annual Parish meeting, this detailed information is now more widely in the public domain via the Parish Council's website.
- 12 Implement rural environmental measures Achieved  
Action – The Parish Council has established and noted the environmental factors within the village that it considers require to be kept under review for maintenance purposes.
- 13 Harness support for clearing footpaths Achieved  
Action – The Parish Council has established a team from within its members, as well as a number of local volunteers to ensure, the management of its village footpaths can be implemented as deemed necessary.
- 14 Is environmental audit needed? Commenced - ongoing  
Action – Accepted that an environmental audit is desirable. Village trees, hedges, flora and fauna of particular interest might benefit from being recorded. Residents are invited to participate by submitting their suggestions on a road by road basis (to the Chairman or clerk in writing or by email).
- 15 Improve local transport Unachievable  
Action – While outside the Parish Council's direct control, on behalf of village residents, it notes and comments on the updates provided by Ashby's County Councillor representative.

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- 16 Improve parish signposts Achieved  
Action – Following instances of confusion by the emergency services, a sign identifying Mill Road, Ashby and Mill Road, Thurton was successfully introduced at the request of the Parish Council. The Council considers the 'pointer' signs in the parish to be acceptable.
- 17 Consider extending 30 mph limits Achieved  
Action – The speed limits in the immediately surrounding area have been reviewed and were subsequently redefined by the Highways Authority.
- 18 Improve car parking in Foxglove Close Unachievable  
Comment – On inspections, Parish Council members have failed to note any problems but notwithstanding this, it does not consider it has any powers over unneighbourly or indiscriminate parking.
- 19 Provide gardening and rambling clubs To be established  
Action – When supporters of these (or similar) groups are established and identify themselves to the Parish Council, it is prepared to assist by seeking members via its website, on its noticeboards and assistance through the Village Hall Management Committee.
- 20 Publicise village hall more widely Achieved  
Action – The Parish Council advertises all the village hall user groups and their contact details on its website. It also advertises on the Hall's own noticeboard and aims to promote the Hall on each of the Parish noticeboards. It would welcome receiving the Village Hall Management Committee's meeting and events details to advertise them within Ashby.
- 21 Provide Parish Council website Achieved  
Action – Created and subsequently introduced to residents at Ashby's 2007 Annual Parish meeting. The Parish Council hopes Ashby residents have viewed the site and found it to be interesting and useful in equal measure. The site is particularly useful for residents to access Parish Council minutes, agendas and dates of future meetings.