

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21ST JULY 2011 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

Present: Cllr D Windle, Cllr W Dinley, Cllr R Spinks, Cllr T Williams, Mrs A Fox (Clerk)

68.11 Apologies: Cllr R Akeroyd, Cllr B Taft and District Cllr C Walker

69.11 Declaration of Members' Interests: None

70.11 Public Participation: Isabel Frenzel, Rural Housing Enabler at DDDC, attended the first part of the meeting to discuss Affordable Housing in Ashford-in-the-Water. Isabel explained that the District Council has a statutory duty to investigate the need for affordable housing and, to this end, a survey will be posted out by DDDC to all households in Ashford. This will also be available on the parish council website.

71.11 Minutes of Meeting of 14th June 2011: These minutes were proposed by Cllr Williams as a true record, seconded by Cllr Spinks and signed by the Chairman.

72.11 Confidentiality: None

73.11 Items reported by the Clerk

1. Public Conveniences: Peter Foley had informed the parish council that it had not been possible to take their proposal to the June Committee and it will now be considered in September.

2. Completion of Bank Mandates: These will be completed in September when hopefully all new signatories will be available to sign the relevant paperwork.

3. PAYE Implementation: Letter of Engagement from West & Foster: This was agreed by the parish council and signed accordingly.

4. Leaves on Longstone Lane/Shady Lane: This has been reported once again to DDDC.

5. Parking Difficulties in Ashford: A site meeting with Bridget Gould of DCC had been attended by Cllrs Windle and Akeroyd on 19th July, with the following outcomes:

a) Junction of Hill Cross and Greaves Lane: The junction could be remarked out with a centre line and the give way markings removed from the entry side, which may discourage parking so close to the junction.

b) Buxton Road: Yellow lines could be extended with residents' approval.

c) Vicarage Lane: On the day of the site visit, there was no evidence of problems caused by parked vehicles. Photographic evidence is therefore required before any further action can be taken.

d) Residents Only Parking: Bridget Gould had confirmed that the authority would not consider any sort of residents only parking scheme in Ashford in the Water at the present time.

The Clerk was requested to contact Bridget Gould to say that the necessary photographic evidence will be forwarded to her regarding Vicarage Lane.

6. New Rubbish Bin by the Sheepwash Bridge: Peter Foley had agreed to arrange.

7. Band Concert held 26th June: Matlock Band had undertaken the concert and the necessary paperwork will be completed and forwarded to DDDC so that they can arrange for £100 contribution.

8. Quotation from Playdale Playgrounds: To discuss at the next meeting.

9. Wooden Posts along the A6: These have been requested from DCC and the parish council has been informed that an order has been issued for same.

10. Recycling Site: A notice had been placed in the parish magazine about the importance of the correct use of the recycling facilities.

11. Completion of Annual Audit: The parish council accounts have been approved by the Audit Commission and will be displayed accordingly on the parish council notice board.

74.11 Items raised by Members:

a. Community Clean Ups: Derbyshire County Council had sent details of their Probation Community Payback Teams and had asked if the parish council had any areas they would like the teams to clear or tidy. Cllr Windle suggested vegetation clearance at Little Lane and Green Lane and preparation for resurfacing outside the old Post Office.

75.11 Planning Matters:

a) Application: Park House – Proposed new agricultural building: The parish council has no objection to this application.

76.11 Financial Matters

1) Bank Balances Noted:

Business Reserve Account:	£22,910.43
Current Account:	£250.00

2) To approve payments:

a) Clerk's salary for 3 month period (April to June)	£440.00
b) Clerk's expenses for 3 month period (April to June)	£159.71
c) HM Revenue & Customs (tax on Clerk's salary)	£110.00
d) Matlock Band	£135.00
e) DDDC (Wheeled Bin)	£22.50
f) West & Foster (Audit)	£300.00
g) Chris Whitham (grass cutting invoices 4 & 5)	£900.00

- 3) To acknowledge receipt of payments: None

77.11 Correspondence Requiring Action:

a) **Letter from Ashford WMI re wooden bench seats:** The WMI Committee had written to report that they are considering buying replacement benches to place outside the hall, but before doing so, they wondered if there had been any recent requests for memorial benches in Ashford and, if so, could the area outside the Institute be considered as a suitable location? The parish council do not have any such offers at present, but will consider this in the future.

b) **DCC Winter Service Scheme:** To be discussed at the next meeting.

78.11 Date of Next Meeting: The next parish council meeting will be held on Thursday 1st September at 7.30 pm in Ashford School.