

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22nd MARCH 2012 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

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

23.12 Apologies: Cllr A Middleton, Cllr W Dinley, Cty Cllr J Twigg,
District Cllr C Walker

24.12 Declaration of Members' Interests: None.

25.12 Public Participation: No members of the public present.

26.12 Minutes of Meeting of 15th February 2012: These minutes were proposed by Cllr Spinks as a true record, seconded by Cllr Akeroyd and signed by the Chairman.

27.12 Confidentiality: None

28.12 Items reported by the Clerk

17.12.1.Public Conveniences:

a) **Quotations:** 2 quotations had been received and 2 more are awaited.

b) **Contribution from DDDC:** Final clarification is still awaited from DDDC.

17.12 2.Completion of Bank Mandates: Forms are still awaited from Cllrs Taft and Williams.

17.12 3.Ashford Play Area:

a) **Bank Account:** As soon as the above bank mandates are finalised and the Play Area Account is operational, the parish council have agreed to donate £5,000.00.

b) **Update – Play Equipment:** Cllr Windle reported that good progress is being made with regard to obtaining quotations and applying for funding.

17.12 4.Band Concert: Cressbrook Band have been booked for the Band Concert on Sunday 10th June 2012 from 2.00 to 4.00 pm.

17.12 5.Snow Warden: A schedule of suggested duties had been obtained from DCC.

17.12 7. Jubilee Event: 4th June 2012

a) Planting of tree: Cllr Middleton had taken advice from a tree surgeon, who had recommended an oak tree. The Clerk was requested to inform the Jubilee Committee that the suggested site in front of the Tithe Barn is acceptable.

18.12 1. 20 mph Speed Limit in the Village: A reply is still awaited from the Highways Department at DCC.

28.12 8. Audit of 2011/12 Accounts: It was agreed that Mr John Foster of West & Foster would be approached.

28.12 9. Annual Parish Meeting: This was arranged for Tuesday 17th April at 7.30 pm in Ashford School.

28.12 10. Request for interment of cremated remains: The Late Anne Sellors: This was approved by the parish council.

29.12 Items Raised by Members:

1. Fence in Old Cemetery: Cllr Taft confirmed that a quotation is awaited.

2. Fence in New Cemetery: It was reported that 2 new panels are required. Cllr Windle agreed to order these and to ask Chris Whitham to erect them.

3. Village Maps: The Clerk was requested to obtain a price, for discussion at the next meeting.

4. Sheepwash Pump: It was reported that an attempt had been made to remove lead from the roof of the sheepwash pump, resulting in some damage. Cllr Windle had reported this to the police and a crime number obtained. The Clerk was requested to contact Mr Billy Taylor to ask him to submit a price for repair, following which the insurance company will be contacted.

5. Parish Precept 2012/13: It had been noted that DDDC had claimed that the parish precept for Ashford had increased by 2.3% for 2012/13, when in fact it had remained the same at £11,650.00. The Clerk will investigate.

6) Roll of Honour on War Memorials: Cllr Windle reported that he had taken relevant photographs of the names on war memorials in the village.

30.12 Planning Matters:

1) Application: Ashford Mill – Retrospective application for turbine housing, bridges and path creation. Proposed automatic screen cleaner & bywash: The parish council has no objection to this application, but does object to retrospective planning applications in general.

2) Application: Longroods Farm: Conversion of old shippon to holiday accommodation: Application withdrawn.

3) The Grange, Greaves Lane: Conversion of part of detached barn to form ancillary residential accommodation and holiday lets: Application withdrawn.

31.12 Financial Matters

1)	Bank Balances Noted:	
	Business Reserve Account:	£17,322.22
	Current Account:	£250.00
2)	To approve payments:	
	a) Clerk's salary for 3 month period (January to March)	£440.00
	b) Clerk's expenses for 3 month period (January to March)	£103.57
	c) HM Revenue & Customs (tax on Clerk's salary)	£110.00
3)	To acknowledge receipt of payments:	None

32.12 Correspondence Requiring Action:

1) Letter from Ashford War Memorial Institute re Parish Council Representative: Cllr Taft agreed to continue to represent the parish council on the WMI Committee.

2) Wheeled Bin Collection: The increased charges were noted.

3) Letter from PDNPA re illegal tree works to protected trees: It was agreed that this information would be included on the parish council website.

33.12 Date of Next Meeting: The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th April 2012 at 7.30 pm in Ashford School, immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.