

ASHTON

Village News

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ASHTON DEVELOPMENT

Result of Poll

AGAINST 152 - FOR 20 - NUMBER POLLED 248

Meeting at Mens Own Rugby Club 17 September 1992

Environmental planners, Shankland Cox, were represented by Clive Harridge, town planner, and Rob West, architect. Among the points made during their presentation were :-

- * Shankland Cox claimed that a survey by the District Council last year indicated that 50% of residents were in favour of more housing.
- * Any open spaces created in the development would be "there for all time".
- * The County Highway Authority were consulted about any increase in traffic caused by the development and they saw no problem.
- * Shankland Cox were satisfied that the current sewage works will cope with the proposed expansion.
- * The number of houses to be included in the development ranged from 50 to 70 plus.
- * When asked if the application would still go ahead if the village poll showed a majority against, Shankland Cox representatives replied that the application would be dropped.

Members of the village made the following points during the meeting :-

- * Several residents stated that they live in Ashton because it is small and have no wish to see Ashton increase in size.
- * If a development is allowed that is outside the current planning envelope, a precedent will be created and other developments will follow.
- * It was stated that there are already 10 to 12 houses under planning consent for Ashton within the present planning boundary.

Summing up the points FOR the development, it was suggested that the existing farm is unattractive and would be better replaced by brick dwellings, that the social heart of the village would be revitalised and that the amenities would have no impact on the environment.

Summing up the points AGAINST the development, it was suggested that ideas for development should come from villagers and from the Parish Council, that the roads into Ashton were unable to take a large scale increase in traffic, that low cost housing would probably have to be built by a housing association and that a change to the planning boundary would result in open land being used for development.

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EDITORIAL

Thank you to the Ashtoners who have provided support and donations. We would like more news and views from residents. If we get enough information to make it worthwhile, we may publish monthly instead of every other month.

A Village Residents Association has been suggested to capitalise on the many ideas for community self-help generated during the past couple of weeks.

(A.V.N. - David and Delia Farrand 863225)

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting was held on 24 September 1992.

Anglian Water

A representative from Anglian Water attended the meeting to give details of the renewal of the mains water supply. This is described in a separate article below.

Shankland Cox Meeting

Members of the Parish Council agreed that the information provided to the public meeting at Mens Own Club on 17 September was not as detailed as the presentation given to the Parish Council earlier in the year.

Car Parks

Members discussed the problem caused by parked cars in Ashton. It was suggested that the Village Green by Vale Farm entrance in Hartwell Road could be used for car parking. A lay-by in place of the grass verge is being considered on Stoke Road near to the narrow bend.

New School

The chairman reported that written confirmation about a site for a new school (as reported on page 3 of Ashton Village News Issue 2) has not yet been received from Mrs J Tice.

RENEWAL OF MAINS WATER SUPPLY

12 October 1992 - Mid January 1993

Anglian Water are investing £190,000 in a complete renewal of our mains water supply system. The work will be carried out between the above dates by their contractors, Pipeline Construction.

The work will cause considerable disruption of the roads in our village. Stoke Road and Roade Hill will have to be closed at separate times. Anglian Water will post advance notice of this and will inform all the relevant parties, Fire, Police, Coach Services, Ambulance, etc.

ACCESS TO YOUR OWN PROPERTY WILL ALWAYS BE MAINTAINED.

When your house is connected you will have the **OPTION** of being connected via a Water Meter. It is not compulsory to have a Water Meter fitted. If you are on joint supply, you can choose whether you wish to stay on joint supply or change to independent supply. Changing to independent supply would involve some cost.

The mains water supply will be cut off for short periods in the course of the work. Advance notice will be given. Your own house will be cut off for about half an hour at the time when you are being connected to the new mains supply. Throughout the time this work is being done, there will be an Anglian Water Supervisor in the village. He will wear an Anglia Jacket and Hard Hat. If you have any problems or questions, please contact him.

Tim Davies, Chairman, Ashton Parish Council

STOP PRESS - 30 SEPTEMBER 1992

Dave Chard contacted the Planning Officer today and was told that Shankland Cox have submitted Sunley's application for development in Ashton.

He was told that a separate development application has also been received for housing to the north and south of the village which would double the size of Ashton.

The Planning Officer was delighted to receive 75 letters supporting the current size of the village from Ashton residents.

LETTERS TO PLANNING OFFICER

To support the Parish Council poll on Ashton Development, letters requesting that Ashton remain a small village, together with stamped addressed envelopes, were delivered to Ashton residents on Monday 21 September asking for the letters to be signed and posted to the Planning Officer at Towcester.

All who sent the letter will have received a reply from the Planning Officer. It is understood that any further information on Ashton will be sent to everyone who is now on the Planning Officer's mailing list.

The scheme was organised by Dave Chard and Ken Ansdell and was based on a recommendation from the Planning Officer. A follow-up survey of parts of the villages showed overwhelming support, confirming the results of the Council poll.

BRITISH RED CROSS APPEAL

Mrs V Webb, Clerk to the Parish Council, has received the following letter from Miss Marigold Craig, Administrative Assistant to the Director of the Northamptonshire Branch of the British Red Cross.

"You will no doubt have heard of the work of the Red Cross, especially in Yugoslavia at the present time, but we are very active in this county too. Our community work includes a project with homeless young people, day care for older persons, medical loan service, escort and transport service, international tracing, training members of the public in first aid and life saving skills and caring for children and others at home. We also have a very active youth programme and work closely with other statutory and voluntary agencies in preparing for all emergencies.

We rely entirely on voluntary contributions for our funding, and are not government aided as some people believe, to carry out this work in the community.

I am writing to request your assistance in recruiting help for Red Cross Week next May. We are very short of village collectors in the county and particularly in your parish.

Red Cross Week collection involves delivering envelopes on a house-to-house basis and then collecting them later that week, or alternatively, visiting each house with a collecting box and asking for a donation. This all happens in the first week in May.

We are also looking for people who are willing to organise a coffee morning in their village, either during Red Cross Week or anytime throughout the year. We would be most grateful for any help that you can give us in the recruiting of volunteers in this most important side of our work. "

If you are willing to help, please contact Mrs Webb and she will pass your name on to Miss Craig.

VILLAGE NOTICE BOARDS

A pensioner has asked if a notice board could be erected in Little Ashton. Although there are only a few people in Little Ashton, it was thought that a notice board would help them feel less isolated. Perhaps this could be considered at the next Parish Council meeting?

St. Michael's Church

On Sunday 25 October, there will be a three-parish service at Ashton Church at 10.30, when the preacher will be the Diocesan Adult Education Adviser, Miss Sheila Addison. This will be the first of a regular monthly mid-morning series of services; and we hope very much that everyone who has ever had church connections will come and support them. They will alternate between Communion services with hymns and Family services with which the children of our School are familiar already. These 10.30 services will normally be on the third Sundays of the month - thus 15 November and 20 December - and I must not forget that on Remembrance Sunday, 8 November, we always make our Act of Remembrance at the 6 pm service.

Canon C.H. Davidson

The Church Fete held on 15 August 1992 raised £573.41p for Church funds.

CONTACTS in ASHTON

Listed below are some of possible contact points that may be useful

PARISH COUNCIL :

CHAIRMAN	Tim Davis	862904
CLERK	Venita Webb	862313
MEMBER	Derek Hay	862374
MEMBER	Maurice Foster	
MEMBER	Bernard Day	862383
MEMBER	Anne Beasley	863324

WARDENS :

FOOTPATH	Delia Farrand	863225
TREE	David Farrand	863225
ASSISTANT	Kevin Palmer	
ASSISTANT	Ken Ansdell	863426

CHURCH :

CANON	C.H. Davidson	862284
WARDEN	Brian Nevison	862716

SCHOOL :

PARENTS ASN	Sandra Notley	863172
GOVERNORS	Alan Sharp	862360

S.N.C. ASHTON REPRESENTATIVE

-Mrs Coles (0327) 50211

THE OLD CROWN, ASHTON

Robin and Eileen thank everyone for their support of the FUN DAY.

More will be held next summer.

XMAS DAY LUNCH £25

XMAS Lunch up to 24 December £15

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