

Minutes of Ashby St Mary Parish Council (ASMPC)

Wednesday 4th January 2023 at 19:00 at Ashby and Thurton Village Hall

In Attendance: Terry Kitt (Chairman), Carol Powell (CP), Mark Rolph (MR), Sarah Kings (SK)

Minutes: Tina Higlett (TH) – Parish Clerk.

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr K Mason Billig – County Councillor and Cllr V Thomson

2. To consider co-options to Parish Council

Roberta Cargill and Jacqueline Goldring had shown interest in joining the parish council.
MR proposed - SK seconded – all in favour.

3. Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda and Dispensations for Councillors with a Pecuniary Interest.

None

4. Minutes of the last meeting held on the 9th November 2022

These were agreed as a true record of proceedings.

5. Public Forum

No public in attendance.

Report received from District Councillor

6. Matters arising from minutes.

- Highways maintenance. Chairman advised he was still experiencing difficulties in trying to communicate with NCC Highways. Concerned with the cycle signs that have been erected around the village, since March 2022.
- Chairman has met with highways engineer to discuss the various drainage issues around the village. The consensus was that they don't feel there is much they can do to alleviate the issue. The dyke in Sandy Lane, looks fine but waste has been dumped into it which won't help. Any overspill will go to Chapel Lane rather than Sandy Lane.

7. Planning

2022/2422 Location Cuckoos Nest, hall Road, Ashby St Mary. Proposal: Erection of garden room.

Council read through the application and were in favour. Vote no objection.

8. Finance

- a) Community account £7046.18
- b) To approve payments

Date	Payee	Method	Description	Amount
18/12/2022	T Higlett	Chq:100469	Clerks' salary – December + back pay	£300.60
04/01/2023	HMRC	Chq:100470	Clerks taxation	£148.20
04/01/2023	Autela Payroll Services	Chq:100471	Payroll Services	£54.00
04/01/2023	Ashby & Thurton Village Hall	Chq:100472	Hire of hall	£20.00
18/01/2023	T Higlett	Chq:100473	Clerks Salary - January	£198.00

- c) To note payments made since last meeting
A – Rudd - £39.00 installation of dog waste bin
- d) To note Community Infrastructure Levy – spend
Spend to date £1094.61. Balance £3108.04

9. Budget 2023/24

Clerk had adjusted figures on contribution towards the printing of the Thunderer to show zero. Thunderer is to cease production.

Council voted to accept budget - Proposed by MR – seconded by SK – all in favour.

10. Precept 2023/24

Council set precept at 3709.00

Proposed by CP – seconded by SK – all in favour.

11. Appoint internal auditor 2022/23

Clerk has contacted L Trueman to see if she would carry out audit again this year.

12. Submission to Parish Partnership Scheme

Clerk submitted grant application before the deadline. Looking for a grant of £6,000.00. Parish Council to contribute £2,000.00. Thurton Parish Council have advised they will match councils' contribution.

13. Report from Village Hall Management Committee

CP apologised she had no report to present, due to non-attendance at committee meeting.

14. Report re Website/Neighbourhood Security/Oil Buying Syndicate.

Neighbourhood Security -MR advised there was nothing to report for the village, however neighbouring village had reported there had been a spate of tyres slashed to vehicles parked on the highway.

Oil Buying Syndicate – No purchases made.

Website – nothing to report.

15. Correspondence

- a) Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) - Platinum Jubilee Village Hall
Fund closing date 20th January 2023

16. Matters for future consideration and items for information.

Planning application 2022/1875 to date no decision made. Chairman also advised he has not received any correspondence from South Norfolk Planning regarding concerns of the Parish Council.

17. Dates of future meetings.

Next meeting date 15th March 2023. Annual Parish meeting 26th April 2023.

Meeting closed at 20:25.