

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2010 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

Present: Cllr D Windle (Chairman), Cllr S Brocklehurst, Cllr R Short, Cllr R Spinks,
Cllr T Williams, Cllr R Akeroyd, Mrs A Fox (Clerk)

110.10 Apologies: Cllr B Taft, Cty Cllr J Twigg, District Cllr C Walker,
District Cllr C Duncan

111.10 Declaration of Members' Interests: None

112.10 Public Participation: None

113.10 Minutes of Meeting of 2nd November 2010: The minutes were proposed by Cllr Spinks as a true record, seconded by Cllr Williams and signed by the Chairman.

114.10 Confidentiality: None

115.10 Items reported by the Clerk

- 1. Paving outside the Post Office:** The Chairman is in possession of a map showing the location of services. This item will be discussed again when Cllr Taft is present.
- 2. New Parish Councillor:** The relevant forms from the NatWest Bank were completed and signed in order to enable Cllr Akeroyd to become an authorised signatory of the parish council account.
- 3. Band Concert 2011:** The 2011 band concert is to be held on Sunday 26th June 2010. It was agreed that Youlgreave Band, Bakewell Silver Band and Matlock Band would be approached for their availability.
- 4. Bushes/Saplings at Sheepwash/Daybell's Bank Area:** Work completed.
- 5. Sign on Court Lane:** An email had been received from Mark Sloan of DCC reporting that the sign would be removed within a 12-week period, but will be removed sooner if staff are in the area.
- 6. Christmas Tree:** It was confirmed that the Christmas tree would be arriving shortly.
- 7. Grass Cutting 2011:** An advertisement had been placed in the Peak Advertiser resulting in 5 enquiries. As some quotations are still awaited, this item will be included on the agenda of the January meeting.
- 8. Parish Estimates 2011/12:** These have to be returned by no later than 14th January. To be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

9. Questionnaires – public conveniences: The Chairman reported that 25 questionnaires had been received to date.

10. Footpath from Vicarage Lane towards Monsal Head: Dales Housing had confirmed that the repair work should be completed within 3 months.

11. Quotation – Tree in front of School and Trees in Churchyard: A quotation of £180.00 had been received for this tree work. This was accepted and the Clerk will write to BTC instructing them to proceed with the work and asking them to let the parish council know when work will commence. The Clerk was also asked to write to the PCC to advise them of the above.

12. Pennyunk Lane: DCC had confirmed that they will clean out the ditch on Pennyunk Lane.

13. Memorial Bench: A request had been received from Mrs Helen Oliver for a memorial bench for her late husband, Malcolm. The junction of Church Street and Fennel Street, looking towards the Sheepwash Bridge and facing the river, was considered a suitable site. The Clerk was requested to reply to Mrs Oliver accordingly.

116.10 Items raised by Members:

a) Repairs to Football Pitch: The Clerk was requested to write to Mr Chris Whitham, asking him to re-turf the goal area.

b) Waste Bin on Court Lane: A request had been received for a waste bin on Court Lane. This will be considered in the future.

c) Grit Bin, Watts Green: A request had been received for a grit bin on Watts Green. The Clerk was requested to obtain the current costs of this.

d) Hall Orchard Boundary Hedge: The Clerk was requested to ask Mr Christ Whitham to cut this as it is overhanging the path.

e) Queen's Silver Jubilee Seat: Mr Michael Frampton had kindly offered to carry out repair work to this seat at his expense. The parish council were most grateful to Mr Frampton and agreed that the work may proceed. The Chairman agreed to liaise with Mr Frampton.

117.10 Planning Matters:

1) Application: Great Batch: Replacement of aluminium patio door with fixed timber framed door: The parish council has no objection to this application.

2) Questionnaire from Defra: The Chairman agreed to respond by the stipulated date in February, stating that the parish council feel strongly that local people should be included on their committees.

3) Right of Way – Hill Cross to Hall Orchard: The Clerk was asked to find out when this will be re-instated.

118.10 Financial Matters

1) Bank Balances Noted:

Business Reserve Account:	£15,792.26
Current Account:	£250.00

2) To approve payments:

1) Peak Advertiser	£17.33
2) Clerk's salary for 3 month period	£550.00
3) Clerk's expenses for 3 month period	£131.36
4) Chris Whitham (inv 8 – grass cutting)	£450.00
5) Chris Whitham (general maintenance)	£110.00
6) Ashford Old Community Rooms	£40.00

3) To acknowledge receipt of payments: None

119.10 Correspondence Requiring Action:

a) Annual Report from Peak District Rural Housing Association: It was decided not to accept the offer of a Housing Association representative to attend a parish council meeting.

120.10 Date of Next Meeting: The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th January 2011 at 7.15 pm in Ashford school for a 7.30 pm start.