

ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Wednesday 29th January 2020 at 7.30pm Ashby & Thurton Village Hall

Present: Robert Todd (Chairman), Terry Kitt (Vice-Chairman), Jo Mace, Jayne Casey (Clerk), Barry Stone (County Councillor), Vic Thomson (District Councillor)

- 1) Apologies
Carol Powell, Sarah Kings and Mark Rolph.
- 2) Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interest
None
- 3) Minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2019
Minutes were agreed upon unanimously and signed by RT
- 4) Matters Arising from the minutes of 19th November 2019
South Lodge; TK received a note to say highways have been out although the drainage seems to be a temporary fix. TK has asked for the council to get in touch with himself or the owner of the property to discuss what is needed. TK to send BS a plan so that he can look into it.
- 5) Public Consultation including reports from County and District Councillors
Vic Thomson
Two Councils One Team; as of the 1st January everything is in place, they are now looking at areas within the two councils that run slightly differently, with the idea to sync together.
Recycling; Christmas trees, aluminium pie cases and Quality Street tins can be recycled.
Greater Norwich local plan section 18 C consultation has gone forward, this can be seen at the Norwich Forum and in Chedgrave. They are looking for 15-25 sites so that a mix of affordable housing can be added. South Norfolk is much more rural than Broadland and Norwich, and officers who were undertaking it haven't done it in a way we are happy with therefore we are going to run the consultation, this will take a little longer as we need to go back over the sites. At the end of this year it will become section 19, which will be the official section that gets handed to the government.
The 45 homes in Ashby St Mary north of Norwich road won't be going through.
South Norfolk Litter Pick; this month.
Budget setting is coming up shortly; the long-term environment plan is currently being looked at. Green Pastures contributing to the 50mph limit outside their junction, the county waiting and ready to go.
Barry Stone
Council tax, proposing once again an increase by 1.99% the government is allowing us to add on 2% for adult social care, this is supposedly a one off. Therefore it is looking like 3.99% will be the county tax.
SN District Boundary, last year the review proposal was that SN and Broadland will get an extra seat. Norwich will lose one; no difference will be made to Ashby.
Two public consultations regarding Local Transport Plan, the emphasis is on rural bus services, Ashby is not affected.
Norfolk Rail Prospectus service is looking at the future of the Norfolk railways; the Ely junction is to be fixed and the single track at Trowse, which is often delayed, are the two main priorities.
Loddon Roundabout we are hoping to start in the spring or early summer, the county developer has approved it. There is a meeting next Wednesday with developers and relevant councillors to get a definitive start date. 90+ houses have been sold so far, 125 built is the trigger and he will be in breach of planning if it is not done by this time. RT asked what the penalty would be, BS not sure but it would be legal action.
- 6) RT asked about potholes in Ashby at the junction of Green Lane and Rookery Hill, some have been filled in but are already breaking apart. BS said there is a pothole protocol online; there is also a meeting in March on potholes. RT asked if there is a liability on potholes regarding depth etc. if they have been marked or told quality needs to be better. BS says there is one machine that fixes them very quickly and very well but we need more of these.
TK asked how often the rangers come to Ashby as it used to be about four times a year, BS unsure.
No extra money so far from the government for potholes but presume this will be in the spring budget.

£300million was given for the A47 in 2014, which hasn't been spent yet so we are pushing for that.

- 7) Correspondence - tabled separately
Letter from PCC thanking the council for the CIL donation.
SBA sent a second email regarding fee invoice, agreed upon to pay and then write to try and get it back.
A parishioner has emailed regarding the large oak tree on the corner of Mill Common and Mill Rd, highways have been contacted and have replied saying it is not dangerous. Clerk to reply to the parishioner.
- 8) Finance – tabled separately
- 9) Planning Applications
None
- 10) Report from Representative on Village Hall Committee
CP not present
TK said the Burns night was very successful
- 11) Village Hall grant application
The council will happily support any grant application that is made towards the village hall.
- 12) Web Site
Nothing to report
Setting up of a parish council WhatsApp group for rapid communication and response between councillors and clerk, agreed this would be a good idea. TK asked if we could join the Ashby Facebook group as a parish.
- 13) Neighbourhood Security and Heating Oil Syndicate
Nothing to report on security. A purchase of oil went ahead in January following the US/Iran debacle with 9 recipients buying at 47.99 ppl.
- 14) Precept
Discussed to keep the precept inline with previous years where we have been putting it up by 3% proposed by RT and seconded by TK.
- 15) Other Matters for future agendas and items for information
JM footpaths, lots of private keep out signs going up. TK has a parish map with footpaths on to determine the footpaths. JM nominated herself to go around the footpaths and make sure they are all open.
JM and SK planning another litter pick soon.
TK away 16th March until the night before the parish meeting.
- 16) Date of next meeting Wednesday 25th March 2020

Meeting closed at 8:41