

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2014 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

- Present:** Cllr D Windle (Chairman), Cllr R Akeroyd, Cllr W Dinley, Cllr R Spinks, Cllr B Taft, Cllr T Williams, Mrs A Fox (Clerk)
- 13.14** **Apologies for Absence:** District Cllr C Walker,
- 14.14** **Declaration of Members' Interests:** None.
- 15.14** **To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:** None
- 16.14** **Public Participation:** None
- 17.14** **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 16th January 2014:** The minutes were proposed by Cllr Williams as a true record, seconded by the Cllr Spinks and signed by the Chairman.
- 18.14** **Confidentiality:** None
- 19.14** **Items reported by the Clerk:**
- 114.13** **Automatic External Defibrillator:** The Clerk will write an article for the parish magazine regarding the acquisition of the defibrillator. Cllr Dinley agreed to supply the email address of the new parish magazine editor.
- 27.13 1)** **Public Conveniences:** An agreement had been drawn up by DDDC for the purposes of the parish council taking over the opening, closing and cleaning of the conveniences from 1st April 2014. Two copies of this agreement were signed by Cllr Windle: one for DDDC records and one for parish council records.
- 57.13 1)** **Flood Committee Meetings:** Cllr Dinley reported that a trailer has now been acquired for storage of flood defence equipment for the village. Cllr Dinley is now drawing up a list of necessary equipment. As it was not clear at the time of the meeting the exact amount payable by the parish council towards this, Cllrs Windle and Dinley were given a blank cheque (cheque no 001348) to fill in as appropriate so that payment would not be delayed until the next meeting. Cllrs Windle and Dinley will provide full details and supporting paperwork at the next meeting.
- 57.13 6)** **Plaque for Old Ashford Marble Works:** Ongoing.

129.13 9) World War One War Memorial: The Clerk had approached several local stonemasons to enquire whether they would be interested in refurbishing the lettering on the World War One War Memorial. A positive response had been received from Hopkinsons Memorials. Cllr Williams informed the meeting that the Institute Committee are due to hold a meeting on 8th March, at which the war memorials will also be discussed.

19.14 6) Playground Inspection by ROSPA: ROSPA's fee for the playground inspection had been confirmed as £65.00 + VAT. It was agreed that ROSPA would be asked to proceed with the inspection.

19.14 7) Approval of Memorial for Mr Graham Raper: The memorial request submitted by Mr Raper's family was approved.

19.14 8) Parish Clerks' Liaison Meeting: Tuesday 18th February at the Agricultural Business Centre: The Clerk reported on her attendance at this meeting, the main message of which was that DDDC will be obliged to implement further financial cutbacks in the forthcoming financial year and, to this end, they wish to consult with parish councils as much as possible in order to identify any service areas where savings can be made.

19.14 9) Parish Council Vacancy: This will be advertised in accordance with protocol.

20.14 Items Raised by Members:

20.14 1) Dog Fouling: It was agreed that an article would be placed in the parish magazine stating that unless dog owners keep their dogs on a lead when in the Hall Orchard and clear their dog litter, dogs will be banned completely from the Hall Orchard as this is a children's play area and should be kept free of dog litter at all times.

20.14 2) Hall Orchard: The Clerk was requested to write to the residents of Springfield House informing them that they should have sought permission from the parish council before erecting a temporary fence on the Hall Orchard and that, unless it is removed within 14 days, the parish council will make arrangements for its removal. In addition, the parish council cannot allow any vehicular access across the Hall Orchard because of the waterlogged ground.

21.14 Planning Matters:

a) **Cultivation Licence Application: River Cottage, Buxton Road:** The parish council object to this application as the present grass verge enhances the western entrance to the village, which will be destroyed by the proposed alteration. There is a danger that the area will be incorporated into the neighbouring property. The parish council also feels that this will set a precedent for similar incorporations into private ownership, to the detriment of public amenity. The parish council also query whether the Peak District National Park Authority should be consulted on this as the site is within the National Park and may also be in Ashford Conservation Area.

b) **Application: Red House Farm – Proposed Creation of Equestrian Manege:** The parish council has no objection to this application as long as there is adequate screening to minimise the visual impact.

c) **Application: Red House Farm – Proposed Alterations:** The parish council has no objection to this application.

- d) **Application: The Rookery – Internal Alterations:** The parish council has no objection to this application as long as damage to listed features is minimised.
- e) **Application: Fin House, Monsal Head – External alterations:** The parish council has no objection to this application. The alterations are not highly visible and should improve the appearance of the property.
- f) **Application: 7 Fennel Street – Alterations:** The parish council has no objection to this application. The proposals affect the interior and rear of the property.
- g) **Application: Shambles Cottage – Internal Alterations:** The parish council has no objection to this application as long as the proposals do not affect any original feature critical to the listed status.
- h) **Application: Harcourt, Ashford Lane – Alterations and extension:** The parish council has no objection to this application. The character of the bungalow will be maintained and the extension will not be highly visible.
- i) **Decision: Rainbow End:** Granted subject to conditions.
- j) **Decision: Red House Farm: Proposed extension to dwelling to form sun lounge:**
Refused
- k) **Decision: Red House Farm: Proposed erection of garage:** Granted subject to conditions.
- l) **Decision: Bridge End Close: Installation of air-source heat pump:** Granted subject to conditions.

22.14 Financial Matters

- 1) Bank Balances Noted:

Business Reserve Account:	£19,262.82
Current Account:	£250.00

- 2) To approve payments:

a) Playdale Playgrounds Ltd	£493.44
b) Howson Signs	£63.60
c) Barry Wood Plant Hire	£84.00

- 3) To acknowledge receipt of payments:

a) Burial of the late Mr Peter Craft	£200.00
b) Burial of the late Mrs Jane Brewster	£550.00

23.14 Correspondence/Matters Requiring Action:

23.14 1) Letter from Mrs R McGoverne: Mrs McGoverne has expressed an interest in the parish council vacancy. The Clerk will acknowledge this accordingly in writing.

23.14 2) DALC Course on Cemetery Management: The Clerk was asked to enquire whether DALC will be arranging a Cemetery Management Course in the Bakewell area.

24.14 Date of Next Meeting: The next parish council meeting will be held on Thursday 20th March 2014 in Ashford School commencing at 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Cllr Akeroyd presented his apologies for the March meeting.