

ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 15th 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 22nd November 2018
The minutes were approved and signed by RT.
4. Matters arising from the minutes of 22nd 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. 26th 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 19th March 2019

Meeting closed at 20:25

ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 19th 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.

1. Apologies; Edgar Hoddy not present
2. Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interest
None declared.
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2019
The minutes were approved and signed by RT.
4. Matters arising from the minutes of 15th January 2019
Clerk to chase Barry Stone regarding the speed limit on Mill Rd.
5. Correspondence
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 Larner to be copied in.
6. Finance
The accounts are all up to date. The clerk will circulate her expenses.
7. Report from representative on Village Hall
The Burns night went well on the 26th January the next event is on the 13th 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 18th 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 23rd as a last fundraiser.

8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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 18th 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 4th April.
11. 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.
12. Other matters for future agendas and items for information
TK and MR (parish review)
Nominations - Clerk to contact EH regarding his nomination pack.
13. Date of next meeting 18th April 2019

Meeting closed at 21:12

ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 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

ASHBY STMARY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Ashby & Thurton Village Hall
Tuesday 16th July at 7.30pm

Present: Carol Powell, Jo Mace, Jayne Casey (Clerk), Terry Kitt (Vice-chairman), Vic Thomson (District Councillor)

1. Apologies

Mark Rolph, Robert Todd and Sarah Kings

2. (Co-option of Councillor)

Edgar Hoddy not present.

3. Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2019

Unanimously agreed and signed by TK

5. Matters Arising from the minutes of 14th May 2019

None

6. Correspondence

The clerk has received emails from a parishioner regarding the footpath on Mill Rd that leads to the a146, this has overgrown and is impassable. The clerk has been in contact with the rangers; an unknown parishioner has now mown this.

A phone call from a parishioner was received regarding the bird scares near Mill Common; they have been going off before 6am every morning. The council is unsure whom these belong to, but having spoken to a local farming family it is unlikely these will be going on much longer as the pea season ends.

7. Finance

Tabled separately

8. Planning Applications

Application 2019/0252 has been accepted with conditions

9. CIL funds

The council has £1512.91 of CIL funds to distribute for community use. There have been two requests for the money:

The church has been looking to put in permanent pipe work for an extension. This is something, which the church has been struggling with; having problems with the faculty and with archaeologists which is all becoming expensive. They have enough money to do the groundwork but can't afford the temporary toilet.

The village hall wants to put in a new driveway and car park with lighting, they are currently waiting on quotes and will be applying for grants and fundraising however any extra will help. It was proposed that CP could have some for the painting of the village hall however to be discussed at the next meeting as not many councillors were present. On agenda for next meeting.

10. Report from Representative on Village Hall Committee

The fete to celebrate 50 years of the village hall went very well despite how hot it was. £1000 was raised after costs, which will be going towards the new car park and drive.

The hall is now looking at quotes for the new car park and driveway; Ashby plant hire has offered to do the work for cost only, they are waiting on the quote. Electrician quotes for lighting along the driveway, he thinks Thurton council will need to be spoken to as the lighting could affect those in the area.

On the 7th September there will be a quiz and BBQ to raise money for the car park.

The 100-club winner was Ian Webb, number 45.

CP has been in touch with the Probation officer in charge of Community Payback who will paint the hall for nothing, the project coordinator was conscious of the amount of children using the area, however we could be fitted in during the October half term as they are also fully booked until then. The hall will supply paintbrushes and paint. The scheme has done Aplington recently, who were happy with the work.

The Auto Jumble, run by the Preschool has donated £350 towards the cost of paint etc.

Thurton council has given 1k subsidiaries, they used to stipulate what we used it for but it is now up to the committee to decide.

The hall has one booking for July, which is, a Three Rivers vet meeting; Church club to be booked on a Sunday and the Thurton Holiday Club will be using the hall the second week in the holidays. On the 19th August youth services has booked a four day cooking course, this runs from 9am-4: 30pm for young people.

11. Web Site – Transparency Code

Nothing to report

12. Neighbourhood Security and Heating Oil Syndicate

Nothing to report

13. Public Consultation including reports from County and District Councillors

Report attached.

VT was asked about planning application 2019/0252

There are restrictions on the size of plot, controls on the muck pile as well as controls on the number of horses, its unlikely people will pay for their horses to be overcrowded. In regard to the entrance being moved to Sandy lane, as the piece of land in the application doesn't reach to Sandy Lane, regardless if all the land is owned by the applicant, therefore we can't say that the entrance should be here. Highways will move the entrance further towards Sandy Lane and be recessed.

TK stated that Chapel Lane is very narrow with no passing place; accidents have been happening, dangerous for people working as well.

VT said there was no way it could be refused so this is why the controls were put in place.

Highways looked at all policies that they have and due to this it was accepted with provisions.

JM said a horse has pushed in the caravan on site, which, it is believed cannot be fixed.

TK brought up the road works on the main roads, there are usually restrictions for work hours, however the people that put up the signals have been putting them up at 7:30am and then leaving them on until the roadwork's commence later in the day, which has been causing traffic issues.

Closing roads left right and centre for long periods of time in some cases and when it doesn't seem necessary to close the whole road. VT said that funnily enough it's more expensive to close a road than to use traffic lights, and to let him know at the time and he will look into it.

14. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information

CIL funds

New dates for 2020

15. Date of next meeting 17th September 2019

Meeting closed 8:30pm

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Tuesday 17th September 2019 at 7.30 p.m.
At Ashby & Thurton Village Hall

Present: Robert Todd (Chairman), Terry Kitt (Vice Chairman), Edgar Hoddy, Sarah Kings, Jo Mace, Carol Powell, Mark Rolph, Jayne Casey (Clerk) and Vic Thomson (District Councillor).

1. Apologies
None
2. (Co-option of Councillor)
EH given relevant paperwork, which was then completed. JC to send to SNC.
3. Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interest
None declared.
4. Minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2019
SK apologies were given for the last meeting, signed by RT.
5. Matters Arising from the minutes of 16th July 2019
On-going 2019/0252, regarding planning JM asked VT to chase up the derelict caravan on the site.
6. Public Consultation including reports from County and District Councillors
VT will send a monthly report to the clerk which can be then be actioned straightaway if need be.
The report will include information on ticks and what to do if you find one as well as hazardous waste days at the recycling centre at Ketteringham on the 11th 12th and 13th of October from 9am-4pm. VT will send additional information to the clerk.
Since our last meeting there have been at least four meetings regarding the Loddon roundabout, extra care is being taken as the developer is building the roundabout, on the western side the gas works are also something that needs extra care. Due to this it makes the route from Norwich tricky.
RT asked if the council would lose leverage if 127 (roughly) houses were sold on the site. The roundabout had to have been built once the 127th house had been built, so worries the developers could walk away after the 126th house. VT to check where the trigger is. Within county there are three different departments working on this.
TK Policy used to be that everything was completed before a brick was laid.
Regarding the Hempnall roundabout, the road at Brooke is still closed but the other three lead-in roads have been finished. The roundabout is now roughly ¾ done. Long Stratton by-pass is now also on the cards.
SNDC and Broadland DC merger is coming along quite well. In planning we've aligned ourselves with some of the things Broadland do, new terms and conditions differed. 95% of people are either in the same position or better than they were before the merge. All directors and assistant directors are in place or have been approved. Money-saving in first five years is 6.5 million and there is now a better and more streamlined experience.
County Councillor Barry Stone sent his apologies.
7. Correspondence
Clerk and councillors direct.
Clerk and Louisa Yallop accountant, regarding end of year accounts.

8. Finance
Payments have been to the clerk at £85.50. The only receipt we have had is interest at £2.58. As of this date we have £5583.62 in the bank.
9. Planning Applications
No new applications
2019/0252; Caravan changed use and it's derelict. JM to voice concerns to council.
10. Report from Representative on Village Hall Committee
The 100 club winner for September is Lynn Saunders, number 38. The Quiz and BBQ on the 7th September raised £764 and was well attended. Painting of the exterior of the hall started on the 2nd and 3rd September and continued on the following Sunday. Need two more Sundays for the second coat, then hopefully start on the inside although this is scheduled for December and due to be finished by Christmas. On the 12th August was the first community café with the purpose to attract all members of the community and bring them together. We held another on the 9th September with great success. Will be continuing on and holding them on every second Monday of the month between 2-4pm. £178 has been raised so far to go toward kitchen items such as a microwave and mini freezer. Volunteers are needed, please come forward.
We have applied for a grant of £300 from Go For It Grants by SNC and have bought 20 new comfortable chairs, we are also launching 'sponsor a chair' so we can purchase more. This will be £15 per chair or £20 for a chair with a plaque on the back. Still needed is a treasurer. Fundraising is on-going as is applying for grants as still need more paint, the flat roof is leaking, the floor in main hall needs sanding, resealing and polishing, the toilets are in need of updating, car park and outdoor lighting need replacing and money is needed to keep the play park in good order.
11. Web Site – Transparency Code
Since July there have been three separate updates on the website, one in August and two in September. In August much was updated throughout the website. MR hoped to add a piece on the 2019 Norfolk Churches Trust bike ride which he took part in, riding for 8 hours around South Norfolk to raise money for our local church.
MR was given all finance and transparency code information by JC.
TK spoke of the free app 'What 3 words'; it gives three words for every square metre of the country, helping to find your exact location quickly and easily and is supported by the all local fire, police and ambulance services.
12. Neighbourhood Security and Heating Oil Syndicate
Nothing to report regarding security by MR. However EH said on Ferry Rd a truck was stolen as someone had jumped out quickly and left the keys in it.
One bulk order of oil was recently ordered for thirteen syndicate members. 11,000 litres was purchased at 46.5p saving 2p per litre on the cheapest initial quoted price and 6.35p per litre on the most expensive.
Strong advice was received from one company to not let your oil level drop too low as when new oil is poured in it mixes with sediment at the bottom of the tank and risks blocking the boiler jets.
13. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds
Money we have been given as a village as a result of the bungalows having been built on Mill Rd, as a village we have received a percentage of this money, which equates to £1512.91. There is a period of time to use it of roughly 4-5 years with the criteria it's an infrastructure project for the village. To decide if we spend the money on one project, split it, or save some for the future.

The church project and the village hall are two potential projects brought to the council's attention by TK and CP respectively.

The church has arranged a faculty and are hoping to complete drainage this autumn, however as of yet are unsure how much it will cost. The PC could provide the temporary toilet, which should be before Christmas dependant on what the archaeologists find.

CP to find pricing on what the village hall needs as it's possible we could help fund the roofing.

Agreed that it would be best to share the funds. To put a response to SN telling it the projects we would like to support and how much we would be offering. TR and CP to send JC a report of what they need.

It was also discussed whether a defibrillator in Ashby would be a good use of the money although they are expensive and we would need the full amount, or have fundraising in place for the rest. It could be it is something that the council keep in mind. SK stated we could ask parishioners via the website what they would like and to canvas opinion.

14. Association of Local Councils (ACL) Community & Well-being Initiative
Norfolk ALC raised four topics – Housing, Community Care (i.e. Well-being), Electricity and Trees, Hedges & Open Spaces (i.e. Green). CP to go on the mailing list for Wellbeing. JM to help. The council to join as a group for Green and Community Care.
15. Parish Council meeting dates 2020
Going forward we will meet on Wednesdays. JC to send a list of possible dates via email.
16. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information
SN asked if we would like to take part in litter picking within our village. We applied and have been given five litter pickers and vests. The rubbish sacks are available this month for collection.
17. Date of next meeting 19th November 2019

Meeting closed at 9pm

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Tuesday 19th November 2019 at 7.30pm

Ashby & Thurton Village Hall

Present: Terry Kitt (Vice-Chair), Sarah Kings, Jo Mace, Carol Powell, Jayne Casey (clerk), Vic Thomson (District Councillor), Barry Stone (County Councillor).

- 1 Apologies; Robert Todd, Mark Rolph
2. Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interest
None
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2019
Unanimously agreed upon and signed by TK
4. Matters Arising from the minutes of 17th September 2019
None
5. Public Consultation including reports from County and District Councillors

Barry Stone County Councillor

Loddon Roundabout,

The developers will not make any money until they are down to their last 10% of houses to sell so assurances were made that the developer would not be walking away before completing the roundabout. Once the developer has sold 125 houses the roundabout must be started and we are not there yet. There have been problems to do with the design, which will alleviate any need for interfering with the gas main. There are a few final points on the latest design to be addressed, these should be confirmed in the next week or so and once this is done programming of work discussions can also recommence. There is a good chance works can commence in the spring next year.

Education department within Norfolk council was in special measures but has had an interim inspection, which came out as good; signs are this will be the result when they have their actual inspection.

Environmental policy, a new policy, not yet in the press is looking at making Norfolk County Council c02 neutral by 2030. It is just a policy so only a start but it will include all departments within the county. It doesn't include the wider economy but we can influence and advise as much as possible.

Budget planning for next February, details have come out in the Your Norfolk magazine. You can go online and make comments regarding the budget and the precept.

Other news

Two consultations are live now on the new safety policy for the fire service, it was stated there would be no reductions in manpower planned. TK stated that the fire service needs the flexibility to adjust to the situation at hand.

SK said thank you for fixing the pothole on Green Lane and clearing the sand off Chapel Road.

TK said thank you for replacing the missing 30mph sign, although it did take quite a while. TK has been pressing about South Lodge at the bottom of Mill Rd, constituent Peter Wright has sent a letter asking for it to be sorted. Silt is running off and blocking the drains, which is then flooding the lane. Kerbing is needed and possibly some gullies. The highways department have said they are going to come and have a look.

Vic Thomson District Councillor

Message about flu jab; anyone over 65 can get their flu jab and should contact their local surgery.

Recycling, plastic film (cling film) can now be recycled at various supermarkets, Asda, Morrisons, Co-op, Tesco, Waitrose and Sainsbury's. Please take them in. In Norfolk we can all do our part for the environment. Thurton School has all sorts of recycling stations such as crisp packets, toothpaste tubes, and batteries. It was discussed whether this information should be on our website.

Two council's one service Directors and assistants are in place and the terms and conditions have been decided. This is a good move as it means a stronger voice, and financial stability amongst other things. 8.6 million pounds should be saved over the first 5 years. Two possible domain names have been chosen and a final decision will be made, these are: Central Norfolk or South Norfolk and Broadland.

The reuse centre at Berghampton is now open.

Bin days over Christmas moved from the 25th, 26th and 27th to the 27th, 28th and 30th.

Christmas shopping days, on the 7th 14th and 21st of December parking in Loddon will be free this also applies to parking in Diss and Wymondham.

Greater Norwich plan, the plan goes through to 2026 and the new plan to 2036, we only need 7,500 new build houses across Norwich, Broadland and South Norfolk.

TK stated that it says in Ashby and Thurton there are three proposed sites one of which is for 45 homes north of Norwich road. This is the first time we have heard of this proposal. VT to find out more information, although says it is only a submission and just because it's in the plan does not mean it will be built. Our concern was expressed.

The gritters are out tonight, with it being darker and wetter and colder it is important to drive to the conditions.

Highways website; if you register you can move the marker on screen to show just where the issue is to report it, it has been working very well. You will then receive updates.

6. Correspondence

We have had a fee invoice from the SBA regarding our late submission. JC has replied to counter it due to exceptional circumstances. VT emailed regarding the money he has left in his ward grant and Rev. Chis Ellis sent an email asking for donations towards BYRUS the young peoples youth group. If you would like to donate please contact Rev. Chris Ellis.

7. Finance

We are looking very healthy due to the precept and CIL having been paid in by South Norfolk District Council making receipts of £4,454.71. Our payments consist of the clerks' salary and the fee to 'Headspace' accountancy totalling £352.00. Our balance is £9686.33.

8. Planning Applications

None

9. Report from Representative on Village Hall Committee

The hall has had a recent fire risk assessment. Two of the fire doors are not safe as they cannot be opened in a hurry, the hall are hoping to use part of the CIL fund towards this amongst other things. It also raised that our fire detection system needs replacing, with additional smoke detectors, this will cost in the region of £2000+. The flat roof will need replacing sooner rather than later as it is leaking. The assessment was very good and brought some things to light that we can also deal with ourselves, such as making people aware of where the fire points are. We are looking into grants and fundraising as well. In January we have a Burns Night and are planning a quiz in March.

Thank you to JM and CP for helping at the community café, we have bought a microwave and another kettle with the money raised so far. £95 was made at the café this month. The 9th December will be Christmas themed.

The village hall is a great space for all members and ages of the community and many groups and is very important.

The 100 club £40 was won by number 60, J. Mace and £120 won by number 48.

10. Web Site

Nothing to report

11. Neighbourhood Security and Heating Oil Syndicate

Nothing to report

12. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information

SK and JM to photograph Chapel Road when it has been flooded and all the sand and silt is on the road as it is coming off the fields and is very dangerous. This is a regular problem.

We should use the Facebook page more as people respond more to that than the website.

JC to determine whether or not we can use it.

CIL fund agreed to split equally between proposed ventures of the village hall and the church this was proposed by SK and seconded by JM.

What3Words App is a free app to get on your phone and is supported by the emergency services to help them find you if you need assistance.

TK to update the contact list.

13. Date of next meeting January 29TH 2020.

Meeting closed 8:55