

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 30TH JULY 2013 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

- Present:** Cllr D Windle (Chairman), Cllr R Akeroyd, Cllr W Dinley, Cllr R Spinks, Cllr B Taft, Cllr J Tolchard, Cllr T Williams, Cty Cllr J Twigg, Mrs A Fox (Clerk)
- 75.13** **Apologies for Absence:** District Cllr C Walker
- 76.13** **Declaration of Members' Interests:** None.
- 77.13** **To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:** None
- 78.13** **Public Participation:** Cllr J Twigg contributed to the meeting, as minuted below.
- 79.13** **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 11th June 2013:** The minutes were proposed by Cllr Williams as a true record, seconded by Cllr Spinks and signed by the Chairman.
- 80.13** **Confidentiality:** None
- 81.13** **Items reported by the Clerk:**
- 27.13 1)** **Public Conveniences: Honesty Box, Sign & Cleaning Schedule:** Cllr Dinley had obtained an honesty box at a cost of £167.99, for which he had paid, having obtained an appropriate invoice addressed to Ashford in the Water Parish Council. The payment of £167.99 is therefore to be made to Cllr Dinley and not to The Safe Shop Limited, who supplied the box. Cllr Dinley had also obtained a sign. Cllr Taft is drawing up a cleaning schedule. The Clerk was requested to seek advice from DALC regarding employment of a cleaner.
- 7.13 2)** **Footpath Allowance:** The footpath allowance allocated by DCC for 2013/14 is £495.00. A footpath schedule has already been supplied to Chris Whitham.
- 42.13 10)** **Band Concert 2014:** Cllr Windle agreed to supply the appropriate date to the Clerk, who will then book Matlock Band once again, subject to their availability
- 46.13 c)** **Dog Waste Bins:** Peter Foley of DDDC had replied to the effect that DDDC were unable to supply further dog waste bins as they do not have the capacity to empty them all. Cllr Twigg informed the meeting that it is acceptable for dog waste to be deposited into general waste litter bins. It was felt, however, that the general public would be largely unaware of this.
- 46.13 d)** **Retaining Wall – Vicarage Lane:** A report is awaited from Dales Housing.

69.13 8) Quotations for Bus Shelter and General Repair Work in the Village:

Quotations had been received from Jason Rowland for £1,564.00 for repair work to the band stand and top pump, and for £600.00 for maintenance of the benches. Chris Whitham had carried out the necessary repair work to the bus shelter for £100.00

57.13 1) Snow/Flood Prevention Equipment: Cllr Taft agreed to provide a quotation for salt spreaders.

57.13 2) Village Seats: Cllr Williams agreed to liaise with Chris Whitham regarding refurbishment of village seats.

57.13 6) Plaque for Old Ashford Marble Works: The Chatsworth Estate Office had informed the parish council that this property had been sold to the Peak Park Authority many years ago. Tammy Shirley, Property Manager at the Peak Park Authority, is currently looking into this and will report back as soon as the relevant information is available.

58.13 8) Bank on Vicarage Lane: Mark Spencer of Dales Housing reported that the area was deemed unsafe by their grounds contractors and the matter was being passed to Head of Maintenance for further consideration.

70.13 1) Drain Cleaning: Robin Walsh of DDDC had confirmed that drain/roadside gulley emptying for Ashford is scheduled for May and November annually, unless a specific request is made. The parish council felt that this had not been done in May and the Clerk was requested to contact Robin Walsh in the first instance, and then to contact Mike Ashworth at DCC if a satisfactory response was not forthcoming from Robin Walsh.

70.13 3) Parish Diary: The Clerk had obtained a parish diary, which will be maintained and updated monthly.

73.13 c) Remembrance Garden: Remedial action has now been taken.

73.13 a) Ashford Mill Developments: The Clerk had responded with the suggestion that Ashford Mill Developments contact the Environment Agency if the problem of garden waste dumping continues.

82.13 Items Raised by Members:

1) Overgrown Vegetation on Footpaths: It was acknowledged that the basal growth at the base of the 2 lime trees in the churchyard requires trimming. Cllr Akeroyd agreed to approach John Carrington and request a quotation for this work. A quotation would also be sought from Paul Carrington for fencing and garden work. The Clerk was requested to respond to the PCC informing them of these decisions.

2) Footpath Safety Barrier – Hill Cross: Cllrs Windle and Dinley agreed to obtain some suitable materials from Torne Valley and construct a barrier, with the assistance of Cllr Williams.

83.13 Planning Matters:

a) Application: Ashford Hall – Erection of 4 Agricultural Buildings: Removal of existing farm buildings from their present location would greatly enhance the setting of the Hall itself. The proposed site of the new development is almost entirely hidden from view and would

have far less impact on its environs than many similar agricultural buildings in the area. The parish council therefore has no objection to this application.

b) **Decision: 6 Hall End Lane – Application for removal or variation of condition 7:**
Refused.

84.13 Financial Matters

1) Bank Balances Noted:	
Business Reserve Account:	£24,416.98
Current Account:	£250.00
2) To approve payments:	
a) West & Foster	£300.00
b) N & G Tomlinson Tree Surgeons	£180.00
c) Playsafety Limited	£106.80
d) Cllr W Dinley (reimbursement for honesty box)	£167.99
e) DDDC (wheeled bin) (direct debit)	£63.05
f) Ashford Old School Community Rooms	£100.00
g) Chris Whitham: grass cutting invoices 3, 4 and 5 (3 x £450)	£1,350.00
h) Chris Whitham – bus shelter repair	£100.00
3) To acknowledge receipt of payments:	
a) Mandale Memorials re Mrs Jean Brocklehurst	£50.00
b) Mettams re cremation of Jessie Ollerenshaw	£50.00

85.13 Correspondence/Matters Requiring Action:

a) **Request for Burial of Ashes in Ashford Cemetery:** A request had been received for the burial of ashes of a man who had been born in Ashford and whose father and grandfather are both buried in Ashford. It was agreed that this request was in accordance with the criteria for burial and that a new plot may be purchased, if required.

b) **Lights on Institute Tree:** These need removing. To be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

c) **Letter from Dr Mundy re Procurement of an Automatic External Defibrillator:** To be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

86.13 Date of Next Meeting: The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th September 2013 in Ashford School commencing at 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start. The parish council dates to the end of 2013 were agreed as follows:

Tuesday 8th October
Thursday 7th November
Tuesday 10th December