

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2012 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

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

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

81.12 Declaration of Members' Interests: None.

82.12 Public Participation: None

83.12 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 25th July 2012: These minutes were proposed by Cllr Taft as a true record, seconded by Cllr Spinks and signed by the Chairman.

84.12 Confidentiality: None

85.12 Items reported by the Clerk

17.12.1.Public Conveniences: It was decided that, due to lack of information and assistance from DDDC, this project would be put on hold until Easter 2012. Cty Cllr Twigg and the Clerk will email Peter Foley accordingly, stressing the parish council's disappointment with the lack of communication from DDDC regarding this matter.

63.12.7. Recycling Site: This has now been tidied.

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: Completed

63.12.12 ROSPA Playground Inspection Report: Cllr Dinley agreed to expedite this.

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: An email had been received from Dales Housing stating that the fence and footpath might be removed and put back to grass, and that the grassed bank can no longer be cut due to health and safety issues. Cty Cllr Twigg agreed to vigorously contest both these decisions on the parish council's behalf.

75.12.3. Churchyard: Now cleared of debris.

75.12.4. Sheepwash Bridge: The Clerk has contacted English Heritage and asked them to survey the bridge for overgrown vegetation. The Chairman reported that Chris Whitham has also carried out a considerable amount of work in this area.

6.11.12 Completion of Annual Audit: No further action required. The audited accounts will be displayed on the parish council notice board.

6.12.12 Approval of memorial inscription for the late Mrs Muriel Waller: Approved.

86.12 Items Raised by Members:

1) Vicarage Lane and Penyunk Lane: It was agreed that Chris Whitham would be asked to tidy these areas.

2) Longstone Lane: It was reported that Thornbridge Hall boundary wall alongside Longstone Lane is bowing and becoming dangerous. The Clerk was requested to write to the owners of Thornbridge Hall regarding this.

87.12 Planning Matters

1) Application - South Lodge, Thornbridge: Change of Use: It is the overwhelming view of the parish council that they should oppose the amended plans on the grounds that it represents an over development of the site and, in particular, while demolition of the existing extension is welcome, the new extension is completely out of character with the existing listed building.

2) Application - Thornbridge Outdoors: Development of The Lodge and Science Block: The parish council has no objection to this application.

3) Application - Churchdale Hall: Proposed agricultural building to house: The parish council has no objection to this application.

4) Application - Ashford Hall: Alteration to farm vehicular access, gates and flanking walls: The parish council has no objection to this application.

5) Application - Red House Farm, Sheldon: Proposed alterations to dwelling: The parish council has no objection to this application.

6) Decision – Ashford Mill: Granted subject to conditions.

7) Decision – Longroods Farm: Refused.

8) Decision – Gritstone House: Granted subject to conditions.

88.12 Financial Matters

1)	Bank Balances Noted:	
	Business Reserve Account:	£19,028.16
	Current Account:	£250.00

2) To approve payments:

With regard to payment i) below to Mr C Whitham, the parish council unanimously agreed to pay Mr Whitham the amount of £450.00 for the extra grass cut which had been necessary.

a) Calver Sough Nurseries	£98.79
b) Cressbrook Band	£45.00
c) Clerk's Salary for 3 month period	£440.00
d) Clerk's Expenses for 3 month period	£106.09
e) HM Revenue & Customs (tax on Clerk's salary)	£110.00
f) The Soccer Store (football nets)	£75.00
g) Audit Commission	£162.00
h) Chris Whitham (grass cutting invoices 6 & 7)	£900.00
i) Chris Whitham (extra grass cut) (see note above)	£450.00

3) To acknowledge receipt of payments/donations:

a) Mettams re memorial inscriptions for M Eccles & D Calladine	£60.00
b) Mettams re Dorothea Calladine	£155.00

89.12. Correspondence/Matters Requiring Action:

1) Letter of Resignation: A letter of resignation had been received from Cllr Andrew Middleton. The Clerk will acknowledge this and express the parish council's gratitude for his contribution to the work of the parish council

2) Letters of condolence: The Clerk was requested to write letters of condolence to Reverend Foster and Mr Brocklehurst.

3) Request for Memorial Bench at Monsal Head: It has subsequently been established that the site requested is in the parish of Little Longstone. The Clerk will inform Mr Himsworth accordingly.

4) Grit Bins: A quotation will be sought from Barry Wood Plant Hire.

5) Rights of Way: The Clerk will print out the questionnaire for the next meeting.

90.12. Date of Next Meeting: The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd October 2012 at 7.30 pm in Ashford School.