

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH MAY 2013 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

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

48.13 Apologies for Absence: District Cllr C Walker; Cty Cllr J Twigg

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

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

51.13 Declaration of Members' Interests: None.

52.13 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest: None

53.13 Public Participation: None

54.13 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 9th April 2013: The minutes were proposed by Cllr Spinks as a true record, seconded by Cllr Tolchard and signed by the Chairman.

55.13 Confidentiality: None

56.13 Items reported by the Clerk

27.13 1 Public Conveniences: It was reported that the refurbishment of the public conveniences had now been completed and was satisfactory. Cllr Dinley had sourced an honesty box at a cost of £180.00 and it was agreed that an order would be placed for this. Cllr Taft agreed to install the box. It was also agreed that a sign would be placed above the honesty box and that this would probably incur a cost of around £80.00. The Clerk was requested to email Peter Foley to inform him about the honesty box and also that the parish council are proceeding with the provision of cleaning services

27.13.2 Waste Collection: It was reported that problems are still being encountered on Hall End Lane due to parked vehicles.

30.13.7 Cemetery Rules and Regulations: As agreed at the previous meeting, the cemetery rules and regulations had been amended to include a clause stating that burial plots in the new cemetery cannot be reserved or purchased in advance. This was unanimously agreed and the new cemetery rules and regulations were adopted.

31.13 3) Parking Issues & Visit from Parking Enforcement Officer at DCC: It was agreed that PC Phil Maycock would be invited to the June parish council meeting.

42.13 8) Annual Return: Grant Thornton have requested submission of the annual accounts by 17th June 2013. The Clerk had been in contact with Mr John Foster of West & Foster, who had agreed once again to audit the parish council accounts.

42.13 10) Band Concert: DDDC will be contributing £55 towards the cost of the band concert on Sunday 2nd June 2013, to be performed by Matlock Band.

46.13 c) Dog Warden: DDDC had confirmed that they do not have dog wardens. However, they will write to any persistent offenders who do not clean up after their pets. It was agreed that signs need to be erected and that 2 dog waste bins are required in the following locations:

- 1) Just above Betty Lane
- 2) At the bottom of Hill Cross near the entrance to the park

46.13 d) Retaining Wall – Vicarage Lane: A response had been received from DCC, but it was felt that they had inspected the incorrect wall. The Clerk was requested to inform them that it is the wall on Vicarage Lane opposite Chy An Dour.

56.13 9) Insurance Renewal: A quotation had been received from AON for £1,321.81, whereas a quotation of £751.62 had been received from Zurich, reducing to £691.03 per year for a 3 year long term agreement. It was unanimously agreed that the quotation from Zurich for the 3 year long term agreement would be accepted and a cheque for £691.03 was raised accordingly.

57.13 Items Raised by Members

57.13 1) Snow/Flood Prevention Equipment: To discuss again.

57.13 2) Seats in Front of Tithe Barn, Church Street: It was acknowledged that these seats are in a poor state of repair, of which the parish council is aware. It was suggested that a warning sign should be erected on the seat to warn people that the seats are unsafe.

57.13 3) Bus Shelter A6020 (to Longstone/Castleton): It was agreed that repair work is required. The parish councillors agreed to arrange a date to carry out an inspection of all repair work required in the village, following which a schedule of works will be drawn up and quotations requested from Richard Butt (Chesterfield) and Jason Rowland of Glebe Avenue, Great Longstone.

57.13 4) Hall Orchard Play Area: Cllr Dinley reported that the Hall Orchard Play Area Committee is now being disbanded and their account closed. The remaining funds in the account will be transferred to the parish council, who are now responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the play equipment and area.

57.13 5) Quotation for Tree Work – Watts Green: A quotation of £180.00 had been received from Neil Tomlinson. The parish council accepted this quotation and the Clerk was requested to contact Mr Tomlinson immediately and ask him to complete the work with some urgency and to inform the parish council when he intends to begin.

57.13 6) Plaque for Old Ashford Marble Works: It was agreed in principle that a plaque would be appropriate. Cllr Dinley agreed to research and cost this.

58.13 7) Christmas Tree: To be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

58.13 8) Bank on Vicarage Lane: The Clerk was requested to send copies of the email correspondence regarding this issue to Cllrs Tolchard and Williams. To include on the agenda of the next meeting.

59.13 Planning Matters:

1) Application – 2 Greaves Lane: Conversion of first floor hayloft into bedroom: This has no damaging effect on the listed building and the installation of roof lights would not be observable from neighbouring properties. The parish council has no objection to this application.

2) Decision – The Grange: Conversion of part of detached barn for use as residential accommodation or as self contained holiday accommodation: Granted subject to conditions.

60.13 Financial Matters

1) Bank Balances Noted:	
Business Reserve Account:	£17,033.67
Current Account:	£250.00
2) To approve payments:	
a) Barry Wood Plant Hire (filling of grit bins)	£264.00
b) N & G Tomlinson Tree Surgeons	£350.00
c) Mr C Whitham (grass cutting – invoice no 1)	£450.00
d) Cllr D Windle (reimbursement for gardening supplies)	£10.00
e) Zurich Insurance	£691.03
3) To acknowledge receipt of payments:	
a) DDDC – Parish Precept	£10,120.00
b) DCC – Footpath/Hedge reimbursement	£210.00
c) DCC – Pedestrian Mowing reimbursement	£746.00
d) Mettams re Mr David Hickman (interment of ashes)	£125.00

61.13 Correspondence/Matters Requiring Action: None

62.13 Date of Next Meeting: The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th June 2013 in Ashford School commencing at 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start.