

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER 2009 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

Present: Cllr D Windle (Chairman), Cllr R Short, Cllr R Spinks, Cllr B Taft,
Cllr T Williams, Cty Cllr J Twigg, Mrs A Fox (Clerk)

196.09 Apologies: District Cllr C Duncan, District Cllr C Walker, Cllr S Brocklehurst,

197.09 Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 17th November 2009: The minutes were proposed by Cllr Spinks as a true record, seconded by Cllr Short and signed by the Chairman.

198.09 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th November 2009:

134.09 Cllr Webster: An official letter of resignation is to be requested from Cllr Webster.

80.08 Parish Council Website: Cllr Windle reported that the home page had been modified and the Clerk had requested a notice to be put in the parish magazine inviting local businesses etc to have links to the parish council website if they wish.

74.07 Boundary Fence, Cemetery: A quotation of £280.00 + VAT had been received from Plantmech Ltd for repair of the boundary fence between the new cemetery and the Vicarage grounds. This was accepted by the parish council and the Clerk will instruct Plantmech Ltd to proceed with the work.

102.07 2) Playground Committee: Playdale had emailed to report that their quotation for £1,137.28 for repair of the existing equipment, had been subject to installing the new equipment at the same time. For the repair work only, they would have to charge a delivery and installation cost of £295.00 to add to the repair price, making the total cost £1,432.28. This was agreed by the parish council and the Clerk was asked to instruct Playdale to proceed with the repair work. The Chairman also agreed to contact the Peak Park Authority to find out if planning permission would be required prior to installing new equipment in the Hall Orchard.

68.08 3) Traffic Speed, Old Buxton Road: District Cllr Duncan had agreed to pursue the painting of 30 mph signs on the road.

120.09 c) 'Bulbs Planted' signs: Cllr Brocklehurst will obtain these.

129.09 Electricity Connection: The application will be re-instated in the future, if felt appropriate.

141.09 b) Paving outside the Post Office: Cllr Taft is obtaining a quotation from Mr Anthony Cantrell.

141.09 c) Sign – Ashford-in-the-Water: Ongoing.

141.09 e) Village ‘Inspection’: Mr C Whitham had declined to accept the work of maintaining the plot outside the school at the present time due to pressures of other work.

151.09 e) Renovation of Public Toilets: Some repair work has been undertaken, but this is minimal. The Clerk was requested to write to Peter Foley to complain in the strongest terms about the state of the public toilets.

157.09 2) No 4 Court Lane/Retrospective Planning Applications: An email response had been received from the Peak Park, stating that they were aware that the ancillary building was being used as ancillary accommodation and not as a separate dwelling.

159.09 Bus Incident: Cllr Williams declared an interest and retired from the meeting. Two further quotations had been received for £750.00 and £835.00 and the former quotation of £750.00 was provisionally agreed by the parish council and will be submitted to the insurance company. This will be subject to specific dates of commencement and completion of the work.

167.09 Public Phone Box adjacent to Old Post Office: BT had confirmed that the repair would be carried out in the near future, but they are unable to give a precise date.

177.09 a) Peniunk Lane: An email had been received from DCC stating the ditch had been cleaned out on 19 10 09 and inspected again on 01 12 09 and found to be satisfactory.

177.0 b) Future of the Village School: The Chairman confirmed that a new Committee has been formed for the village school.

185.09 a) Dangerous Tree in Ashford Cemetery: This work has been carried out today (8th December 2009)

185.09c) The Police House, Buxton Road: A reply had been received from Inspector Lewis to the effect that this matter had been passed to the Business Support Unit in Buxton.

185.09 e) Christmas Tree: is being arranged.

191.09 Precept 2010/11: To be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

192.09 Grass Cutting 2010: To be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

193.09 a) Bush at top of Fennel Street: The Clerk had written to the occupant of 23 Fennel Street and the shrub had been cut back to some extent.

193.09 b) Hedge on A6 at Hillmorton: The Clerk had emailed DCC.

199.09 Planning Matters:

1) Decision: Coach, House, Fennel Street – New garden room & store. Single storey extension to dwelling: Granted subject to conditions.

2) Appeal: Retention of dwelling for 5 years at Moorfields Farm, Flagg

200.09 Financial Matters

The Clerk informed the meeting that the December bank statement had not yet arrived, so the balances quoted below are as in November 2009:

1) Bank Balances Noted:

Business Reserve Account:	£14,934.91
Current Account	£250.00

2) To approve payments:

1) Clerk's salary for 3 month period	£405.00
2) Clerk's overtime for 3 month period (as agreed at parish council meeting 10 09 09 @ 7 hours per month) 21 hours x £8.24	£173.04
3) Clerk's expenses for 3 month period	£122.52
4) Ashford Mother & Toddler Group (hire of school for parish council meetings)	£88.00

201.09 Minor Repairs and Maintenance

None

202.09 Date of Next Meeting: The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th January 2009 at 7.15 pm in Ashford school for a 7.30 pm start.