

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2010 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

Present: Cllr D Windle (Chairman), Cllr S Brocklehurst, Cllr R Spinks,
Cllr B Taft, Mrs A Fox (Clerk), 3 members of the public

88.10 Apologies: Cllr R Short, Cllr T Williams, District Cllr C Walker

89.10 Declaration of Members' Interests: None

90.10 Public Participation: None

91.10 Minutes of Meeting of 9th September 2010: The minutes were proposed by Cllr Spinks as a true record, seconded by the Chairman and signed by the Chairman.

92.10 Confidentiality: None

93.10 Items reported by the Clerk

1. Public Conveniences: A public meeting had been held on 28th September, a summary of which is attached to these minutes. As attendance at the public meeting had been poor, it was decided to produce a questionnaire to be delivered to all households in the parish with the December parish magazine. This item will be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

2. Paving outside the Post Office: The Chairman reported that he is studying the plan provided by DCC.

3. Parish Council Vacancy: Two applications had been received for the vacancy and the parish council agreed to offer this to Mr Robert Akeroyd, who has been affiliated to the parish council in his role of Flood Warden. The parish council were also reminded that the 4-yearly parish council elections will be taking place next May, at which time there will be an opportunity for all interested parties to put their names forward for election.

4. Band Concert 2011: Date to be decided.

5. Trees at Sheepwash/Daybell's Bank Area: Ongoing

6. Sign on Court Lane: The Clerk had written to DDDC requesting removal of the parking/WC sign on Church Street. No action appears to have been taken as yet.

7. Request from Matthew Hall for a Memorial Bench: Mr Hall had been offered the site of the Hall Orchard for a memorial bench. A response is still awaited.

94.10 Items raised by Members:

a) Boundary Fence, Cemetery: The Chairman agreed to speak with Dr Pykett of The Vicarage to seek permission to clear the foliage so that a quotation may be obtained for this work.

95.10 Planning Matters:

- 1) **Application: Valley Cottage – 2 storey link extension to dwelling:** The parish council has no objection to the plans as currently submitted.
- 2) **Application: Churchdale Lodge – Change of use of building to equestrian use, retention of horse exercise area and horse walker:** The parish council has no objection to this application.
- 3) **Application: The Grange – Conversion of part of detached barn to form ancillary residential accommodation and holiday lets:** The parish council has no objection to this application.
- 4) **Application: Church of the Holy Trinity – Extension to the church building to form an accessible toilet:** The parish council has no objection in principle to the provision of a toilet in the church, but some concern has been expressed about its effect on the north wall of the church.

96.10 Financial Matters

- 1) Bank Balances Noted:

The current bank balance was not available as the September bank statement had failed to arrive. The Clerk will investigate this.

- 2) To approve payments:

1) DDDC - wheeled bin (direct debit)	£65.68
2) DDDC – burial ground rates	-£11.67

- 3) To acknowledge receipt of payments: None

97.10 Correspondence Requiring Action:

- a) **Letter from DCC re Derbyshire Young Achievers Award 2010:** As the deadline for submission of applications is 15th October, it was felt that insufficient time was available in order to approve and submit an application. The Clerk was requested to place this on the agenda in June or July of 2011 to allow more time for consideration.
- b) **Parish Council Elections 2011:** The Clerk was requested to contact DDDC to establish the cost to the parish council of the council elections in 2011, in order that the parish council are able to precept for this.
- c) **Proposed Playground Development:** To be included on the agenda of the next meeting
- d) **Christmas Tree:** The Chairman reported that arrangements for the provision of a Christmas tree are being made.

98.10 Date of Next Meeting: The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd November 2010 at 7.15 pm in Ashford school for a 7.30 pm start.

**SUMMARY OF POINTS AND SUGGESTIONS RAISED AT A PUBLIC MEETING
HELD 28TH SEPTEMBER 2010 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL TO DISCUSS THE ASHFORD
PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

Present: Cllr D Windle (Chairman), Cllr S Brocklehurst, Cllr R Spinks,
Cllr T Williams, District Cllr C Walker
Several parishioners

Apologies: Cllr R Short, Cllr B Taft

The Purpose of the Public Meeting was to gain Feedback from Parishioners on the Question of the Parish Council taking over the Public Conveniences and Car Park from Derbyshire Dales District Council

1) Honesty Box: The introduction of an honesty box in the car park was discussed. District Cllr Walker suggested contacting Andrew McClay of Youlgreave Parish Council to find out how successful the honesty box in Youlgreave Car Park has proved to be.

2) War Memorial Institute Conveniences: It was suggested that these could be made public.

3) Water Metre: It was suggested that the water should be metred and that, as the taps are often left running, push button taps should be installed to avoid waste.

4) Recycling Facilities: A query was raised as to whether the recycling facilities would remain on their current site.

5) Sports Groups etc: It was reported that several football teams utilise the Hall Orchard facilities on a regular basis and use the conveniences as changing rooms. It was suggested that they could be approached for a contribution towards the general maintenance and upkeep.

6) Emergency Situations, e.g. Bursts etc: It was pointed out that DDDC provide a 24-hour call out service for emergencies, most of which occur at the most inconvenient times such as Christmas, public holidays etc. Provision would need to be made for these eventualities.

7) Public Awareness: As attendance at the public meeting appeared quite low, it was decided to produce a questionnaire to be delivered to all households in Ashford asking for opinions/comments.