

# ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2011 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

**Present:** Cllr D Windle (Chairman), Cllr R Akeroyd, Cllr A Middleton, Cllr R Spinks,  
Cllr B Taft, Cllr T Williams, Mrs A Fox (Clerk)

**115.11 Apologies:** Cllr W Dinley, District Cllr C Walker

**116.11 Declaration of Members' Interests:** None.

**117.11 Public Participation:** No members of the public present.

**118.11 Minutes of Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011:** These minutes were proposed by Cllr Taft as a true record, seconded by Cllr Akeroyd and signed by the Chairman.

**119.11 Confidentiality:** None

### **120.11 Items reported by the Clerk**

**1. Flooding Issues:** It was agreed that a site meeting would be arranged as a matter of urgency with Steve Mead of DCC in order to inspect the drains in Ashford.

**2. Public Conveniences:** It was agreed that, following inspection of the conveniences at a recent site meeting, a schedule of works would be produced so that appropriate quotations can be obtained from local contractors.

**3. Completion of Bank Mandates:** Forms are still awaited from Cllrs Taft, Williams and Middleton.

#### **4. Ashford Play Area:**

**1) Competition:** Cllr Dinley reported that a competition had been arranged for children and young people of the village to put forward their ideas for the play area. Four prizes of £25 in gift vouchers will be presented to the winners. The parish council agreed to fund these prizes. Closing date for entries is 9<sup>th</sup> January. Notices have been displayed around the village.

**2) Separate Bank Account:** The Clerk was asked to bring the bank book for the original playground fund to the next meeting.

**5. Footpaths:** Cllr Windle is liaising with the Peak Park Authority regarding the footpath from the car park at Monsal Head, which is considered hazardous in places. Cllr Windle also agreed to supply Chris Whitham with the footpath map so that he can identify the footpath numbers when submitting his invoices, as required by DCC.

6. **Grit Bins:** Two grit bins on John Bank Lane and The Duke's Drive have been filled.
7. **Schedule of Drain Cleaning:** Now received. It was reported that the drains at the junction of Fennel Street and Church Street, Vicarage Lane and Highfield Lane/Ashford Lane junction require immediate attention.
8. **Christmas Tree/Christmas Lights:** Cllr Taft had obtained lights for the Christmas tree at a cost of £60.00, which had been agreed by the parish council. Arrangements were made for the erection of the tree.
9. **Parish Precept:** This will be agreed at the next meeting.
10. **Grass Cutting 2012/13:** A quotation for £3,600.00 had been received from Mr Chris Whitham. This was accepted.
11. **Band Concert 2012:** Date to be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **121.11 Items Raised by Members:**

1. **Community Response Plan:** Cllr Dinley reported that he is gathering names of people who wish to be involved in this and that he is considering including an article in the parish magazine.
2. **Snow Warden Scheme – Public Liability Insurance:** It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the insurance company to find out about liability insurance.

#### **122.11 Planning Matters:**

- 1) **Application: Longroods Farm – Conversion of old shippon to holiday accommodation:**  
The parish council has no objection to this application.
- 2) **Decision: 12A Fennel Street – Proposed conversion of joiner's workshop to dwelling:**  
Granted subject to conditions.
- 3) **Decision: Park House, Ashford Lane – Proposed new agricultural building:** Granted subject to conditions.

#### **123.11 Financial Matters**

- 1) Bank Balances Noted:
 

Business Reserve Account:	£19,462.00
Current Account:	£250.00
- 2) To approve payments:
 

a) Ben Taft (Christmas tree lights)	£60.00
b) Clerk's Salary for 3 month period	£440.00
c) Clerk's expenses for 3 month period	£123.70
d) HM Revenue & Customs (tax on Clerk's salary)	£110.00
e) Chris Whitham (maintenance)	£320.00

3) To acknowledge receipt of payments: None

**124.11 Correspondence Requiring Action:**

**1) Cemetery Fees:** To be reviewed and included as an agenda item for the next meeting.

**2) Bus Shelters:** Bus shelters will need to be added to the parish council's list of assets. To be discussed at the next meeting.

**125.11 Date of Next Meeting:** The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7.30 pm in Ashford School.