

## ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH MARCH 2010 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

**Present:** Cllr D Windle (Chairman), Cllr S Brocklehurst, Cllr R Short, Cllr R Spinks, Cllr T Williams, Cty Cllr J Twigg, District Cllr C Duncan, District Cllr C Walker, Mrs A Fox (Clerk), 2 members of the public, Mr Peter Foley of Derbyshire Dales District Council (first part of meeting only)

**19.10 Apologies:** Cllr B Taft

**20.10 Public Conveniences:** Mr Peter Foley of Derbyshire Dales District Council attended the first part of the meeting to discuss the issue of public conveniences in Ashford. Mr Foley explained that the District Council currently have responsibility for maintaining 34 public convenience sites, the largest of these being in Bakewell, Matlock and Ashbourne. He then explained that the District Council no longer have the resources to maintain the 34 facilities to a sufficiently high standard and have suggested the following options:

- 1) Closing the smaller public convenience sites altogether.
- 2) Transferring the maintenance responsibility to the parish councils, once the District Council have refurbished the conveniences to an acceptable standard. Alternatively, the District Council could transfer the conveniences to the parish council in their current state and transfer to the parish council the resources for the refurbishment.
- 3) Transferring the maintenance responsibility to the private sector.
- 4) Opening the conveniences on a seasonal basis only, i.e. Easter to September, and closing them completely during the winter months.
- 5) Closing the conveniences every night after dark to reduce the risk of vandalism and the ensuing costs of this.
- 6) Making a charge for the use of the conveniences.

The parish council did not feel that options 1) and 4) were viable as Ashford is a busy tourist attraction throughout the year. Option 5) was not considered relevant as vandalism is not an issue in Ashford.

It was agreed that Mr Foley would supply the parish council with details of the overall maintenance costs of the Ashford public conveniences, and that comparative costs, i.e. compared with Bakewell, would be useful.

The parish council thanked Mr Foley for attending and Mr Foley left at this point.

**21.10 Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010:** The minutes were proposed by Cllr Spinks as a true record, seconded by Cllr Williams and signed by the Chairman.

## **22.10 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010:**

**80.08 Parish Council Website:** The website is now almost ready to go live and the Clerk and Chairman will be meeting with Chris Gilbert to finalise all details.

**74.07 Boundary Fence, Cemetery:** A reply is awaited from Dr Pykett and a quotation from Plantmech.

**102.07 2) Playground Committee:** A grant application form had now been obtained and CVS in Bakewell will provide assistance with its completion. An article, which was approved at the meeting, will also be placed in the parish magazine regarding the plans for the playground.

**141.09 b) Paving outside the Post Office:** Cllr Taft is seeking a quotation.

**141.09 c) Sign – Ashford-in-the-Water:** Ongoing.

**141.09 e) Village ‘Inspection’:** The flower bed outside the village school will be enlarged and will be maintained by volunteers.

**159.09 Bus Incident:** Repairs to the bus shelter are proceeding. An estimate had been received from Mr Barrie Marsden for £185.00 for repairs to the notice board. This was accepted and the Clerk was asked to instruct Mr Marsden to proceed with the repair. Cty Cllr Twigg reported that she could provide a grant towards this out of her Community Leadership Scheme and asked the Clerk to email her with a formal request.

**167.09 Public Phone Box adjacent to Old Post Office:** The Clerk had informed BT that Ashford has no public telephone in working order within the village, to which they had responded by reporting that they are extremely busy and will respond as soon as possible.

**177.09 a) Peniunk Lane:** All drains have now been cleared.

**08.10 2) Lime Trees in Hall Orchard:** A quotation had been received from Mr Barry Stocks and a quotation from Mr Neil Tomlinson is still awaited. The Clerk will contact Mr Tomlinson accordingly.

**15.10 Hedge on Old Baslow Road (New Road):** Work completed.

**16.10 1) Village Amenity Signs:** A reply had been received from DCC to the effect that an approved ‘village amenities’ sign could be erected but that existing unauthorised signs would have to be removed first. The Chairman agreed to speak to the individuals concerned.

**16.10 2) Footpaths:** Two people had expressed an interest in undertaking the footpath maintenance work in the village.

**16.10 3) Overhanging bushes at The Elms, Vicarage Lane:** The foliage has now been cut back.

**16.10 4) Village “sweep”:** The Clerk had emailed DCC to request this, but they had responded by stating that DDDC are responsible for this. District Cllr Walker denied this was the case. The Clerk will therefore email DCC once again.

**16.10 5) Shady Lane/Longstone Lane:** DCC arranging.

**16.10 6) Memorial Tree:** Mrs Mills from Chesterfield has been asked to contact the Chairman to identify a suitable site.

**16.10 7) Memorial Bench:** Mr Vernon of Disley had met with the Chairman and a suitable site had been agreed.

### **23.10 Planning Matters:**

**1) Application: Fennel Cottage, Fennel Street: Demolish existing 'lean-to' garage and replace with single storey extension;** The parish council views the development as unobtrusive and raises no objection.

**2) Application: The Grange, Greaves Lane: Conversion of part of detached barn to form ancillary residential accommodation for purposed incidental to the enjoyment of the main dwelling;** The application appears to be a sympathetic restoration of the building. Living accommodation makes use of area that was similarly used in the past. The parish council has no objection.

**3) Listed Building Consent: The Grange, Greaves Lane: Conversion of part of detached barn to form ancillary residential accommodation for purposed incidental to the enjoyment of the main dwelling;** The application appears to be a sympathetic restoration of the building. Living accommodation makes use of area that was similarly used in the past. The parish council has no objection.

**4) Application: Early Bank, Vicarage Lane:** Replacement of the existing porch on northwest side of existing property: The parish council has no objection to this application.

### **24.10 Financial Matters**

1)	Bank Balances Noted:	
	Business Reserve Account:	£14,016.66
	Current Account	£250.00
2)	To approve payments:	
	1) Sauce Graphics (Bulb signs)	£117.50
	2) Clerk's salary and expenses	£696.69
	3) Christopher Whitham (hedge cutting)	£165.00
	4) DDDC (burial ground rates) (DD)	£23.40

**25.10 Date for Annual Parish Meeting:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010 in Ashford Village Old School at 7.30 pm.

### **26.10 Minor Repairs and Maintenance**

**a) Maintenance of Memorial Seats:** It was suggested that a policy should be adopted whereby donors of memorial seats etc should also be responsible for their maintenance.

### **27.10 Correspondence:**

**1) Letter from DDDC re 2010 Band Concert Programme:** Matlock Band have already been booked for a band concert on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at a cost of £225.00. The Clerk will complete and return all the necessary paperwork.

**2) Letter from Ashford War Memorial Institute re AGM and parish council representative:** Cllr Taft was proposed as remaining as the parish council representative.

**3) Letter from Ashford Well Dressings Committee requesting permission to use Hall Orchard for car parking during well dressings: 29<sup>th</sup> May to 6<sup>th</sup> June:** Granted, subject to weather conditions.

**4) Letter from CAME & Company re parish council insurance:** The Clerk was instructed to obtain a quotation.

**5) Granite plaque inscription for W & D Oates:** Approved.

**6) Waste Collection Service:** Collection dates will be published in the parish magazine and have been put on the parish council notice board.

**28.10 Date of Next Meeting:** The next parish council meeting will follow immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting, which is to be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 7.30 pm in Ashford Old School.