

## ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm

at Ashby and Thurton Village Hall.

Present; Robert Todd (chairman), Terry Kitt (Vice-chairman), Sarah Kings, Carol Powell, Jayne Casey (Clerk)

1. Apologies; Mark Rolph. Edgar Hoddy not present
2. Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interest  
None declared.
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018  
The minutes were approved and signed by RT.
4. Matters arising from the minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018  
None.
5. Correspondence  
The clerk is directly in touch with councillors and regularly sending round various newsletters and information. The council had received a thank you letter from the Playground Project, thanking them for the donation of £500.  
Invoice received from SNC for the emptying of the dog bin, it has been approved to be paid. However it was noted that it seems expensive and worth considering when discussing the precept.  
TK has a letter drafted to Councillor Barry Stone regarding the traffic complaint on Mill Road and that the speed limit is illegal as there is only one sign on the side of the road when there should be two.
6. Finance  
Clerk to look at how much has been ring fenced in the account when the work on the sign was done.  
The accounts are all up to date.
7. Report from representative on Village Hall  
Regular bookings are in for the year and the new toddler group is going well as is short mat bowls, which is growing in popularity. 26<sup>th</sup> January is the Burns night so far 40 people have booked. There has been an incident in the preschools forest school area, unknown people have been in this area and moved the tyres, standing them on end as well as moving the preschools wooden logs and disturbing the area. The Village hall will be talking to parents, it's likely the children weren't aware this was a preschool area. A sign may be considered. The Village hall committee no longer have a representative for Thurton as Kate Emmerson has left the area; Thurton council will put someone forward. The committee are looking into purchasing a new front door as well as possibly changing electric provider to find a cheaper tariff. Arrangements are on going for the summer fete. Number 33, Eileen Burchan is the 100 club winner. The Playground Project report was read out, including the money raised by the big toddle of £301.82 and the carol singing, which raised £193.41. The project is writing to local business asking for contributions, so far both Continental and Musketts of Loddon have donated £100 and DN Catchpole has donated a picnic bench. They are still hoping for donations for bins and another bench, anyone who would still like to donate can do so by contacting them via their Facebook or Sorrell Kelly on 07738208699. The park is planned to open over the Easter holidays with a grand opening, which is currently being planned.
8. Website  
Unfortunately there is an ongoing problem with the website of which the cause is unknown. This has meant no updating has taken place while we endeavour to find a way round the problem. MR

can only apologise and hope it is resolved soon. In the meantime I am seeking help and hope service will return to normal soon. The council agreed that MR has been doing a wonderful job with the website and that this issue was not his fault.

MR has attached the smart new laminated parish title and website details to all three noticeboards which replace the previous totally faded versions.

9. Neighbourhood Security and oil syndicate

An order was placed in early December. 12 members ordered a total of 9600 litres. With the market barrel price having reduced in the previous few months the cost was 48.5p per litre, which was the same litre amount as our July order. Our syndicate lost one member when they sold their bungalow but at her own request MR spoke with the new owner and she intends to use our parish service in the future. The syndicate gained a further new member during the same period, again as a result of becoming the owner of an oil-heated dwelling in Ashby. The result is there are now 36 syndicate members.

Nothing to report although receiving the police 'reports' which still only refer to wide areas and in a number, not crime type, format.

10. Parish plan

It was decided it was important to keep this up to date, TK volunteered himself and MR to take this on. TK discussed a bad weather emergency plan if people were without heating etc. of the colder months. It was noted that we are lucky enough to be in a small area and know our neighbours so can look out for those in need. It was discussed whether it would be worthwhile putting something down on paper that could go on the website or on Facebook. TK offered to put it on paper.

11. Parish Council Elections

Ashby St Mary currently has one vacancy for a councillor, which is looking to be filled. This is advertised on the website. Current councillors have nomination packs to fill in and return by March ready for the elections in May.

12. Precept

This was discussed at length between councillors; we have a healthy float as were without a clerk last year, however it is important to make sure we have a little float for use on repairs etc. in the parish. It has been put up in the past in line with inflation. TK suggested 2%, last year it was increased 3%. RT suggested 3% as this was where we were last year, and it would allow us to contribute to village hall and playground etc. grit bins, dog bins etc. and the rising cost of such things. It was agreed 3% would be best as per household it only made for a small rise. TK proposes CP seconds. RT and JC to sign once JC has spoken to SNC.

13. Public consultation including reports from District and County Councillors

None. It was voiced that we hadn't seen our district or county councillors for a long time. There has been little response to our emails or letters or meeting invitations. There were a number of items that councillors have wanted to raise but have been unable to; such as the state of the manholes on the a146. Discussed whether we send a letter to the leader of SNC.

14. Other matters for future agendas and items for information

None

15. Date of next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Meeting closed at 20:25

ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm

at Ashby and Thurton Village Hall.

Present; Robert Todd (chairman), Terry Kitt (Vice-chairman), Sarah King, Carol Powell, Mark Rolph, Jayne Casey (Clerk) and three members of the public.

9. Apologies; Edgar Hoddy not present

10. Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

11. Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019

The minutes were approved and signed by RT.

12. Matters arising from the minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Clerk to chase Barry Stone regarding the speed limit on Mill Rd.

13. Correspondence

14. Planning applications

0252 retrospective planning application.

Three parishioners attended the meeting (we also had a letter from another parishioner) to speak their concerns over the above planning application; querying that the access has changed and is regularly in use in comparison to before causing an increase in traffic; particularly large horse lorries and trailers. Vehicles are blocking the road to gain access through the gate-if this access was set back it could potentially help, it is this constant access that is causing a problem, it is viewed this is a highways department issue. The car park off Chapel Lane is an eye sore and completely out of character with the village. There is an increase in a horse manure smell making it unpleasant for local parishioners to be in their gardens. Currently there are a mishmash of outbuildings and shed on the land; however there are restrictions on sheds being built on nearby land therefore unsure why they have been put up on this land. Water usage was also queried as business not domestic.

Using the care home as a precedent; where the application got denied due to the increase in traffic it would have caused. Traffic information should have been included on the application.

The parishioners were advised to register their views individually, whilst the PC will put in the wider impact issue.

RT to put together a draft. Jaan Lerner to be copied in.

15. Finance

The accounts are all up to date. The clerk will circulate her expenses.

16. Report from representative on Village Hall

The Burns night went well on the 26<sup>th</sup> January the next event is on the 13<sup>th</sup> April, which will be a quiz night run through the churches.

Problems in the forest area continue, tyres and wood have been put in the ditch that runs along and will take a digger to pull out. It's unknown who is responsible and thought that it was not done to intentionally disrupt. Chris Popplewell will represent Thurton on the Village Hall Committee. There is a full subscription for the 100 Club, for February, number 29 Marie Taylor was the winner.

Playground news; NGF started installation on the 18<sup>th</sup> March, which is going really well and due to finish in two weeks. The grand opening is in the planning stages. The football pitch has been mown with new goals to go in and the lines to be painted. Kip Bertram has donated £500 and Kettle chips have donated £100 towards the project. The Ceilidh is planned for this Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> as a last fundraiser.

17. Website

MR has been putting together the transparency code and has asked JC to pass on information to complete this. The website is still down. MR doing all that he can to get it back as soon as possible.

18. Neighbourhood Security and Oil Syndicate

Neighbourhood Security - Nothing to report.

Oil Syndicate - One purchase in February, 17 customers' 1250 litres were ordered at 47.25pp which was a good price with the barrel price increasing. There was an issue with lengthy delivery; in future, delays will be checked before making the order. All the companies will be longer than usual deliveries

due to demand. No date set yet for another order. A thanks from a local parishioner was given to MR for the work he does on this.

19. Agree APM agenda and flyer

TK has completed an emergency leaflet for increment weather, which was agreed, to go out with the APM flyer. MR has offered to print the leaflets and flyers to save on costs. The APM is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March. It was agreed the APM flyer was a good reminder for the Neighbourhood Security and the Oil Syndicate and to give village news for the last 12 months including the playground project. Looking forward; to mention the parish plan, which will be reviewed. The flyers will need to go out by the 4<sup>th</sup> April.

12. Public consultation including reports from District and County Councillors

None. It was voiced that we hadn't seen our district or county councillors for a long time.

13. Other matters for future agendas and items for information

TK and MR (parish review)

Nominations - Clerk to contact EH regarding his nomination pack.

14. Date of next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Meeting closed at 21:12

ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Minutes were approved unanimously and signed by RT

6. Matters Arising from the minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> 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 overgrown. 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 (15<sup>th</sup> May). There are no current fundraisers except for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary fete on 29<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Meeting closed at 21:01