

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 10TH MAY 2011 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

Present: Cllr D Windle, Cllr W Dinley, Cllr R Spinks, Cllr B Taft, Cllr T Williams, Cllr J Twigg District Cllr C Walker, Mrs A Fox (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr R Akeroyd

45.11 Election of Chairman: Cllr David Windle was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Spinks and unanimously elected as Chairman.

46.11 Election of Vice Chairman: Cllr Ben Taft was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Spinks and unanimously elected as Vice Chairman.

47.11 Declaration of Members' Interests: None

48.11 Public Participation - Public Conveniences: Mr Peter Foley and Mr Mike Galsworthy of Derbyshire Dales District Council attended this part of the meeting. After some discussion about the various options for the future of the public conveniences, the suggestion favoured by the parish council was that the conveniences be leased to the parish council by DDDC for a nominal fee for 3-4 years, at which time the situation could be reviewed. DDDC could retain the car park and would allow the parish council to install an honesty box. Mr Foley requested the parish council to put forward a proposal for consideration before the end of May, so it was decided to hold an Extraordinary Meeting on 17th May 2011 at 7.30 pm in Ashford School.

49.11 Minutes of Meeting of 12th April 2011: The minutes were proposed by Cllr Williams as a true record, seconded by Cllr Spinks and signed by the Chairman.

50.11 Confidentiality: None

51.11 Items reported by the Clerk

1. Liability – Hall Orchard: The Clerk had contacted the insurance company and a reply is awaited.

2. Council Elections/Parish Council Vacancies: Only 5 nominations had been received for the 7 places available on the parish council. The parish council therefore co-opted Mr Bill Dinley onto the parish council and hope to co-opt a 7th parish councillor at the June meeting. The current parish council is therefore as follows:

Cllr David Windle (Chairman)
Cllr Ben Taft (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Robert Akeroyd
Cllr Robert Spinks
Cllr Terry Williams
Cllr Bill Dinley

The Clerk was requested to write letters of thanks to Mrs Sarah Brocklehurst and Mrs Rosie Short for their considerable contribution to the parish whilst serving on the parish council.

3. **Audit of 2010/11 Accounts:** The parish council accounts, audited by Mr John Foster of West and Foster, were approved by the parish council and the necessary documentation signed. These will be now be submitted to the Audit Commission.
4. **PAYE Implementation:** The Clerk had made preliminary enquiries, which are ongoing.
5. **Footpath Warden:** One application had been received to date and discussions are ongoing. Derbyshire County Council have confirmed a footpath allowance of £495.00 for the parish in 2011/12.
6. **Insurance Renewal:** A second quotation had been sought from CAME & Company, who had failed to respond in time for the meeting. It was therefore decided to continue with AON for the year 2011/12 and a cheque for £1,534.26 was prepared accordingly.
7. **Quotation from Playdale Playgrounds:** It was decided to consider this at the next meeting.
8. **Young Achievers Awards 2011:** Nominations are usually required before October.

52.11 Items raised by Members:

1. **Leaves on Longstone Lane (Shady Lane):** The Clerk will ask DCC to clear these.
2. **Parking on Vicarage Lane (cars parked on footpath):** The Clerk was requested to contact DCC to arrange a site meeting in Ashford to investigate the implementation of parking restrictions.
3. **Vegetation overhanging footpath below Rose Farm:** Cllr Windle agreed to investigate.
4. **Rubbish bin by Sheepwash Bridge burnt out:** The Clerk will contact the insurance company regarding this.
5. **Drain Covers on Vicarage Lane:** require lifting. The Clerk to contact DCC.
6. **Recycling point at public toilets:** This has now been emptied.
7. **Playground:** The playground inspection is due to be conducted by ROSPA during May. The quotation from Playdale Playgrounds for new equipment will be included as an agenda item for the June meeting.

52.11 Planning Matters:

- a) **Application: Ashford Hall – Replacement of dilapidated agricultural boundary wall:** The parish council has no objection to this application.
- b) **Application: Willow Cottage – Retention of 1.5 m high existing boundary fence:** The parish council has no objection to this application.

c) **Application: Bridge End Close – Single storey extensions to bungalow:** The parish council has no objection to this application.

d) **Decision: Barnfield, The Dukes Drive – Erection of new double garage with study room above:** Granted subject to conditions.

53.11 Financial Matters

1) Bank Balances Noted:

Business Reserve Account:	£26,479.59
Current Account:	£250.00

2) To approve payments:

1) Chris Whitham (grass cutting – invoice no. 1)	£450.00
2) Chris Whitham (hedge cutting)	£240.00
3) Aon (insurance renewal)	£1,534.26
4) Ashford Old School Community Rooms	£40.00

3) To acknowledge receipt of payments:

1) DDDC – Precept	£11,650.00
2) HM Revenue & Customs (VAT)	£154.48
3) DCC – Footpath reimbursement	£65.00
4) Interment – Ethel Dora Eyre	£200.00

A request had been received from Mrs Eyre's family to plant a tree in her memory. This was agreed by the parish council. Cllr Windle agreed to meet with the family to decide upon a suitable location for the tree.

A request had also been received for burial in Ashford's closed churchyard of the late Mr Christopher Bennett in a grave next to his parents. As Mr Bennett did not fulfill the criteria entitling him to right of burial in Ashford churchyard, the parish council agreed that Mr Bennett's cremated remains may be buried in the grave of his parents.

54.11 Correspondence Requiring Action: None

55.11 Date of Next Meeting: There will be an Extraordinary Meeting of the parish council on Tuesday 17th May at 7.30 pm in Ashford School to agree on a proposal regarding the public conveniences in Ashford. The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th June at 7.30 pm in Ashford School.