

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5^H OCTOBER 2011 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

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

93.11 Apologies: Cllr T Williams, County Cllr J Twigg and District Cllr C Walker

94.11 Declaration of Members' Interests: None

95.11 Public Participation: No members of the public present.

96.11 Minutes of Meeting of 1st September 2011: These minutes were proposed by Cllr Dinley as a true record, seconded by Cllr Spinks and signed by the Chairman.

97.11 Confidentiality: None

98.11 Items reported by the Clerk

- 1. Public Conveniences:** An official response is still awaited from Mr Peter Foley.
- 2. Completion of Bank Mandates:** The new bank mandate was signed by Cllr Akeroyd, thus completing the signatures required. The Clerk will present the new bank mandate to the bank on Saturday 7th October and, any time after then, Cllrs Akeroyd, Dinley, Middleton, Taft and Williams will take their own completed bank form and ID details to any branch of Nat West to be verified. Cllr Akeroyd also completed and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 3. Affordable Housing Survey:** A survey has been mailed out to Ashford residents and details are on the parish council website and on posters on the parish council notice boards.
- 4. Parking Difficulties in Ashford and Coach Parking outside the Old Post Office:** An email from Bridget Gould of DCC had confirmed that no further action would be taken regarding parking on Vicarage Lane, but that the parking difficulties would be monitored when resources become available. With regard to the coach parking issue, Bridget had also confirmed that a bus clearway will be installed at the rear of the bus stop.
- 5. Quotation from Playdale Playgrounds and Grant Funding:** A revised quotation had been obtained from Playdale for the Aerial Runway and Jungle Climber. Cllr Dinley informed the meeting that he had been in contact with the CVS in Bakewell, who will offer assistance regarding funding applications and who had suggested that it may be helpful to produce a parish plan. It was agreed that a sub committee would be set up to move this forward. The Clerk was requested to acknowledge receipt of Playdale's quotation and to inform them that this is still under consideration.

6. Footpaths: Mr Chris Whitham had confirmed that he had completed the footpath work and that he awaited the schedule of works for 2012. The Clerk was requested to contact the Peak Park Authority regarding the footpath from the car park at Monsal Head which joins the footpath from Ashford, asking them to make it safer.

7. Pothole Repairs: The potholes have been reported to DCC, who had confirmed that an order has been issued to carry out the necessary repairs.

8. Queen Elizabeth II Field Challenge: Cllr Windle agreed to investigate this further.

9. Interment of Ashes of the late Mr Christopher Bennett: These will be interred in the grave of Mr Bennett's parents on 6th October.

10 Free Grit Bin: An email had been received from DCC stating that they felt the free grit bin should be located on Vicarage Lane rather than at the Court Lane junction. The Clerk was requested to reply stating that the parish council favoured the latter location. Subsequently, however, DCC stated that the Court Lane site did not meet their criteria so it was agreed that the bin would be sited on Vicarage Lane.

99.11 Items raised by Members:

a. Repairs to Fence in Cemetery: Cllr Taft is obtaining a quotation.

b. Drains in Court Lane: The Clerk was requested to arrange for the drains in Court Lane to be cleared as they are currently blocked. In view of past flooding incidents in Ashford, the Clerk was also asked to obtain a copy of DCC's schedule of drain cleaning within the parishes.

c. Waste Bin near Sheepwash Bridge: The Clerk to request that the rods for the old bin be removed.

d. Dead Trees on Daybell's Bank: Cllr Windle agreed to ask Mr Chris Whitham to clear these.

100.11 Planning Matters: None

101.11 Financial Matters

1) Bank Balances Noted:

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| Business Reserve Account: | £20,913.22 |
| Current Account: | £250.00 |

2) To approve payments:

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| a) Mr C Whitham (3 invoices @ £450.00 for grass cutting) | £1,350.00 |
| b) Ashford Old School Community Rooms (meeting hire) | £30.00 |
| c) DDDC – Wheeled Bin (Direct Debit) | £58.50 |

3) To acknowledge receipt of payments:

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| a) Mr Peter Craft – Purchase of Grace Space 79 | £300.00 |
| b) Mettams re interment of Mrs Mary Craft | £200.00 |
| c) Mettams re memorials | £60.00 |

102.11 Correspondence Requiring Action:

a) Email from Allison Bradley of the Environment Agency re flooding issues: It was agreed that Allison would be invited to attend the start of the next meeting on 17th November.

b) Email from British Heart Foundation: Posters to be requested.

c) Letter from DCC re Town/Parish Council Snow Warden Scheme: It was agreed that Mr Paul Holmes would be nominated as Snow Warden.

d) Planning Roadshows: Cllrs Windle and Dinley expressed an interest in attending a Planning Roadshow organised by DALC, but the scheduled date is inconvenient. The Clerk was asked to email Brian Wood of DALC to find out if any other dates have been arranged as yet.

e) Christmas Tree: It was agreed that Cllr Windle would speak to Mr Peter Hunt regarding the Christmas tree. It was also agreed that new lights are required and Cllr Taft agreed to obtain prices for these.

103.11 Date of Next Meeting: The next parish council meeting will be held on Thursday 17th November 2011 at 7.30 pm in Ashford School.