

Ashby St Mary Parish Council (ASMPC)
Minutes Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 19:00
Ashby and Thurton Village Hall

In Attendance: Terry Kitt (TK) – Chairman, Carol Powell (CP), M Rolph (MR), Roberta Cargill (RG)
Minutes: Tina Higlett (TH) – Parish Clerk.

1. To consider apologies for absence.
J Goldring and H Roebuck- Apologies accepted.
County Councillor K Mason Billig- prior engagement.
2. To receive declarations of Interest for items on the agenda.
Nil
3. Public Forum including reports from County and District Councillors
Member of the public in attendance to hear update of A146 speed awareness campaign.
Cllr Thomson had forwarded to council a report prior to the meeting. Appendix 1.
4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th January 2024.
Minutes approved.
5. Matters arising from the Minutes of 10th January 2024.
Nothing to report.

6. Finance

6.1 Council current financial standing

Community Account balance on 1st March 2024- £2780.26

6.2 Payments made since last meeting.

Date	Payee	Method	Description	Amount
28/02/2024	One to One	Direct debit	Website	£115.20

6.3 To approve Payments

Date	Payee	Method	Description	Amount
18/02/2024	T Higlett	Chq:100390	February salary	£226.27
13/03/2024	Norfolk PTS	Chq:100391	Subscription	£55.00
13/03/2024	HMRC	Chq:100392	Clerks Taxation	£150.20
18/03/2024	T Higlett	Chq:100393	March salary	£226.47

7. Planning

7. 1 To receive a report on planning applications commented on since the last meeting:

- a) 2024/0158 Location: Cuckoo's Nest Hall Road Ashby St Mary Norfolk. Proposal:
Erection of garden room/art studio.

Council had no objection to application.

7.2 Planning Decisions.

a) 2024/0158 Location: Cuckoo's Nest Hall Road Ashby St Mary. Proposal: Erection of garden room/art studio. Decision: Approval with Conditions. Date of decision: 22 February 2024

8. Council Biodiversity Action Plan.

The council will look to work with the village hall, playing field and woodland area. The clerk advised she will be attending a talk for parish councils on biodiversity and will report to council at next meeting.

9. Consultations.

9.1. Norfolk County Councils proposed changes to street lighting across the county.

This will affect streetlights on the A146 Thurton Norwich Road, between the Avenues and Vale Road, along with Norwich Road lights approaching from Norwich. The council concerned as the road was upgraded as dangerous and there were concerns about the accident rates. Council to respond to consultation accordingly.

10. A146 Speed awareness Campaign

Standing orders stood down to enable member of the public to speak.

Member of the public spoke of concerns around pollution and if the speed of vehicles is reduced, this could increase carbon monoxide, which would be detrimental to health. Speed limits need to be reviewed in particular Hellington Corner.

Standing orders reinstated.

Chairman spoke of an improvement to the junction with the Street and Norwich Road. The crossing island, which is too small for the A146 and puts pedestrians in a dangerous position as it is too close to passing traffic. Concerns around what cables/pipework i.e., water, telephone and gas are installed within this area and could this rule out any changes. A speed limit change would help but the road needs to be widened to give a bigger safety island. The road would also benefit from the installation of safety kerbs on the approach from Norwich and Loddon. CP also asked whether a footpath could be constructed from Prospect Place to the centre of Thurton to enable people to walk down to the village without having to cross the road, where this a footpath.

11. Emergency Plan

Responses have been received from thirty-eight properties. MR will oversee the plan in electronic format.

12. Report from representative of Village Hall Management Committee.

CP advised that she should soon hear if they were successful in obtaining a Pride in Place grant from South Norfolk.

Still corresponding with the Land Registry who had lost the original application. Advised that the officer assigned to the case had not fully investigated. A departmental lawyer is now involved, and an absolute title should have been granted.

It has been agreed that the village hall hire charges will be increased. The cost to the parish council will remain the same.

There has been a slight increase in the Insurance premium for the hall. However, there are new requirements that the hall will have to conform to, this includes a maintenance certificate for the roof.

The Auto jumble will take place at the hall.

Park bench purchased by Thurton PC has been installed on the playing field.

13. Reports re Website/Neighbourhood Security/Oil Buying Syndicate.

MR advised.

Website is up to date.

Neighbourhood Security, nothing local. In general, uninsured drivers and mobile phone use.

Oil Buying Syndicate, order place for seven thousand litres.

14. Correspondence

14.1 South Norfolk Big Litter Pick

14.2 Residents letter re A146 to MP.

14.3 The Greater Norwich Local Plan Inspectors Conclusion of Review

14.4 Norwich Western Link Road Update

14.5 Norfolk PTS newsletter February/March

14.6 CPRE Flood Management Conference

14.7 Autela Payroll Services – changes to P32.

CP advised she was in receipt of a letter from South Norfolk regarding installation of electric vehicle charging and solar PV for the village hall. Further correspondence about the scheme should come out in May 2024.

15. Matters for consideration and items for information.

Chairman advised RC would be tending her resignation as a parish councillor. Chairman passed on thanks to RC for taking on the role of a councillor and wished her all the best on behalf of the parish council.

MR advised council of potholes on Low Common. Also, potholes which had been previously repaired on St Mary's Road now need attention again. The fingerpost on Mill Road near the noticeboard needs repairing. Chairman will report on NCC Highways portal.

16. Date of next meeting 8th May 2024.

Meeting closed at 20:32

Appendix 1.

Budget

Will finally be signed. A "balanced budget" as required.

Local Plan

After 8 years, a mountain of work, consultation the plan is "made sound" and will be signed of by all 3 partners by end of this month.

Budget

Finalised and "balanced"

2 Councils with 1 team

Further heating savings

Working well

SNDC town and Parish meetings

Growing and full of up-to-date information. Attend?

The last meeting covered:

The SNDC Strategic Plan

Help Hub Outreach Van

Taking the Help Hub out to residents. Will alert you when in your area.

District Direct

District Direct is a South Norfolk Council service provided across the entire catchment area of the NNUH. It focuses on expediting discharge from hospital and preventing unnecessary admissions. The provision ensures that South Norfolk and Broadland residents are availed of the greatest opportunity to gain and maintain independence.

This service ensures that people do not remain in hospital any longer than they have to, and that social and environmental issues do not result in unnecessary, distressing and disruptive hospital admissions.

Pride in Place grants.

All of these have a positive message and help for PCs and residents.

Election for PCC on 2nd May

Do you have the right ID?

First past the post this time



Garden waste service invoices will be hitting doorsteps between 4-7 March. If you haven't received yours by 11 March please email us at wasteadmin.snc@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk or give us a call on 01508 533830.

This grant is open for residents in the South Norfolk district who wish to implement a Play Street.

1.1

1.2 What are play streets?

Play streets (or 'playing out' sessions) are neighbour-led, short, road closures, creating a safe space for children to play freely together on their doorstep. Any street is eligible provided it is not on an active bus route.

Play streets typically allow children to play freely, without organised games or activities. In practice, this means children cycle, scoot, skate, chalk, skip, hopscotch, kick a ball around and make up games.

This model was first developed by parents on one street in [Bristol in 2009](#) and has now been taken up by hundreds of street communities all over the UK.

The key features of this model are:

- Resident-led and organised.
- Short, regular road closures
- Free, child-led play
- All neighbours consulted and included.
- Road legally and safely closed to through traffic.
- Stewarded by residents.
- Car access at walking pace
- Simple, 'normal' – not a street party!

For further information and advice please visit [Play Streets](#).

To apply for a Road Closure this should be done via [Norfolk County Council](#).

To support communities in taking part in the Play Streets initiative we are offering a Play streets Grant to help with additional costs.

1.3 What is the Play Streets Grant?

The grant offers up to £75 to communities who wish to take part in the Play Streets initiative. This may be used to fund:

- Low-cost items such as games and sports equipment for children and families to use during the play streets session.
- Any promotional activities to get the event up and running.