

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH MAY 2010 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

Present: Cllr D Windle (Chairman), Cllr S Brocklehurst, Cllr R Short, Cllr R Spinks,
Cllr B Taft, Cllr T Williams, Cty Cllr J Twigg, District Cllr C Duncan,
Mrs A Fox (Clerk),

40.10 Election of Chairman: Cllr David Windle was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected as Chairman.

41.10 Election of Vice Chairman: Cllr Ben Taft was proposed by Cllr Brocklehurst, seconded and unanimously elected as Vice Chairman.

42.10 Apologies: District Cllr C Walker

43.10 Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 15th April 2010: The minutes were proposed and seconded as a true record and signed by the Chairman, with the exception of item 16.10 2) where Mr Aizlewood's name had been mis-spelt as 'Hazelwood'. This amendment was duly made.

44.10 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th April 2010:

16.10 1) Village Amenity Signs: Two parishioners attended specifically to discuss this item. The DCC had confirmed they would be unable to erect any village signs, despite the removal of existing signs within the village. It was agreed that the best way forward would be for the Ashford businesses to discuss and agree signage between themselves.

20.10 Public Conveniences: Review of the various costs involved is ongoing.

80.08 Parish Council Website: The website has been launched, but does not appear in Google. The Clerk was requested to contact Chris Gilbert.

74.07 Boundary Fence, Cemetery: The Chairman agreed to discuss with Dr Pykett the proposed removal of vegetation on the cemetery boundary.

74.08 102.07 2) Playground Committee: A cheque for £858.31 was received from The Ashford Village People Group towards the playground fund. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Mrs Angela Unwin.

141.09 b) Paving outside the Post Office: Cllr Taft is seeking a quotation. It was suggested that the Clerk should write to DCC to inform them of the parish council's plans for this area and to obtain their agreement.

141.09 e) Village ‘Inspection’: The flower bed outside the village school is now ready for planting. Cllr Taft was authorised to purchase the requisite plants.

159.09 Bus Incident: The insurance company had reimbursed the parish council for £625.00 towards the total cost of £750.00. The parish council will therefore reimburse Mr Barrie Marsden accordingly.

167.09 Public Phone Box adjacent to Old Post Office: The telephone will be repaired in due course.

08.10 2) Lime Trees in Hall Orchard: The Clerk had contacted Dave Goodwin of the Peak Park Authority to try to obtain a grant towards the £400.00 cost.

16.10 2) Footpaths: Mr Peter Aizlewood was confirmed as the new Footpath Warden.

37.10 a) Village Benches: Mr Bettney had agreed to undertake the maintenance.

37.10 b) Pubic Footpath, Highfields: The wall alongside the public path that runs along the gable end of 28 Highfields requires repair as it currently poses a danger to the public and had been reported to Dales Housing.

37.10 e) Public Right of Way on Hill Cross: It was reported at the last meeting that this Right of Way has still not been re-instated and presents with a hazardous drop of approximately 3 feet. This has been brought to the attention of both the DCC and Cty Cllr Twigg.

37.10 f) The Coach House, Fennel Street: The extension has now been reduced in size in accordance with amended plans.

38.10 a) Land Registry: Full details had now been received. It was agreed that the Chairman would attend a course on this subject at a cost of £15.00.

38.10 d) Parish Council Vacancy: The vacancy has been advertised on the parish council notice board and in the parish magazine.

45.10 Planning Matters:

1) Application: Mill House – Internal and external works to listed building: The parish council has no objection to this application.

2) Decision: Fennel Cottage – Demolish existing ‘lean-to’ garage and replace with single storey extension: Granted subject to conditions.

3) Decision: Early Bank – Replacement of the existing porch on northwest side of existing property: Granted subject to conditions.

46.10 Financial Matters

1)	Bank Balances Noted:	
	Business Reserve Account:	£22,821.23
	Current Account	£250.00

2) To approve payments:

1) Mr Barrie Marsden (bus shelter)	£750.00
2) Mr Barrie Marsden (notice board)	£185.00
3) Calver Sough Nurseries Ltd	£24.50
4) DALC (Training Course)	£15.00
5) Mr Peter Aizlewood (footpaths)	£15.00
6) Butts Building Contractors (wells repair)	£947.00
7) Aon Ltd (parish council insurance)	£1,383.08

The parish council also thanked Cllr Judith Twigg for her kind donation of £185.00 towards the parish council/institute notice board. The Clerk was requested to write a formal letter of thanks.

47.10 Parish Council Insurance Renewal: The parish council considered 2 quotations: from Aon Ltd and from CAME, and decided to proceed with the quotation from Aon amounting to £1,383.08.

48.10 Audit of 2009/10 Parish Council Accounts: The audited accounts and completed return were circulated to and perused by the parish council. The return will be forwarded to the Audit Commission prior to the deadline date of 8th June 2010.

49.10 Email from John Tanner, Special Constable, offering attendance at parish council meetings: The Chairman stated that he would discuss this further with John Tanner.

50.10 Report on DALC Training Course attended by Chairman and Clerk: 24th April 2010: To be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

51.10 Minor Repairs and Maintenance: None.

52.10 Correspondence

a) Letter from Great Longstone re Chertpit Lane: The Clerk to request copies of future newsletters.

53.10 Date of Next Meeting: The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd June 2010 at 7.15 pm in Ashford school for a 7.30 pm start.