

# ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

**Present:** Cllr D Windle (Chairman), Cllr R Akeroyd, Cllr R Spinks, Cllr T Williams, Cllr J Twigg, Mrs A Fox (Clerk)

**111.13 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr W Dinley, Cllr B Taft, Cllr J Tolchard, District Cllr C Walker Hayley Grundy (Police Community Support Officer ) and Ian Hyde (Police Officer) had hoped to attend but had sent apologies.

**112.13 Declaration of Members' Interests:** None.

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

**114.13 Public Participation:**

Dr Mundy attended the first part of the meeting to discuss the possible acquisition of an Automatic External Defibrillator for the village. Following a very informative and helpful presentation by Dr Mundy, the parish council agreed to proceed with this and, as an initial step, to approach the Institute Committee to explore the possibility of keeping the Defibrillator in the Institute.

**115.13 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013:** The minutes were proposed by Cllr Williams as a true record, seconded by the Cllr Akeroyd and signed by the Chairman.

**116.13 Confidentiality:** None

**117.13 Items reported by the Clerk:**

**27.13 1) Public Conveniences:** An email had been received from Peter Foley requesting a suggested start date for the parish council to take over the day to day running of the public conveniences. It was agreed that this would be discussed again at the December meeting.

**42.13 10) Band Concert 2014:** Matlock Band have been booked for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014.

**69.13 8) Quotations for General Repair Work in the Village:** A quotation is still awaited from Chris Whitham for refurbishment of the village pumps.

**57.13 1) Snow/Flood Prevention Equipment:** Cllr Dinley is preparing a list of the necessary flood prevention equipment. Cllr Taft is awaiting a quotation for a salt spreader.

**57.13 6) Plaque for Old Ashford Marble Works:** Cllr Dinley has arranged a meeting. To be discussed again at the December meeting.

**70.13 1) Drain Cleaning:** Cllr Twigg agreed to liaise again with DDDC.

**94.13 3) Lights on Institute Tree/Christmas Tree:** Cllr Spinks had confirmed that he had ordered a Christmas tree from the Haddon Estate and it had been agreed that this would be erected on 14<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup> December.

**94.14 5) Telephone Box:** Cllr Windle had obtained the appropriate paint at a cost of £28.43, for which he was reimbursed. Mr David Lockwood of The Old Post Office is now painting the telephone box.

**94.15 9) Badger Damage in Old Cemetery:** Cllr Windle had held a site meeting with a representative from Natural England, the outcome of which was that they are unable to issue a licence at this time. They had, however, made a number of suggestions to address the various areas of concern and the parish council will monitor the situation and contact Natural England again if the damage becomes more serious.

**117.13 11) Email from Alison Clamp re Housing for Local People:** The parish council agreed to consider this in early 2014.

**117.13 12) Dales Housing Estate Walkabouts:** No visit has as yet been arranged to Ashford-in-the-Water.

**117.13 13) Parish Precept Setting 2014/15:** This will be included on the January agenda when all details have been received from DDDC.

**117.13 14) Email from DCC re Overhanging Trees:** Chris Whitham has now cut back the trees.

**117.13 15) Grass Cutting 2014:** The Clerk was requested to contact Chris Whitham to request a quotation for grass cutting in 2014.

#### **118.13 Items Raised by Members:**

**1. Salt Bins:** Cllr Windle reported that the salt bin on John Bank Lane requires refilling. All the other salt bins are full. The Clerk was requested to contact Salisbury & Wood Ltd and Long Rake Spar Co Ltd to request their prices for rock sale.

#### **119.13 Planning Matters:**

a) **Decision: 1 Greaves Lane – Conversion of hayloft into bedroom:** Granted.

b) **Decision: 1 Greaves Lane – Retention of existing timber fence to the rear of the house:** Granted.

b) **Application: 1 Greaves Lane – Listed Building Consent:** The parish council has no objection to this application per se, but does strongly object in principle to retrospective planning applications, as stated on many previous occasions.

### **120.13 Financial Matters**

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| 1) | Bank Balances Noted:  |            |
|    | Business Reserve Account:                                   | £21,636.33 |
|    | Current Account:  | £250.00    |
| 2) | To approve payments:  |            |
| a) | Cllr D Windle (reimbursement for paint)                     | £28.43     |
| 3) | To acknowledge receipt of payments:                         |            |
| a) | Thomas Greatorex & Sons re Memorial for Isabella Purseglove | £50.00     |
| b) | Thomas Greatorex & Sons re Memorial for Maurice Edwards     | £30.00     |

### **121.13 Correspondence/Matters Requiring Action:**

- a) Letter from War Memorials Trust: To discuss again at the December meeting.

**122.13 Date of Next Meeting:** The next parish council meeting will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013 in Ashford School commencing at 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Please note this is a change to the date agreed at the last meeting.