

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12th JANUARY 2010 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL (Meeting scheduled for 5th January had to be cancelled due to inclement weather)

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

01.10 Apologies: District Cllr C Duncan

02.10 Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 8th December 2009: The Chairman requested an amendment to minute item **141.09 e)**, to read: 'Mr C Whitham will consider the work of maintaining the plot outside the school at the appropriate time.' This amendment made, the minutes were proposed by Cllr Williams as a true record, seconded by Cllr Taft and signed by the Chairman.

03.10 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th December 2009:

80.08 Parish Council Website: The Clerk reported that only one approach had been received from local businesses for a link to the parish council website. It was also agreed that the website should be completed with some urgency.

74.07 Boundary Fence, Cemetery: The Clerk had instructed Plantmech Ltd to proceed with the work.

102.07 2) Playground Committee: Playdale had confirmed that they would commence repairs to the existing playground equipment early in 2010. The Chairman reported that, on advice from the Peak Park Authority, planning permission would not be required for construction of the new playground equipment as it will not be above 4 metres in height. The Chairman had also emailed Keith Postlethwaite of DDDC regarding grant aid for the new play equipment and had also requested District Cllr Duncan to pursue this matter on the parish council's behalf. An application will also be made for lottery funding.

68.08 3) Traffic Speed, Old Buxton Road: 30 mph signs have now been painted on the road.

120.09 c) 'Bulbs Planted' signs: Cllr Brocklehurst confirmed that these have been completed.

129.09 Electricity Connection: The Clerk was requested to write to Mrs Blackwell to thank her for use of electricity for the Christmas tree lights.

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 will consider the work of maintaining the plot outside the school at the appropriate time.

151.09 e) Renovation of Public Toilets: The Clerk had emailed Peter Foley of DDDC to complain about the poor state of the public conveniences. He had replied by requesting a meeting with the parish council. It was decided that he should be invited to attend the start of the February parish council meeting.

159.09 Bus Incident: The insurance company, Allianz, had instructed the parish council to proceed with the repairs in line with the estimate for £750.00 from Barrie Marsden. The Clerk will ask Mr Marsden to proceed with this at the earliest opportunity. It was also agreed to ask Mr Marsden to quote for repairs to the notice board in the grounds of the Institute, but to include a lock to the notice board, keys for which would be held by the parish council and Mr Colin Heath, Chairman of the Institute Committee. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Heath to this effect. Cllr Spinks agreed to liaise with Mr Marsden to request a quotation.

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: The Clerk was requested to contact DCC to report that the drain in the gateway at the bottom of Peniunk Lane is blocked and requires jetting. At the same time, the Clerk was requested to report that the first drain on Highfield Lane is also blocked.

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

185.09c) The Police House, Buxton Road: It was reported that the garden has now been attended to.

185.09 e) Christmas Tree: The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Mr Hunt for the kind donation of a Christmas tree.

193.09 a) Bush at top of Fennel Street: It was reported that this bush had been partially cut back.

193.09 b) Hedge on A6 at Hillmorton: The Clerk was requested to contact DCC once again regarding this overgrown hedge.

04.10 Planning Matters:

1) Retrospective Planning Application: Gritstone House, Greaves Lane: Retrospective consent for decking area to garage replacing old felt and gravel and decking to concrete seating area, with fencing around this area: The parish council referred the PDNPA to their earlier email of 22 09 09 regarding retrospective planning applications and which reads: 'The parish council have some considerable concerns about the number of retrospective planning applications which are increasingly being submitted. This would almost appear to have become standard practice and only serves to encourage inappropriate property development.'

05.10 Financial Matters

1) Bank Balances Noted:

Business Reserve Account:	£15,047.56
Current Account	£250.00

2) To approve payments:

1) N & G Tomlinson Tree Surgeons	£350.00
2) DDDC – Wheeled bin (direct debit)	£64.29

The Clerk was requested to contact Mr David Goodwin of the PDNPA regarding a grant for the tree work carried out by Mr Tomlinson.

06.10 Precept 2010/11

Following detailed discussion and calculations, a precept of £11,500.00 was agreed upon in order to meet the estimated expenditure of the parish council in 2010/2011, constituted as follows:

Clerk's Salary	£2,200.00
Insurance	£1,250.00
Grass cutting	£3,800.00
Meetings	£100.00
Subscriptions	£150.00
Audit	£450.00
Chairman's Allowance	£250.00
Expenses	£450.00
Repairs and maintenance	£2,000.00
Donations	<u>£850.00</u>

Total **£11,500.00**

This represents a decrease of £500.00 on the 2009/10 precept, which was £12,000.00.

The donations figure of £850.00 (as above) was agreed and itemised as follows:

Ashford Cricket Club	£100.00
Ashford Old School	£100.00
Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport	£100.00
War Memorial Institute	£100.00
Post Office (War Memorial Institute)	£200.00
Bakewell Community First Responders	£100.00
Ashford Well Dressings	£100.00
Helen's Trust	<u>£50.00</u>

Total **£850.00**

07.10 Grass Cutting 2010: Mr Christopher Whitham had submitted a quotation of £3,600.00 and this was unanimously agreed and accepted. The Clerk was requested to instruct Mr Whitham to proceed as appropriate.

08.10 Minor Repairs and Maintenance

1) Salt Bins: The Clerk was requested to arrange for salt bins to be re-filled at the following locations: Hillmorton, John Bank Lane and Court Lane.

2) Lime Trees in Hall Orchard: The Clerk was requested to contact Mr Neil Tomlinson and Mr Barry Stocks to obtain quotations for a 'climb through' (inspection) of the 2 lime trees in the Hall Orchard.

09.10 Date of Next Meeting: The next parish council meeting will be held on Thursday 11th February 2010 at 7.15 pm in Ashford school for a 7.30 pm start.