

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11th JUNE 2013 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

- Present:** Cllr D Windle (Chairman), Cllr R Akeroyd, Cllr W Dinley, Cllr R Spinks, Cllr B Taft, Cllr T Williams, Cty Cllr J Twigg, Mrs A Fox (Clerk)
- 63.13 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr J Tolchard, District Cllr C Walker; District Cllr Tilbrook
- 64.13 Declaration of Members' Interests:** None.
- 65.13 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:** None
- 66.13 Public Participation:** None
- 67.13 Minutes of Annual Meeting held 7th May 2013:** The minutes were proposed by Cllr Dinley as a true record, seconded by Cllr Akeroyd and signed by the Chairman.
- 68.13 Confidentiality:** None
- 69.13 Items reported by the Clerk**
- 27.13 1 Public Conveniences: Honesty Box, Sign & Cleaning:** It was agreed that the honesty box should be erected on the wall of the conveniences with a sign above. Cllr Dinley will create the appropriate wording for the sign. The cost of the honesty box will be approximately £130 and this was approved by the parish council. Councillors were informed that, in situations where they are purchasing items on behalf of the parish council, it will be necessary to obtain an invoice addressed to Ashford in the Water Parish Council in order to enable the parish council to claim back the VAT. The parish council will be responsible for the cleaning of the conveniences and for the opening and closing. Cllr Taft agreed to draw up a cleaning schedule.
- 42.13 8) Annual Return:** The accounts had been audited by Mr John Foster of West & Foster and were scrutinised and approved by the parish council, for return to Grant Thornton by 17th June. The Clerk was requested to send a 2 year invoice regarding the allotment. Cllr Windle agreed to produce a footpath schedule for Chris Whitham so that the parish council can claim their full footpath allowance from DCC in for 2013/14.
- 42.13 10) Band Concert:** The band concert performed by Matlock Band was acknowledged as having been very successful and it was agreed to book them for next year, once the date has been agreed.

46.13 c) Dog Warden/Waste Bins: Peter Foley had confirmed that DDDC are no longer providing dog waste bins as DDDC do not have the capacity to empty them all. The parish council felt this response was unacceptable as this is an environmental health issue and the Clerk was requested to contact Peter Foley accordingly.

46.13 d) Retaining Wall – Vicarage Lane: DCC reported that they thought this wall is the responsibility of Dales Housing. The Clerk was requested to contact Mark Spencer of Dales Housing to request a risk assessment.

56.13 9) Insurance Renewal: Insurance has been arranged with Zurich for a 3 year long term agreement.

69.13 8) Bus Shelter and General Repair Work in the Village: It was agreed that Jason Rowland of Great Longstone would be asked to quote for the following:

- 1) Paint well opposite the Riverside
- 2) Paint top pump outside the school
- 3) Treat the seat at the top pump

Richard Butt will be asked to quote for repair of the bus shelter.

69.13 9) Tree Work – Watts Green: Completed.

70.13 Items Raised by Members:

57.13 1) Snow/Flood Prevention Equipment: To discuss again.

57.13 2) Village Seats: A letter had been received from Mrs Oliver expressing concern regarding the state of repair of village seats. The Clerk was requested to reply stating that the parish council are aware of the problem and are arranging the necessary repairs.

57.13 6) Plaque for Old Ashford Marble Works: Cllr Dinley reported that the WI wish to contribute towards the cost of this. The Clerk was requested to contact Chatsworth Estate Office for approval.

58.13 8) Bank on Vicarage Lane: Cllr Taft reported speaking to Mark Spencer of Dales Housing, who stated he was not aware that the grass bank was no longer being cut. The Clerk was requested to email Mark Spencer asking for cutting to resume.

70.13 1) Drain Cleaning: The Clerk was requested to obtain an up to date drain cleaning schedule.

70.13 2) Items to be actioned by Cllr Twigg: Cllr Twigg agreed to action the following items:

- 1) Drains in Court Lane require clearing
- 2) Manhole at entrance to Highfields requires cleaning
- 3) Complaints received regarding street lighting

70.13 3) Parish Diary: It was agreed that a 5- year parish diary would be maintained, the first entry being that the streets require cleaning by DDDC prior to the well dressing week.

71.13 Planning Matters: None

72.13 Financial Matters

1) Bank Balances Noted:	
Business Reserve Account:	£27,302.80
Current Account:	£250.00
2) To approve payments:	
a) Matlock Band	£195.00
b) Clerk's Salary for 3 month period (April – June 2013)	£460.00
c) Clerk's Expenses for 3 month period (April – June 2013)	£138.18
d) HMRC (tax on Clerk's salary)	£115.00
e) Chairman's Allowance	£300.00
f) Calver Sough Nurseries	£83.45
g) Mr D Windle (reimbursement for fitting signs in Hall Orchard)	£20.08
h) Chris Whitham (invoice no 2 – grass cutting)	£450.00
3) To acknowledge receipt of payments:	
a) HMRC (VAT reimbursement)	£188.00
b) Mettams re memorial for Mrs Yvonne Skipper	£50.00

73.13 Correspondence/Matters Requiring Action:

a) Letter from Ashford Mill Developments Ltd re dumping of garden waste in the River Wye: It was agreed that a notice would be put in the parish magazine warning residents that it is an offence to dump garden waste in the river. The Clerk was also requested to respond to Ashford Mill Developments suggesting that they contact the Environment Agency, who have the power to take any legal action that may be required.

b) Letter from Mrs Oliver re village seats: see item 57.13.2) above.

c) Email from Joanne Boam re remembrance garden: The parish council have inspected the remembrance garden and will arrange remedial action as appropriate.

74.13 Date of Next Meeting: The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 30th July 2013 in Ashford School commencing at 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start.