

ASHTON
Village News

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COFFEE MORNING
at
62 STOKE ROAD
ASHTON
on
WEDNESDAY
14 SEPTEMBER 1994
10.00 am
in aid of Church Funds
TICKETS 50p each

RAFFLE
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Poor's Land and Six Poles Charity

The above charity which distributes money for fuel annually to Ashton pensioners is seeking a volunteer to join the Trustees. The vacancy has occurred due to the resignation of Mrs E Hay who no longer lives in Ashton.

The Trustees meet twice a year for about an hour at the home of one of the Trustees to discuss Charity business. The meeting is usually held on a weekday afternoon.

If you wish to volunteer for the position, please contact Mrs Delia Farrand, Secretary, on 863225 or Mr George Bailey, Chairman, on 864516.

THE OLD CROWN



Above is a photo inside the Old Crown showing Wally and the diving suit that many people remember as a feature of the pub in days gone by. We are not sure of the date of the photo but a clue is given by the notice on the window which advertises Hamburgers for sale at 1/6d

APPLICATION NO S930896PO

THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE'S DECISION

The Planning Inspectorate made their decision on Planning Application No S930896PO based on the evidence presented at the Public Inquiry held at SNDC Offices on 29 June 1994. The following are extracts from the decision document:-

.. there are two main issues in this appeal. The first is whether, having regard to Structure and Local Plan policies which seek to limit residential development in Northamptonshire villages, the proposed dwellings are an acceptable form of development in relation to the form, character and setting of the village of Ashton. The second is whether the grant of permission for dwellings would lead to pressure for further residential development in the vicinity, which it would be difficult for the Council to resist.

.. much of the pleasant character of Ashton derives from the considerable expanses of open land interspersed between its buildings ...

Figures presented by the Council indicated that [the development] would lead to an immediate increase in the population of the village of at least 11% ...

Although I am aware that to a large extent Ashton serves as a commuter village for larger towns in the area, I consider that it retains much of its originally agricultural atmosphere.

As a backland development, served from outside the village, the scheme together with the associated road improvements would, I consider, appear as an unacceptable and suburban intrusion, unrelated to or in sympathy with the form and texture of the village.

I have come to the conclusion, therefore, that material harm would be caused to the form, character and setting of the village, and that the proposed scheme for 9 dwellings is not therefore an acceptable form of development on this site in terms of NSP Policy RES 6. To allow the development would in my view undermine the strategic policies of housing restraint in the countryside, contained in the Structure and emerging Local Plans, and I consider that this represents a sound reason for the refusal of planning permission.

.. the re-use of such a group of purpose built premises, including specialised grain handling and storage facilities in sound condition and located in an agricultural area should be possible, bearing in mind recent trends involving the management of land remote from major farms and the increasing use of contractors.

I have taken into account the letters in support of the Council's decision, and those in support of the proposed development, including the views at the application stage of the Ashton Parish Council and more recent letters from Michael Morris MP and the Council for the Preservation of Rural England.

.. in exercise of the powers transferred to me, I hereby dismiss this appeal.

Mr G R Holland OBE Barch MCD MRTPI, Inspector

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Alan Sharp has replaced Derek Hay as a member of Ashton Parish Council. The Parish Council would like to thank Derek for his services to Ashton village.

CONTACTS in ASHTON

PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN	Tim Davis	862904
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MEMBER	Maurice Foster	
MEMBER	Bernard Day	862383
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MEMBER	Alan Sharp	862360

SCHOOL

PARENTS ASN	Jane Sheahan	864879
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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FOOTPATH	David & Delia Farrand	863225
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ASSISTANT	Kevin Palmer	
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RECTOR	Canon CH Davidson	862284
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COMMUNITY POLICEMAN

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