

# ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2013 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

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

**99.13**           **Apologies for Absence:** District Cllr C Walker

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

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

**102.13**          **Public Participation:** Mr Andrew Ellis and Mr Richard Butcher of the Environment Agency attended the first part of the meeting. Cllr J Twigg also contributed to the meeting, as minuted below.

Messrs Ellis & Butcher of the Environment Agency had met with Cllr Dinley earlier in the day to review flooding issues in Ashford. The following issues were discussed at the meeting:

**1) Ashford's Preparedness for Flooding:** Messrs Ellis & Butcher stated that they felt Ashford was very well prepared for any flooding events and the Environment Agency will continue to support these efforts as appropriate.

**2) Storage of Flood Defence Equipment:** It was considered advisable for flood defence equipment to be procured, but storage facilities would need to be provided. Any such equipment would also need to be accessible to all and would also require maintenance. A particular barn/shed was identified as being a suitable storage area and Cllr Tolchard agreed to approach the owner to discuss possible lease. Messrs Ellis & Butcher stated that financial assistance may be available from the Environment Agency towards the provision of storage.

**3) Identification of Flood Defence Equipment Requirements:** It was agreed that a list of equipment needs to be drawn up and, to this end, Cllr Dinley suggested forming a Flood Committee. Cllrs Dinley, Tolchard, Akeroyd and Spinks agreed to represent the parish council on this Committee and Cllr Dinley knew of some parishioners who would also be interested in joining. Cllr Twigg also reported that she may be able to provide some funding towards flood defence equipment.

**4) Drains:** It was agreed that it is vital to flood prevention in the village that the drains are kept clear. Four drains (Four Lane Ends, Highfields, Hill Cross and Greaves Lane) were identified as not having been properly cleared. Cllr Twigg agreed to liaise with DDDC to find out when their next scheduled visit to Ashford will take place so that one of the parish councillors can accompany the team and identify the drains which need cleaning.

5) **Newsletter:** Messrs Ellis & Butcher stated that the Environment Agency may be able to fund one or two issues of a newsletter to keep parishioners informed of flood prevention developments.

Messrs Ellis & Butcher departed at 8.05 pm, having been thanked very much by the parish council for their attendance.

**103.13 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013:** Item 57.13 2) Village Seats was amended to read that 'Cllr Terry Williams is in the process of refurbishing these'. This amendment made, the minutes were proposed by Cllr Tolchard as a true record, seconded by the Chairman and signed by the Chairman.

**104.13 Confidentiality:** None

**105.13 Items reported by the Clerk:**

**27.13 1) Public Conveniences:** Cllr Twigg reported that Peter Foley had been enquiring about the progress of the conveniences. It was agreed that the Clerk would email him to confirm that the parish council will take over the opening and closing arrangements and cleaning services, together with the provision of the honesty box, and to enquire when the re-lining of the car park will be carried out by DDDC, as promised. Cllr Twigg also agreed to liaise with Peter Foley.

**42.13 10) Band Concert 2014:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014. The Clerk was requested to endeavour to book Matlock Band for this concert.

**46.13 d) Retaining Wall – Vicarage Lane:** This is being undertaken by Dales Housing. No date confirmed as yet.

**69.13 8) Quotations for General Repair Work in the Village:** The Chairman reported that Chris Whitham has agreed to provide a quotation for refurbishment of the village pumps.

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

**57.13 6) Plaque for Old Ashford Marble Works:** Cllr Dinley confirmed that he was in the process of arranging a site meeting with the Peak Park, to which a representative of the WI would also be invited.

**58.13 8) Bank on Vicarage Lane:** Mark Spencer of Dales Housing had reported that health and safety concerns are currently being addressed.

**70.13 1) Drain Cleaning:** Cllr Twigg agreed to liaise with DDDC to find out when their next scheduled visit to Ashford will take place so that one of the parish councillors can accompany the team and identify the drains which need cleaning.

**94.13 3) Lights on Institute Tree/Christmas Tree:** Cllr Spinks confirmed that he had ordered a Christmas tree and it was agreed that this would be erected on 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> December. It was agreed that more lights would be required and Cllr Windle also confirmed that he had been looking at a nativity scene.

**94.14 4) Procurement of an Automatic External Defibrillator:** It was agreed that Dr Mundy would be invited to the start of the November parish council meeting to discuss this, in particular, the cost, where it would be kept and who would be able to use it?

**94.14 5) Telephone Box:** Mr David Lockwood of The Old Post Office had offered to paint the telephone box. Cllr Spinks confirmed he had been unable to acquire the red paint. Cllr Windle agreed to obtain this.

**94.15 8) Parish Magazine:** No information available regarding the parish magazine.

**94.15 9) Badger Damage in Old Cemetery:** Natural England had been approached for assistance and the date for a site meeting is awaited.

**105.13 1) Big Shakedown Festival:** One complaint had been received. The Clerk was requested to respond informing the complainant of this.

**105.13 2) Visit by local police representatives:** Hayley Grundy (Police Community Support Officer) and Ian Hyde (Police Officer) had confirmed that they would attend the start of the November parish council meeting.

**106.13 Items Raised by Members:** None

**107.13 Planning Matters:**

a) **Application: Ashford Hall – Erection of 4 agricultural buildings:** The parish council has nothing further to add to their original comments on this application. Their comments remain the same.

b) **Application: Miles Croft – Extension to Dwelling:** The parish council has no objection to this application. The proposed development is not visible from any neighbouring properties or the village in general.

### **108.13 Financial Matters**

1)	Bank Balances Noted:	
	Business Reserve Account:	£22,514.14
	Current Account:	£250.00
2)	To approve payments:	
	a) Grant Thornton UK LLP	£120.00
	b) DDDC (Wheeled Bin): direct debit	£63.05
	c) Chris Whitham (grass cutting – invoices 6, 7 & 8)	£1,350.00
	d) Midco Bakewell Ltd	£139.25
3)	To acknowledge receipt of payments:	
	a) R W Percival re memorial for Jacqueline East	£50.00

**109.13 Correspondence/Matters Requiring Action: None**

**110.13 Date of Next Meeting:** The next parish council meeting will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in Ashford School commencing at 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Dr Mundy will be invited to attend the first part of the meeting to discuss the Automatic External Defibrillator. Hayley Grundy (Police Community Support Officer) and Ian Hyde (Police Officer) had also confirmed they will be attending the first part of the meeting.

The date of the December meeting was changed to Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013