

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2010 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

Present: Cllr D Windle (Chairman), Cllr S Brocklehurst, Cllr R Short, Cllr R Spinks,
Cllr T Williams, Cty Cllr J Twigg, Mrs A Fox (Clerk)

76.10 Apologies: Cllr B Taft, District Cllr C Walker, District Cllr C Duncan

77.10 Declaration of Members' Interests: None

78.10 Public Participation: The following items were discussed whilst Cty Cllr Twigg was in attendance:

78.10 a) A6 Buxton Road: Temporary 30 mph Speed Limit: From 4th – 18th October during carriageway resurfacing works.

78.10 b) Pedestrian Refuge – A6 Buxton Road: A refuge is being installed to protect right turning vehicles from the A6 into the A6020 and to aid pedestrian movements.

79.10 c) Bus Stop on Bath Street, Bakewell: It had been confirmed that the bus stop in Bath Street, Bakewell, was installed specifically for the use of Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport.

80.10 Minutes of Meeting of 20th July 2010: The minutes were proposed by Cllr Williams as a true record, seconded by Cllr Brocklehurst and signed by the Chairman.

81.10 Confidentiality: No members of the public present.

82.10 Items reported by the Clerk

1. Public Conveniences: It was decided to hold a public meeting in the Old School on Tuesday 28th September at 7.30 pm to discuss the parish council's proposed adoption of the public conveniences and car parking facilities in Court Lane. Peter Foley of DCC will also be invited to the meeting. The Clerk to produce some posters to display around the village.

2. Boundary Fence, Cemetery: Ongoing

3. Paving outside the Post Office: DCC had provided a plan showing the range of services beneath this area. The Chairman agreed to study this, for further discussion at the next meeting.

4. Parish Council Vacancy: Applications are being received and are still invited for the parish council vacancy.

5. **Land Registry:** The Chairman reported on his recent attendance at a Land Registry training session organised by DALC. A form will have to be completed and submitted for each piece of land under parish council ownership.

6. **Band Concert 2011:** Date to be decided.

83.10 Items raised by Members:

1) **Parish Shelters:** The Chairman reported having carried out an inspection of the parish shelters and finding that some repair work would be required. This will be considered at a future date.

2) **Trees at Sheepwash/Daybell's Bank Area:** It was agreed that Cllr Williams would ask Chris Whitham if he would be interested in undertaking this work.

3) **Sign on Court Lane:** The Clerk was requested to write to DDDC asking them to remove the sign off Church Street directing the public via Court Lane to the public conveniences and parking facilities. Cllr Short agreed to liaise with DDDC representatives if any further clarification is required.

84.10 Planning Matters:

1) **Breach of Condition Notice: Moorfields Farm, Monyash Dale, Flagg:** The Peak Park Authority has issued a Breach of Condition Notice relating to the above land.

2) **Application: Churchdale Lodge – Variation of agricultural occupancy condition:** The majority view of the parish council is that the proposal should be opposed. The current usage described could presumably continue under present occupancy rules.

3) **Application: Ashford War Memorial Institute – Alterations and extensions to the building and alterations to the site layout:** While the parish council would support any essential improvements, the overall view is that the proposals as they stand are unacceptable. The proposed extension would result in a building too dominant in its surroundings, by overdeveloping the site. The loss of much of the grassed area to create parking bays would adversely affect the setting of the building. It is doubtful whether there would be sufficient additional business to warrant such an ambitious expansion, particularly as attempts are being made to bring an alternative venue into public use.

4) **Application: 2 The Woodlands, Thornbridge – Temporary change of use of residential unit to offices:** The parish council has no objection to this application.

5) **Decision: Longroods Farm, Ashford Lane – Change of use of part of field to form new drive to farmhouse to replace existing dangerous access:** Refused.

6) **Decision: Gritstone House, Greaves Lane – Decking on garage and seating area. Raise stone wall:** Granted subject to condition.

84.10 Financial Matters

1)	Bank Balances Noted:	
	Business Reserve Account:	£19,987.57
	Current Account	£250.00

2) To approve payments:

1) Audit Commission	£158.63
2) Peter Aizlewood (footpaths)	£50.00
3) Chris Whitham (7 invoices @ £450.00 each)	£3,150.00
4) Clerk's salary for 3 month period	£550.00
5) Clerk's expenses for 3 month period	£93.47

3) To acknowledge receipt of payments:

1) PDNPA (tree grant)	£80.00
2) Mr Edmonstone (allotment rental)	£10.00
3) Interment – Horace Thorpe	£130.00

4) **Completed Audit of 2009/10 Accounts:** The accounts had been approved by the Audit Commission and will be displayed on the parish council notice board.

85.10 Correspondence Requiring Action:

a) Letter from Mr Mark Twelves re Greaves Lane: The Clerk to suggest that Mr Twelves should contact DCC.

b) Hedge on A6020: The Clerk to request Mr Twelves to attend to this as it is becoming a safety hazard.

c) Letter from Isabel Frenzel, Rural Housing Enabler: The Clerk to respond to the effect that the parish council do not wish to pursue this at the present time.

d) Email from Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport requesting attendance at a parish council meeting: As the parish council already make an annual donation to this service, it was not considered necessary for them to attend a parish council meeting.

e) Request from Matt Hughes re memorial bench on river bank: The parish council felt that the river bank currently has sufficient benches, but that the Hall Orchard could be offered as an alternative site. Mr Hughes would need to understand that the seat has to be maintained in good condition.

86.10 Correspondence for information

a) Letter of appreciation from PCC to Chris Whitham: The PCC had written to Mr Chris Whitham expressing their appreciation for his efforts in keeping the churchyard tidy. The parish council fully concur with this.

87.10 Date of Next Meeting: The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th October 2010 at 7.15 pm in Ashford school for a 7.30 pm start. Cllr Spinks sent his apologies for the October and November parish council meetings.