

ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on Tuesday 14th May at 7.30pm Ashby & Thurton Village Hall Meeting of the Parish Council

Present; Robert Todd (Chairman), Mark Rolph, Carol Powell, Jo Mace,
Vic Thomson (District Councillor), Jayne Casey (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Terry Kitt and Sarah Kings.

2. AGM voting

Robert Todd was proposed as chairman by Mark Rolph and seconded by Carol Powell. Robert Todd will now continue as our chairman.

Terry Kitt was proposed as vice-chairman by Robert Todd and seconded by Mark Rolph. Terry Kitt will continue as our vice-chairman

3. Co-option of Councillor

Jo Mace has been proposed by SK in her absence and seconded by CP. Paperwork was completed during the meeting. EH is to be co-opted at his next meeting this was proposed by RT and second by MR. We are now full.

4. Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interest

Nothing to declare

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 2019

Minutes were approved unanimously and signed by RT

6. Matters Arising from the minutes of 19th March 2019

None.

7. Correspondence

The clerk at Claxton has asked if we have any issues with dog fouling, the clerk has received no complaints and it was agreed we don't have an issue.

A resident has been in touch regarding the footpath from Mill Rd that leads up to the A146, it has become over grown. The clerk has emailed rangers and followed up. MR will contact the resident.

8. Finance

We have received an amount from SNC too large to be the SIL payment, clerk to find out if it's partly made up of the precept. Came and Co, insurance providers have waived their £50 administration fee for the year.

8a Funds from SNC

To go on the agenda for next meeting

9. Planning Applications

No new applications. We have two that have been accepted, both relate to the bungalows on Mill Rd.

JM to summarise in bullet points regarding 0252 retrospective application and send to the planning officers. Resident phoned the council regarding this application; planning agency did come out today to have a look. Video footage of large horseboxes using the area and the effect this has will be sent to the council. Compromise could be to move the entrance to the small lane where the resident lives (Sandy Lane) and not on the highway and to limit the amount of horses therefore traffic.

10. Report from Representative on Village Hall Committee

The 100-club winner for May is Chris Goate.

The hall has a new front door going in tomorrow (15th May). There are no current fundraisers except for the 50th anniversary fete on 29th June, any prizes for the raffle to go to CP please. Currently

applying for grants for driveway and car park in doing so ought to think about the lighting and incorporate this. Mr Barber has written a piece for the grant to help; this in turn will help the school with parking. He has been in touch with police regarding the parking issues on the main road.

11. Web Site – Transparency Code

Success with the website, page links seem to now be working; although some report links are still not working. The last update was in April.

12. Neighbourhood Security and Heating Oil Syndicate

Oil ordered; 5900l, which was nine purchases at 46.5p per litre another request for an order so will see if there is any take up

Area police newsletter will be added to the website, however they are very broad. In Thurton it is believed that someone had his or her van taken.

13. Public Consultation including reports from County and District Councillors

Vic Thompson from Yelverton was previously Rockland district councillor and is now our new district councillor.

The parish council welcomed him. He stated that he doesn't know the area well; so far he has attended Claxton Parish Council meeting and will soon be going to Thurton, however he wants to learn quickly. One of the first things he has been doing is to look into the roundabout at Loddon as Claxton PC brought this up. There will be a meeting end of this or next week, which should be the final meeting to get the final design of the roundabout. The big issue was the gas pipeline which isn't going under the development but under the side of the road which has caused a problem, therefore the roundabout can't go any further than the road or it would cost millions. It is hoped to commence in the summer to help with the schools etc. It is funded, the developer would like to build it and from the diagram the roundabout will be bigger than the one at Hales.

There will also be a meeting in August to discuss the Westernlink. Awaiting on funds the A11 will be duelled; western bypass and then the A47 duelled.

VT has said that the PC are his eyes and ears so please contact him and he will try to get back to us quickly. He said he enjoys working with PC's, we are the people who count and that it is important we have everything we need.

We are currently in the middle of the European elections so not yet done a report, nevertheless will be on its way.

A parish plan was presented to help VT read about Ashby, this received a 98% response to the village survey that was sent off roughly 15 years ago for the village plan. The view of the people then was against development in the village. We fought merging with Thurton, although friendly we are very different places. Two bungalows currently being built are the first new builds in the village for a long time; we try hard to be the local viewpoint when it comes to planning and SNC.

VT spoke of the 5yearlandsuply (just houses) 7.5k more houses need to be built to be compliant with government pressure, the new scheme gives us a better chance of choosing where houses are built. The little villages need protection against organisations coming in with commercial units.

We as a village would like an update newsletter and attendance at our meetings from the district councillor.

Our current planning issue was then discussed, this is the retrospective equestrian planning application, the council wanted to know how we would know VT would be representing 'our patch', VT responded that he would listen carefully and present the facts. RT went on to explain that a piece of agricultural land has been gradually converted to equestrian, livery and now fully fledged business use. The impact is detrimental to the households that boundary onto it but more importantly the vehicle movement and the size of these are considerably more. The application came through without telling the full picture of the scale of the operation; therefore on paper it doesn't look very significant compared to the impact. The challenge is how to get that message across to the planning officers; our concern is having confidence that the officers will understand this issue. VT responded saying; we have some of the best planning officers around; they cover everything and are very professional. The PC have suggested they come out and view the area, VT said they definitely will and probably more than once. To help we can summarise the things that have been said in clear bullet points and this will all be on the public domain. In similar situations,

controls have been put in place for instance in amenity. The planning officer does the work, any queries they have then go to a committee of senior officers who will then go through it again with a fine comb, the application will go to the DMC (development management committee) as it's a business, although the application doesn't state its for a business we were assured that the officers would find that.

MR made VT aware of the verge trimming that needs to be done on Low Common Rd. He stated that lots of people want wildlife verges now, however safety trumps this. VT will mention this to the highway officer at county.

14. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information
SIL to be discussed

15. Date of next meeting 16th July 2019

Meeting closed at 21:01