

## ASHBY ST MARY PC WEBSITE - LATEST NEWS ARCHIVE

Entries below are previous Latest News items that date back approximately one year from the most recent entry.

06/03/23

LATEST NEWS - the headlines

- minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 4th January 2023.
- to vote in elections now needs photo ID
- bin collections : never miss one again
- bus times : never miss a bus again
- Loddon Dental Practice: cautionary advice
- an apology : a long period of ill health caused the recent lack of the website being updated as regularly as usual

IMPORTANT - VOTING ON 4TH MAY 2023?

On Thursday 4 May 2023, local elections are taking place across England.  
To vote in a polling station, residents will need to bring photo ID.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next scheduled parish council meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 7.00 p.m. at Ashby & Thurton Village Hall, Ashby Road, Thurton.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The draft minutes of the last parish council meeting and all previous meetings can be found on the MANAGEMENT page.

BIN COLLECTIONS - NEVER MISS ONE AGAIN!

Download the free Bin Collections app to keep up to date with your bin collection days and find out about recycling.

Search Bin Collections South Norfolk on the App Store or Google Play.

Or go to <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/sncbinapp>

(It really works!)

BUSES - NEVER MISS ONE AGAIN!

Ever wondered when your bus was going to arrive? Now you can.

Go to [bustimes.org](http://bustimes.org), select the map and you can see the bus. The square with a number is a bus.

(It really does work! But be advised, it updates about every minute so there is a delay in showing an actual bus position.)

POLICE ALERT

A warning has been received regarding possible thefts of catalytic converters from vehicles with Hondas and Toyotas more targeted than most others.

There are some things you can do to help protect your catalytic converter:

Speak to your local dealership/garage about getting a catloc device fitted. These cannot guarantee 100% protection but can act as a deterrent and make it far harder for thieves to steal your catalytic converter.

Look into getting your catalytic converter marked with a serial number or forensically marked with a product such as Smartwater. While this will not stop a theft, if a stolen catalytic converter is found, it can be traced back to its owner and any linked crime. It might not be possible for owners to get their catalytic converters marked for a number of reasons, and so most importantly, vigilance should be exercised.

NHS DENTIST - A CAUTIONARY PIECE OF ADVICE

An existing NHS 'patient' recently called in person to their local dental practice that offered NHS treatment. This was necessitated because the crown of a tooth had become broken and required what was considered urgent treatment. A request for an urgent appointment was made to which the receptionist, after searching the patient list, informed the patient 'you're not a patient here any more!' The person in question had been an NHS patient with the same practice since the early 1980's and asking on what grounds they had been removed from its patient list was informed 'because you have not required treatment for over 2 years!'. No apology or other justification was proffered. The majority of

this period was obviously entirely due to delays caused by Covid, during which time from first hand knowledge it was known patients were being refused treatment with permitted appointments only if treatment was considered medically urgent. As a result, being able to make any appointment, such as for a regular check-up, was totally impossible. No prior notice, by letter or verbally, was given of the impending expulsion.

If you are an NHS patient and have not visited your local NHS dental practice for treatment for approaching two years, it would seem you should ensure you make an appointment within two years of a previous one.

Unbelievably, it was also learned there is no requirement, legal or otherwise, for the practice to give any form of warning that being removed from their patient list was either imminent or approaching - it is learned only when it is too late. It is not yet known if this a national trend or if it is an action solely of the local dental practice concerned or if it affects only NHS patients. The matter is being followed up the patient in question.

If any parishioner knows more about this subject or has had a similar experience, or has overcome an expulsion please contact the webmaster at [webmaster@ashbystmary.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@ashbystmary.org.uk)

#### REMINDER - HIGHWAY RANGERS

Ashby gets announcements in advance of visits to be made by the Highway Rangers. Councillors usually have some parish matters to report to them. However if any parishioner notices any of the following, please get in touch and report it to our council chairman who liaises with the Rangers about matters that require their attention.

- Potholes
- Regular incidents of standing or flooding water – additional inspection of gullies and grips at these sites
- Signs – ensuring visibility and good condition of Highway signs, removal of illegal signs
- Paths – siding out and ensuring a safe surface for the user
- Public Rights of Way – maintaining clear access within the village boundary

#### CYCLIST IN ASHBY OR THURTON?

Interested in joining a friendly, village cycling group?

The Ashby Amblers group was formed in Easter 2022 and continues to flourish. Gentle riding is assured!

All ages and abilities are welcome no matter which type of bicycle you own and ride.

The Ashby Amblers currently has approaching 20 members from Ashby, Thurton, and even as far afield as

Heckingham, Thurlton and Norwich.

We meet every Tuesday at 09.30 opposite the Thurton George & Dragon pub.

Email [ashbywebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:ashbywebmaster@gmail.com) for more details

#### Ashby Rainfall

As usual the latest rainfall figures for our parish can be found via the link on the HANDBOOK page.

#### Police Messages

For some time, Police messages have focussed on the pandemic reminding the public of the various rules and guidelines as they evolve. No announcements or messages have been received concerning crimes and misdemeanours directly relevant to our or the neighbouring community.

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**26/09/22**

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- minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 20th July 2022.
- draft agenda for next parish council meeting
- parish councillor vacancy - see poster below
- Cyclist? Join our local group.
- rainfall

- Walking & Cycling Norfolk's Treasures - News from Norfolk ALC

Let's get together. We're hosting a new event, and we'd love to see you there.

Join us for Walking and Cycling Norfolk's Treasures, 5 October 2022 at 19:00.

Discover glorious Norfolk treasures this autumn. Find out how you and your community can access the best that the Norfolk countryside has to offer this autumn. Join Norfolk County Council's Cycling and

Walking Team for a webinar at 7:00-8:00pm on Wednesday 5 October to get some inspirational ideas about how to make the most out of those golden autumn days.

Will you be tempted to get those walking shoes on or to get the bike out to explore the hundreds of miles of trails and paths across Norfolk? Find out about the exciting new Pathmakers Walk Norfolk Festival – a month long access - friendly walking festival with something for all abilities throughout October. Everyone, from every background and ability, can access fantastic routes close to their home or in our many beautiful landscapes. Getting out to experience the natural beauty of our county is a sure way of improving health and wellbeing: getting fit, having fun and maybe making new friends! How can you share this knowledge with your community?

Let's spread the word and get Norfolk's wonderful routes out there.

Register soon because space is limited. We hope you're able to join us!

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/walking-and-cycling-norfolks-treasures-tickets>

#### NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - PROVISIONAL DATE - NOTE A TUESDAY, NOT USUAL WEDNESDAY

The next scheduled parish council meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 27th September 2022 at 7.00 p.m. at Ashby & Thurton Village Hall, Ashby Road, Thurton.

#### DRAFT AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To receive declarations of Interest for items on the agenda and to consider any requests for dispensations.
3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th July 2022
4. Public forum including reports from County & District Councillors
5. Matters arising from the minutes of the meetings
6. Finance
  - I. To note councils current financial standing
  - II. To note the payments made since the last meeting:
  - III. To approve payments:
7. Report from representative of Village Hall Management Committee
8. Reports re Website/Neighbourhood Security/Oil Buying Syndicate
9. Correspondence
10. Matters for future consideration and items for information.
11. Date of next meeting: To be decided

The press and public are warmly invited to attend.

#### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The draft minutes of the parish council meetings held on 20th July 2022 (see above) can be found on the MANAGEMENT page.

#### NEW PARISH NOTICEBOARDS

New noticeboards were recently erected at Chapel Road (a replacement) and Spong Lane/Low Common (an addition). The new boards are enclosed which should mean the notices placed in them should survive all weathers and be readable for longer. The boards they replaced, despite being of heavy density wood and very well made by a parishioner, were finally surcoming to age. One had become unstable and was therefore a safety risk but the other board was in a sufficiently satisfactory condition to remain in place for local groups to put their notices on as desired.

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- draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 27th April 2022.
- draft minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 18th May 2022.
- 2021-22 financial information
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  3. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th May 2022
  4. Public forum including reports from County & District Councillors
  5. Matters arising from the minutes of the meetings
  6. Finance
    - I. To note councils current financial standing
    - II. To note the payments made since the last meeting:
    - III. To approve payments:
  7. Periodic items
    - I. data protection Policy
  - 2 Equality & Diversity Policy
  - 8 . Report from representative of Village Hall Management Committee
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