

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2012 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

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

102.12 Apologies for Absence: District Cllr C Walker and Cty Cllr J Twigg

103.12 Declaration of Members' Interests: None.

104.12 Public Participation: None

105.12 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 2nd October 2012: It was pointed out that Cllr Taft had not attended the last meeting. The minutes were amended accordingly. The minutes were then proposed by Cllr Spinks as a true record, seconded by Cllr Dinley and signed by the Chairman.

106.12 Confidentiality: None

107.12 Items reported by the Clerk

63.12.10. Code of Conduct: completion of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest forms by parish councillors: Forms have been completed by Cllrs Windle, Taft, Dinley, Spinks and Williams. Form still awaited from Cllr Akeroyd. The Clerk was requested to send a further form to Cllr Akeroyd.

6.12.4. Bank Information Forms: Form has been completed by Cllrs Windle, Taft, Dinley, Spinks and Williams. The form was completed at the meeting by Cllr Akeroyd and will now be forwarded to the bank.

63.12.11. Double Yellow Lines: The Clerk had reiterated the importance of double yellow lines between the Ashford Arms and the junction with the A6020, but was asked to email Bridget Gould once again.

63.12.12 ROSPA Playground Inspection Report & Soccer Nets: The cheque in settlement of the playground inspection report has now been sent to ROSPA.

75.12.2. Highfields: Fence between nos. 1 and 12 and grass bank cutting schedule: The Clerk was requested to contact Cty Cllr J Twigg, who had agreed to try to obtain a copy of the contract between Dales Housing and DDDC.

86.12 2) Longstone Lane: The Clerk had written to the owners of Thornbridge Hall regarding the boundary wall alongside Longstone Lane, which is bowing and becoming dangerous. A reply is still awaited and no action has been taken regarding the wall. The Clerk was requested to contact Thornbridge Hall once again.

89.12 4) Grit Bins/Snow Warden Scheme: The Chairman reported that Mr P Holmes does not wish to take on the role of official Snow Warden

6.12.13) Christmas Tree: Cllr Spinks agreed to liaise with Mr Peter Hunt regarding the Christmas tree. The possibility of a nativity scene was also discussed and will be considered further.

6.12.14) Resignation of Cllr Middleton: The parish council vacancy had been advertised on the parish council notice board and at least 3 parishioners had expressed interest. This will be included on the agenda of the next meeting, which will give ample opportunity for parishioners to come forward if they wish to be considered for the parish council.

97.2.4. Extra Waste Bin in Hall Orchard: The Clerk was asked to request this and to email Peter Foley of DDDC once again to enquire how regularly the waste bins in Hall Orchard are emptied.

97.2.5. Flooding Issues in Ashford: Cllr Dinley confirmed that the Environment Agency had commenced de-silting work near the Old Mill, which will help prevent flooding.

100.12 1) DDDC Area Community Forum: 16th October – None of the parish councillors had been able to attend.

107.12.13 Request for Memorial Bench at Monsal Head: An email had been received from Mr Himsworth explaining that he was proceeding with a bench in conjunction with DDDC in the small car park at Monsal Head.

107.12.14 Grass Cutting 2013: The Clerk was asked to obtain a quotation from Mr C Whitham.

107.12.15 Band Concert 2013: The Chairman agreed to find out the dates of the 2013 wells dressings and it was agreed that Matlock Band would be approached regarding the band concert.

108.12 Items Raised by Members

108.12.1) Pine Needles in Vicarage Lane: The Clerk was requested to advise Dales Housing that the pine trees on the bank on Vicarage Lane require either removing or reducing as they have become a safety hazard. They are now so high as to be at risk of blowing down in high winds and their needles block the drains.

108.12.2) Memorial Seat for the late Mrs Jean Brocklehurst: The Chairman reported that Mr Brocklehurst wishes to place a memorial seat in the cemetery in memory of Mrs Jean Brocklehurst. The parish council were unanimously in agreement with this. The Chairman agreed to liaise with Mr Brocklehurst accordingly.

108.12.3) Public Flower Bed: The Clerk was requested to write a letter of thanks to Mrs Val Sidery for tending the flower bed. It was agreed that this would be planted again.

108.12.4) Drains: It was agreed that members of the parish council would arrange a village inspection in the near future to identify any areas requiring attention.

108.12.5) Tree on River Bank at bottom of Watts Green: It was agreed that Mr Tomlinson would be invited to meet with Cllrs Windle, Dinley and Akeroyd to inspect this tree.

109.12 Planning Matters

1) Application – 2 Hall End Lane: Alterations to external elevations: The parish council has no objection to this application.

2) Application – Police House, Buxton Road: Conversion of detached garage to guest accommodation and construction of link: The parish council has no objection to this application.

3) Appeal – Police House, Buxton Road: Demolition of existing garage and office and construction of new single-storey side extension.

4) Application – Ashford Hall – Proposed Alteration Works: Application withdrawn.

110.12 Financial Matters

1)	Bank Balances Noted:	
	Business Reserve Account:	£17,704.69
	Current Account:	£250.00

2) To approve payments:

a) Mr C Whitham (footpaths & hedges)	£200.00
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Cheque no. 1284 for Mr C Whitham for £650.00 was erroneously written out at the meeting and destroyed.

3) To acknowledge receipt of payments/donations:

a) Mettams re Mrs Yvonne Skipper	£550.00
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111.12. Correspondence/Matters Requiring Action:

1) Waste Collection Services: Ongoing problems are still being reported in Ashford. The Clerk was requested to contact Cllrs Twigg and Walker to enquire about the outcome of the meeting with Serco.

112.12. Date of Next Meeting: The next parish council meeting will be held on Thursday 13th December 2012 at 7.30 pm in Ashford School.