

# ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

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

**79.11 Apologies:** Cllr R Akeroyd, Cllr T Williams and District Cllr C Walker

**80.11 Declaration of Members' Interests:** None

**81.11 Public Participation:** No members of the public present.

**82.11 Minutes of Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> July 2011:** These minutes were proposed by Cllr Dinley as a true record, seconded by Cllr Spinks and signed by the Chairman.

**83.11 Confidentiality:** None

### **84.11 Items reported by the Clerk**

- 1. Public Conveniences:** Peter Foley had informed the parish council that their proposal would be considered in September.
- 2. Completion of Bank Mandates:** The new bank mandate was completed and signed by Cllrs Dinley, Middleton and Taft, who were all present at the meeting. Signatures will be obtained from Cllrs Akeroyd and Williams, following which the new mandate will be submitted to the bank. Cllr Middleton also completed and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 3. Affordable Housing Survey:** Information is awaited from Isabel Frenzel.
- 4. Parking Difficulties in Ashford:** Cllr Windle agreed to provide photographic evidence of problems caused by parked vehicles on Vicarage Lane.
- 5. Quotation from Playdale Playgrounds:** It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Playdale to provide an updated quotation for the Aerial Runway and Jungle Climber. The Clerk was also requested to obtain contact details for Litton and Monyash parish councils (both parishes having refurbished their play areas) and email these to Cllr Dinley, who will request their advice regarding suppliers, access to grant funding etc.
- 6. Community Clean Ups:** The parish council decided they did not wish to participate in the Community Clean Up project. The Clerk was however requested to write to Chris Whitham asking him to carry out the necessary work on all the footpaths, with particular attention to the small footpath off Hall End Lane and the footpath at Little Lane and Greengate Lane. It was agreed that a schedule of works regarding the footpaths would be produced for 2012.

7. **Parishes' Day: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 at Hope Valley College, Hope:** Cllrs Windle and Dinley had agreed to attend this.

8. **Quotation from Playdale Playgrounds:** To discuss at the next meeting.

#### 85.11 Items raised by Members:

a. **Repairs to Fence in Cemetery:** Cllr Taft agreed to obtain a quotation.

b. **Pothole Repairs:** The Clerk was requested to report pothole repairs required on Church Street, Fennel Street, Buxton Road and Ashford Lane.

c. **Coach Parking outside the Old Post Office:** Cllr Dinley reported that coaches park outside the Old Post Office (at the bus stop) leaving their engines running and causing pollution and noise for local residents. The Clerk was requested to contact Bridget Gould at DCC, asking her to arrange for double yellow lines along the bus stop just above the Ashford Arms and outside the Old Post Office.

#### 89.11 Planning Matters:

a) **Application: 12A Fennel Street: Proposed conversion of joiner's workshop to dwelling:** The parish council has no object to this application.

b) **Application: Land to the west of A6020: Proposed new agricultural access:** The parish council has no objection to this application, subject to approval from the Highways Department at Derbyshire County Council.

c) **Decision: Bridge End Close – Single storey extensions to bungalow:** Granted subject to conditions.

#### 90.11 Financial Matters

1) Bank Balances Noted:

Business Reserve Account:	£20,843.22
Current Account:	£250.00

2) To approve payments:

a) Clerk's salary for 3 month period (April to June)	£440.00
b) Clerk's expenses for 3 month period (April to June)	£102.22
c) HM Revenue & Customs (tax on Clerk's salary)	£110.00
d) Audit Commission	£162.00

3) To acknowledge receipt of payments:

a) Allotment rental from Mrs McCluskey	£10.00
b) Allotment rental from Mrs Edmonstone	£10.00
c) Mettams re Mary Daybell	£50.00

### **91.11 Correspondence Requiring Action:**

**a) Road Gritting:** Cllrs Dinley and Taft agreed to inspect the salt bins in the village to see if they need re-filling and to report back at the next meeting. No comment will be made to the DCC survey re road gritting.

**b) Email from DCC re Sport England Inspired Facilities Grant:** To be forwarded to Brent Ellis for Ashford Cricket Club as this grant is aimed specifically at sports organisations.

**c) Email from Jamie Leeson re the Queen Elizabeth II Field Challenge:** The aim of this challenge is to secure the future of playing fields. The Clerk was requested to download and complete the Nomination Form.

**d) Letter from DALC re Bicycle Bells:** DALC had informed the parish council that a motion had been received from Rowsley Parish Council that legislation be introduced to make it an offence for bicycles not to have bells fitted when in use. The motion would be for debate at the Annual General Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. The Clerk was requested to respond, stating that Ashford Parish Council support this motion and that they do not feel that competitions should be held on the cycle trails at peak times.

**e) Christmas Tree:** To be included on the agenda of the next meeting; in particular that new lights may be required.

**92.11 Date of Next Meeting:** The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 7.30 pm in Ashford School.