

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2013 IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

- Present:** Cllr D Windle (Chairman), Cllr R Spinks, Cllr B Taft, Cllr J Tolchard, Cllr T Williams, Mrs A Fox (Clerk)
- 87.13** **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr R Akeroyd, Cllr W Dinley, District Cllr C Walker
- 88.13** **Declaration of Members' Interests:** None.
- 89.13** **To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:** None
- 90.13** **Public Participation:** Cllr J Twigg contributed to the meeting, as minuted below.
- 91.13** **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 30th July 2013:** The minutes were proposed by Cllr Williams as a true record, seconded by Cllr Spinks and signed by the Chairman.
- 92.13** **Confidentiality:** None
- 93.13** **Items reported by the Clerk:**
- 27.13 1)** **Public Conveniences – Cleaning Schedule:** Cllr Taft had produced a cleaning schedule, the cost of which would be £70.00 per week. It was agreed that the cleaning service would be on a self-employed basis with submission of a monthly invoice. DALC had offered the services of an HR advisor if required.
- 42.13 10)** **Band Concert 2014:** Cllr Windle agreed to supply the appropriate date to the Clerk, who will then book Matlock Band once again, subject to their availability
- 46.13 d)** **Retaining Wall – Vicarage Lane:** An email had been received from Mark Spencer of Dales Housing confirming that major refurbishment to the wall had been approved, though no timescale had been agreed as yet.
- 69.13 8)** **Quotations for General Repair Work in the Village:** A quotation is awaited from Steve Mason of Great Longstone.
- 57.13 1)** **Snow/Flood Prevention Equipment:** It was agreed that a salt spreader would be desirable. Cllr Taft will obtain a quotation.
- 57.13 2)** **Village Seats:** Cllr Windle reported that Chris Whitham is in the process of refurbishing these.

57.13 6) Plaque for Old Ashford Marble Works: The Peak Park Authority had confirmed that a site meeting will be necessary to discuss location, design etc, but that, in principle, there should not be a problem with this. It was understood that Cllr Dinley would be arranging the site meeting.

58.13 8) Bank on Vicarage Lane: Mark Spencer of Dales Housing reported that the area was deemed unsafe by their grounds contractors and the matter was being passed to Head of Maintenance for further consideration.

70.13 1) Drain Cleaning: An email had been received from DCC stating that the drains in the village had all been cleaned, but the parish council disputed this. It was agreed that a map of the village would be obtained with the locations of all drains identified and that this would be forwarded to DCC with a request that they ensure that all the marked drains are cleaned.

93.13 9) Completion of Audit of Accounts: The Annual Return had been audited and approved by Grant Thornton and returned accordingly. The appropriate notice is on display on the parish council notice board.

94.13 Items Raised by Members:

1) **Overgrown Vegetation on Footpaths:** Work completed by Chris Whitham

2) **Footpath Safety Barrier – Hill Cross: Ongoing**

3) **Lights on Institute Tree/Christmas Tree:** It was agreed that a Christmas tree would be ordered from Haddon Hall, 5-6 m in height, and that it would be erected on 7/8th December. Cllr Spinks agreed to order this.

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?

5) **Telephone Box:** The owner of the Old Post Office had offered to paint the telephone box, if the parish council would supply the red paint. This was agreed. Cllr Spinks agreed to source the paint.

6) **Flood Awareness:** The Environment Agency wish to attend the start of the next meeting on 8th October to discuss flood prevention. Cllr Windle will liaise with the Environment Agency and organise this.

7) **Firework Disturbance:** A letter had been sent to Mr Vaughn, following the firework disturbance in the village on 1st August.

8) **Parish Magazine:** Cllr Windle reported that there is a possibility that production of a parish magazine will resume.

9) **Badger Damage in Old Cemetery:** Cllr Windle reported that 2 or 3 graves are at risk of collapsing due to badgers burrowing in the old cemetery. The Clerk was requested to seek advice about this from DALC and DEFRA.

95.13 Planning Matters:

- a) **Application: Park Farm – Change of use from barn to holiday accommodation:** The parish council have no objection in principle to this application, but it is important that visiting vehicles are parked on site and do not obstruct the busy B6465. Also, public footpath 20 in Ashford Parish crosses the proposed new access. It is important that this path is not compromised in any way and freedom of access should not be obstructed.
- b) **Application: 1 Greaves Lane – Retention of existing timber fence to the rear of the house:** The parish council does not approve of retrospective planning applications and feel that the fence should therefore be removed and the appropriate planning application submitted.
- c) **Application: The Old Forge – Listed Building Consent:** The parish council note that this property has been wrongly addressed. The parish council does not approve of retrospective planning applications and feel that fittings which have not been subject to the appropriate planning application procedures should be removed.

96.13 Financial Matters

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| 1) Bank Balances Noted: | |
| Business Reserve Account: | £22,735.94 |
| Current Account: | £250.00 |
| 2) To approve payments: | |
| a) Clerk's Salary for 3 month period (July - September 2013) | £460.00 |
| b) Clerk's Expenses for 3 month period (July – September 2013) | £125.80 |
| c) HMRC (tax on Clerk's salary) | £115.00 |
| d) P Carrington (tree work in churchyard) | £180.00 |
| 3) To acknowledge receipt of payments: | |
| a) R W Percival re memorial for Jacqueline East | £50.00 |

97.13 Correspondence/Matters Requiring Action:

- a) **DALC Circular:** A circular had been received from DALC reporting on a proposal to merge such councils as Rotherham, Doncaster and Derbyshire. The Clerk was requested to express the parish council's strong disagreement with such a proposal as the needs and issues of cities and towns are quite different from those of rural areas.

98.13 Date of Next Meeting: The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th October 2013 in Ashford School commencing at 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start. The Environment Agency will present at the start of the meeting.