

# ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2012 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

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

**91.12 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr R Akeroyd, Cllr T Williams and District Cllr C Walker.

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

**93.12 Public Participation:** None

**94.12 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> September 2012:** These minutes were proposed by Cllr Dinley as a true record, seconded by Cllr Spinks and signed by the Chairman.

**95.12 Confidentiality:** None

**96.12 Items reported by the Clerk**

**17.12.1.Public Conveniences:** As there has been no response from Peter Foley to a recent email sent by Cllr Windle, nor to previous emails, this matter is now in abeyance.

**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.

**6.12.4. Bank Information Forms:** Form has been completed by Cllrs Windle, Taft, Dinley, Spinks and Williams. Completion still awaited by Cllr Akeroyd.

**63.12.11. Double Yellow Lines:** The Clerk was requested to reiterate the importance of double yellow lines between the Ashford Arms and the junction with the A6020.

**63.12.12 ROSPA Playground Inspection Report & Soccer Nets:** Cllr Dinley approved the re-submitted playground inspection report from ROSPA and the Clerk was instructed to release the cheque in payment. It was also reported that the soccer nets have now arrived.

**67.12.2. Wall from Vicarage Lane to Highfields:** Dales Housing have confirmed that an order has been raised to repair the area around the top stile.

**75.12.2. Highfields: Fence between nos. 1 and 12 and grass bank cutting schedule:** As Dales Housing are unwilling to proceed with either of these issues, it was agreed that attempts would be made to obtain a copy of the original contract between the District Council and Dales Housing.

**75.12.4. Sheepwash Bridge:** Jon Humble of DCC has inspected the Sheepwash Bridge and reported no instances of structural damage caused by overgrown vegetation.

**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 awaited.

**89.12 4) Grit Bins:** Quotations had been received regarding the refilling of grit bins and will be kept on file. The Chairman agreed to liaise with Mr Paul Holmes to see if he would be interested in taking on the duties of Snow Warden for the parish.

**89.12 5) Rights of Way Questionnaire:** The Clerk had printed out a copy of this questionnaire as requested.

**6.12 12) Plot No 81, Ashford Cemetery:** On advice from Mettams, it was agreed that this plot would only be used for a single depth grave due to subsidence.

**6.12.13) Christmas Tree:** Cllr Spinks agreed to liaise with Mr Peter Hunt.

**6.12.14) Resignation of Cllr Middleton:** This parish council vacancy will be advertised on the parish council notice board.

## **97.2 Items raised by Members**

**97.2.1. Hall Orchard Play Equipment Update and Promises Auction:** Cllr Dinley confirmed that the recent Promises Auction raised £12,000 and that the Committee were considering the possibility of providing some further facilities for older children.

**97.2.2. Use of Hall Orchard for football training:** Cllr Dinley reported that the Red Lion Team will be officially writing to request if they can use the Hall Orchard for football training on regular evenings each week. In return, they have offered to help raise money to maintain the area by undertaking charity walks etc. The parish council had no objection to this, but will await the official request.

**97.2.3. Trees – Watts Green:** It was agreed that the Chairman would ask Chris Whitham to attend to these overgrown trees.

**97.2.4. Extra Waste Bin in Hall Orchard:** The Clerk was asked to enquire how often the existing waste bin is emptied.

**97.2.5. Flooding Issues in Ashford:** Cllr Dinley confirmed that the Environment Agency had informed him that they intend to carry out some work near the Mill. Cllr Dinley agreed to put an article in the parish magazine about this.

**97.2.6. Street Light at bottom of Fennel Street:** The Chairman agreed to discuss with Mrs Brocklehurst.

## **98.12 Planning Matters**

**1) Application – Once a Week Quarry, Sheldon: Variation of conditions to enable 9 months' extension of time to complete the extraction of all permitted reserves from the site:** The parish council have no objection to this application and would also add that they would have no objection to the quarry continuing its extraction of reserves indefinitely. This provides employment and is a valued resource for local people.

**2) Application – Police House, Buxton Road – New porch, new rear dormer and relocation of soil and vent pipe:** The parish council has no objection to this application.

**3) Application – 2 Hall End Lane:** Application withdrawn.

#### **99.12 Financial Matters**

1)	Bank Balances Noted:	
	Business Reserve Account:	£17,877.16
	Current Account:	£250.00
2)	To approve payments:	
	a) Ashford Old Community Rooms	£80.00
3)	To acknowledge receipt of payments/donations:	
	a) Hopkinson Memorials re Mrs Muriel Waller	£30.00
	b) Mettams re Mrs Constance Foster	£550.00
	c) Mettams re Mrs Jean Brocklehurst	£200.00

#### **100.12. Correspondence/Matters Requiring Action:**

**1) DDDC Area Community Forum:** The Chairman reported that he would be attending on 16<sup>th</sup> October.

**101.12. Date of Next Meeting:** The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 7.30 pm in Ashford School.