

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2011 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

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

12.11 Apologies: Cllr R Akeroyd, Cllr R Short, Cllr R Spinks, Cllr B Taft,
District Cllr C Walker,

13.11 Declaration of Members' Interests: None

14.11 Public Participation: None

15.11 Minutes of Meeting of 11TH January 2011: The minutes were proposed by the
Chairman as a true record, seconded by Cllr Brocklehurst and signed by the Chairman.

16.11 Confidentiality: None

17.11 Items reported by the Clerk

1. Paving outside the Post Office: All the relevant information has been passed to Cllr Taft
for consideration.

2. Bank Signatory Details for Cllr Akeroyd: All relevant, signed documents have now
been submitted to the bank.

3. Band Concert 2011: The Clerk confirmed that Matlock Band have been booked for the
band concert on Sunday 26th June from 2.00 to 4.00 pm outside the War Memorial Institute,
inside if wet. Their fee is £235.00, of which £100 will be paid by DDDC. Youlgreave and
Bakewell Bands had been unavailable on this date. The Clerk will return all the relevant forms
etc.

4. Grit Bin, Watts Green, and free Grit bin: The Clerk had ordered a grit bin for Watts
Green at a cost of £253.28, and had also applied for a free grit bin. DDDC had requested details
of the location of the free bin and it was decided a suitable site would be at the corner of Court
Lane and Vicarage Lane, near the post box outside 'The Elms'.

5. Quotations – Grass Cutting 2011: The Clerk confirmed that she had written to Mr Chris
Whitham accepting his quotation

6. Parish Estimates 2011/12: The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Estimates (total figure:
£11,650.00) had been submitted to DDDC by the due date.

7. Public Conveniences:

a) **Temporary Closure:** The Chairman reported that the public conveniences had been closed over Christmas and in January due to frozen pipes, but, after exchange of several emails between the Chairman and DDDC, the conveniences are now in operation again.

b) **Questionnaires:** To be included as an agenda item at the next parish council meeting. Report attached to these minutes.

8. Right of Way – Hill Cross to Hall Orchard: The Clerk had received detailed information from Phil Berry of DCC, stating that re-instatement of this right of way is ongoing and asking the parish council to ensure that the hedge is cut regularly. The Clerk was instructed to inform Mr Berry that the parish council will attend to the hedge, and to ask him what the timescale will be for completion of the work.

9. Memorial Bench: Mr Malcolm Oliver: The Chairman reported that he had met with Mrs Oliver and the contractor who will be making the seat. The contractor will fix the seat and Mrs Oliver will maintain it thereafter.

10. Playground Inspection: The Clerk was requested to arrange the annual playground inspection with ROSPA.

11. Hedge on Old Baslow Road: The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Whitham asking him to cut this.

12. Temporary 30 mph speed limit – A6 The Dukes Drive: From 7th to 18th March.

18.11 Items raised by Members:

1) Boundary Fence, Cemetery: The Chairman confirmed that he had asked Mr C Whitham to remove the vegetation from around the fence.

2) Area Forum – 16th November: The Chairman reported having attended this forum and a report is attached.

19.11 Planning Matters:

1) Application: Once a Week Quarry, Sheldon: Proposed relocation of stone cutting shed: The parish council has no objection to this application.

2) Application: Wye Cottage, Church Street: Single storey rear extension: The parish council has no objection to this application.

3) Application: Monsal Trail Junction with Great Longstone: Creation of ramp: The parish council has no objection to this application.

4) Application: Barnfield, The Dukes Drive: Erection of new double garage with study room above: The parish council has no objection to this application.

5) Decision: Great Batch: Replacement of aluminium patio door with fixed timber framed door: Granted subject to conditions.

6) Decision: Long Rood Farm: Change of use of part of 2 fields: Granted subject to conditions.

7) Appeal: Land at Valley Cottage

20.11 Financial Matters

1) Bank Balances Noted:

Business Reserve Account:	£14,252.31
Current Account:	£250.00

2) To approve payments:

1) Ashford Cricket Club	£100.00
2) Ashford Old School	£100.00
3) Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport	£100.00
4) War Memorial Institute	£100.00
5) Post Office (War Memorial Institute)	£200.00
6) Bakewell Community First Responders	£100.00
7) Ashford Well Dressings	£100.00
8) Helen's Trust	£50.00
9) Mr C Whitham (hedge near allotments)	£95.00

3) To acknowledge receipt of payments:

1) Mettams: Burial of cremated remains	£80.00
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21.11 Correspondence Requiring Action:

a) Playground Inspection – ROSPA: Inspection to be arranged.

b) Letter from DDDC re Parish and Town Council Elections – 5th May 2011: It was decided that poll cards would be required.

22.11 Date of Next Meeting: The next parish council meeting will be held on Thursday 17th March 2011 at 7.15 pm in Ashford school for a 7.30 pm start.

QUESTIONNAIRE re PUBLIC TOILETS in COURT LANE

ANALYSIS of RESPONSES

42 completed questionnaires were returned,(representing approximately 15% of the number distributed).

Of these,4 were negative,i.e.against the proposal for the Parish Council to take over the facilities.All of these were qualified with comments as listed below;

“...need to know costs to properly make decision...”

“...National Park Authority should pay...”

“...no benefit to village...”

“...should be knocked down...”

38 responses were in favour of the proposal, 17 of which were unconditional,i.e.included no additional comments.

21 of the positive responses made comments as listed below;

“...suggest DDDC should be persuaded to reconsider their action...”

“...stress importance of the facilities to village and visitors..”

“...stress importance of visitors to local businesses...”

“...costs could be offset by making charges for use of toilets and parking...”

“...restrict opening hours...”

These results seem to indicate that the Parish Council is right to be considering the proposal,but before any final decision is made, a number of issues need to be addressed, which have been highlighted by the comments received; viz;

- 1). Ascertain whether the District Council has considered all available options and reached a final decision on the proposal.**
- 2). Determine what the financial implications might be for the Parish,comparing estimated annual costs with the current cost estimate as provided by the District Council.**
- 3). Identify where savings could be made and revenue generated,and consider how any such measures might be implemented,i.e. charging,restricted hours,switching off lights,etc.**
- 4). Stipulate what conditions need to be met before any transfer could take place, i.e. repairs to the property.**

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Brief report from the District Council Area Forum held at the Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell.
16th November 2010

First item was a presentation on behalf of Matlock and Bakewell Childrens Centres.

These have developed from the highly successful "Sure Start" scheme and are aimed at improving the welfare of children, and supporting and encouraging good parenting, especially within vulnerable and disadvantaged sections of the community. The Centres are funded by County and run by volunteers working alongside trained staff.

Main topic on the agenda was discussion about the District Council's waste collection services, underlying aim of which is to reduce, as far as possible, the amount of waste going to landfill.

The current contract, (with Veolia), is up for renewal, which is an ideal time to consider what changes, if any, can be made.

D.C. is considering introduction of kerbside collection of plastic waste, alongside the existing collection of glass, cans and paper. If so, would it be necessary to have dedicated waste disposal sites, such as that in Court Lane, as well?

A suggestion to move to fortnightly, rather than weekly, collections of domestic waste was not well received.

A proposal to charge for collection of green waste met with disapproval, as it was thought this could lead to an increase in fly tipping.

With the Darley Dale waste disposal site opening shortly, it was suggested that the Saturday morning collections could be discontinued. This was not thought to be a good idea since not everyone has the means to transport bulky items to Darley Dale.

A range of small collection bins of various sizes and colours were shown which were intended to sort waste into different types in the home. This was thought to be overcomplicated and confusing and impracticable.

A general question and answer session dealt with a number of issues mainly specific to particular areas or sections of the community. Much criticism was aimed at the District Council over car parking charges, (increased again since Christmas), and the effect this could be having on local businesses.

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