

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20th MARCH 2014 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

- Present:** Cllr D Windle (Chairman), Cllr W Dinley, Cllr R Spinks, Cllr B Taft, Mrs A Fox (Clerk)
- 25.14** **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr R Akeroyd, Cllr T Williams, Cllr J Twigg, District Cllr C Walker
- 26.14** **Declaration of Members' Interests:** None.
- 27.14** **To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:** None
- 28.14** **Public Participation:** None
- 29.14** **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 20th February 2014:** The minutes were proposed by Cllr Dinley as a true record, seconded by the Cllr Taft and signed by the Chairman.
- 30.14** **Confidentiality:** None
- 31.14** **Items reported by the Clerk:**
- 114.13** **Automatic External Defibrillator:** The Clerk reported that an article had been submitted for the April parish magazine.
- 27.13 1)** **Public Conveniences:** A copy of the signed agreement had been received from DDDC. The Clerk was requested to contact Peter Foley to make arrangements for the key to the cleaning provisions cupboard to be transferred to the parish council.
- 57.13 1)** **Flood Committee Meetings:** Cllr Dinley provided the paperwork for the trailer and agreed to email the Clerk with the exact amount paid by cheque no 001348. The Clerk was requested to contact the insurance company to find out if an item of equipment such as this would be covered by the parish council policy. A list of necessary equipment has been compiled and the Environment Agency have agreed to contribute towards this. The next Flood Committee Meeting is planned for 3rd April.
- 57.13 6)** **Plaque for Old Ashford Marble Works:** This has now been received. The Peak Park Authority have agreed to erect this and a provisional date of 25th March has been arranged.
- 129.13 9)** **World War One War Memorial:** The Clerk was asked to contact Hopkinsons Memorials, requesting that they contact the Chairman to arrange a meeting.

19.14 9) Parish Council Vacancy: In accordance with parish council protocol, Mrs Roslyn McGovern was proposed by Cllr Taft for the vacancy of parish councillor, seconded by Cllr Dinley and co-opted to the parish council. The Clerk was requested to inform Mrs McGovern of this and invite her to the next parish council meeting.

20.14 1) Dog Fouling: Considerable discussion took place regarding the problem of dog fouling, not only in the Hall Orchard but also elsewhere in the village. The Clerk was requested to contact DDDC and ask for 20 further signs.

20.14 2) Hall Orchard: It was agreed that the temporary fence could remain in place until the work is completed.

31.14 9) Parish Council Representative on AWM Committee: Cllr Taft agreed to remain as the parish council representative on this Committee.

31.14 10) Audit of 2013/14 Parish Council Accounts: It was agreed that Mr John Foster of West & Foster would once again be approached to conduct the external audit.

31.14 11) Overgrown Laurel Bush in Cemetery: Mrs Rayner had offered to fund the cost of another shrub or small tree, but the Chairman reported that he had already instructed Mr Chris Whitham to cut back the laurel bush as it will prove difficult to totally remove it.

31.14 12) Receipt of most recent Register of Electors: This was acknowledged.

31.14 13) Approval of Memorials for Mrs Ann Lamb and Mr & Mrs Birchenough: Approved.

31.14 14) Revised charges for collection of wheeled bin in cemetery: This has been increased from £4.85 to £5.00 per empty.

32.14 Items Raised by Members:

32.14 1) Grass Cutting – Highfields: It was reported that the grass bank at Highfields remains uncut. The Clerk was requested to contact Dales Housing.

33.14 Planning Matters:

a) **Application: 7 Fennel Street** – The parish council has no objection to this application as the work is not visible from the street.

b) **Application: Thornbridge Outdoors** – The parish council has no objection to this application as the site is not visible from public areas.

c) **Decision: Land at Park Farm** – Granted.

d) **Decision: Long Roods Farm** – Granted.

e) **Decision: Once a Week Quarry** – Granted.

f) **Decision: Fin House** – Granted.

g) **Decision: Shamble Cottage** – Granted.

h) **Decision: The Rookery – Granted.**

34.14 Financial Matters

1) Bank Balances Noted:

Business Reserve Account:	£18,585.38
Current Account:	£250.00

2) To approve payments:

a) Howson Signs	£78.00
b) Clerk's Salary for 3 month period (Sept - Dec 2013)	£460.00
b) Clerk's Expenses for 3 month period Sept – Dec 2013)	£139.07
c) HMRC (tax on Clerk's salary)	£115.00

3) To acknowledge receipt of payments:

a) Memorial for the late Alfred Graham Raper	£50.00
b) Memorial for the late Mrs Ann Lamb	£50.00
c) Memorial for the late Mr & Mrs Birchenough	£30.00

35.14 Correspondence/Matters Requiring Action: None

36.14 Date of Next Meeting: The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th April 2014 in Ashford School, immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting, which will commence at 7.30 pm.