

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9th APRIL 2013 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

- Present:** Cllr D Windle (Chairman), Cllr R Akeroyd, Cllr W Dinley, Cllr R Spinks, Cllr B Taft, Cllr J Tolchard, Cllr T Williams, Cty Cllr J Twigg
Mrs A Fox (Clerk)
- 36.13** **Apologies for Absence:** District Cllr C Walker
- 37.13** **Declaration of Members' Interests:** Cllr Tolchard declared an interest in a planning application.
- 38.13** **To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:** None
- 39.13** **Public Participation:** None
- 40.13** **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 5th March 2013:** The minutes were proposed by Cllr Williams as a true record, seconded by Cllr Spinks and signed by the Chairman.
- 41.13** **Confidentiality:** None
- 42.13** **Items reported by the Clerk**
- 6.12.14)** **Inauguration of Cllr J Tolchard:** Cllr Tolchard was welcomed to the parish council and completed and signed the relevant paperwork.
- 108.12.5) Tree on River Bank at bottom of Watts Green:** The date arranged for this work had been cancelled due to snow. The Clerk was requested to email Mr Tomlinson to ask him to complete the work as soon as possible.
- 27.13 1** **Public Conveniences & Waste Collection:** The Clerk was requested to contact Mike Galsworthy of DDDC and request a copy of the schedule of works as the parish council felt that the work carried out to date on the conveniences was unsatisfactory. Cllr Dinley agreed to investigate the acquisition of an honesty box for the car park and Cllr Taft agreed to arrange the cleaning services. An opening and closing regime will also need to be considered. On the subject of waste collection, the Clerk was requested to contact Serco to find out when the new, smaller waste collection vehicles will be coming into service.
- 30.13.7** **Request for reservation of plot in cemetery:** It was decided that the cemetery rules and regulations would be amended to the effect that burial plots in the new cemetery cannot be reserved or purchased in advance.

31.13 2) Lights at Trinity Close: Dales Housing confirmed that they had reduced the light levels, but subsequently had to return and increase the light level as they had received complaints from residents that the lighting was inadequate.

31.13 3) Parking Issues & Visit from Parking Enforcement Officer at DCC: Cllr Twigg reported that the Parking Enforcement Officer had visited Ashford 8 times since 1st January 2012 and had no cause to issue any parking tickets on any occasion. It was agreed that PC Phil Maycock would be invited to the May parish council meeting.

31.13 4) Post Office: A communication had been received from the Post Office reporting that a new Subpostmaster has been appointed and the Post Office will be opening again on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. The Clerk was requested to write to the Post Office informing them that the parish council are pleased that the Post Office is re-opening, but that increased opening hours would be very welcome in view of the numerous surrounding villages served by Ashford post office.

42.13 8) Annual Return: Grant Thornton have requested submission of the annual accounts by 17th June 2013. The Clerk will liaise with Mr John Foster of West & Foster to ensure that the accounts are audited and the return completed within the time limit.

42.13 9) Derbyshire County Council Elections: will take place on 2nd May 2013.

42.13 10) Band Concert: DDDC will be contributing £55 towards the cost of the band concert on Sunday 2nd June 2013, to be performed by Matlock Band.

43.13 Items raised by Members:

43.13 1) Snow/Flood Prevention Equipment: To discuss at the next meeting.

44.13 Planning Matters:

1) Application – Bridge End Close, Church Street: Installation of air-source heat pump:

Application withdrawn

2) Application – 6 Hall End Lane – Application for removal or variation of condition 7: The parish council has no objection to this application.

45.13 Financial Matters

1)	Bank Balances Noted:	
	Business Reserve Account:	£16,700.29
	Current Account:	£250.00
2)	To approve payments:	
	a) DALC (subscription)	£150.42
	b) West & Foster (preparation of payroll)	£118.80
	c) Mr D Windle (shovels for snow clearing)	£25.90
	d) DDDC – Wheeled Bin	£61.75

3) To acknowledge receipt of payments: None

a) Mettams re burial of ashes – Mr David Nuttall

£50.00

b) DDDC – reimbursable mowing expenditure

£1,020.00

46.13 Correspondence/Matters Requiring Action:

a) Leaflet from DCC re Commemoration of Derbyshire Lives through the World Wars: Details to be included in the parish magazine.

b) Playground Inspection by ROSPA: It was agreed that ROSPA would be requested to carry out the annual playground inspection.

c) Dog Fouling in Hall Orchard: It was agreed that this is becoming an increasing problem. It was agreed that an article would be included in the parish magazine and that signs will be erected. The Clerk was also requested to investigate whether DDDC have a Dog Warden who may be able to offer support.

d) Retaining Wall – Vicarage Lane: It was reported that the wall at the top of Vicarage Lane (opposite junction with Hill Cross) is in a dangerous condition. The Clerk was requested to report this to DCC in the first instance.

47.13 Date of Next Meeting: The next parish council meeting will be the Annual Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday 7th May 2013 in Ashford School.