



**119. Ash Parish Council Accounts Package (agenda item 7).**

A recent visit from RBS Software Solutions has revealed that the Omega Accounts Package currently in use can complete the year end close down in preparation for the annual return, and prepare budgets. Members considered and agreed in retrospect running this package as opposed to employing external accountants. It will be necessary for training on both year end and budgets to be given and it was:

***Recommended upon consideration that the year end close down and the annual budget preparation be carried out in-house. Training costs:***

***End of Year £425.00 + VAT plus mileage @ 35p per mile***

***Budget Preparation £399.00 + VAT plus mileage @ 35p per mile***

**120. Baden Powell Scouts Association Lease Agreement – Scout Hut Carrington Lane (agenda item 8).**

Members considered a letter received from the group Scout Master with regard to the Scout hut at Carrington Lane and it was:

***Recommended upon consideration that the Parish Council cannot fund the rebuilding of the Scout Hut and that progress on the new lease be ascertained.***

**121. Ash Centre/Workshop Fire Alarm System (agenda item 9).**

Members considered quotes received with regard to the maintenance of the fire alarm system and it was:

a) Ash Centre.

Quote A £82.50 + VAT per visit.

Quote B £71.72 + VAT per two visits per annum

***Recommended upon consideration that Quote B in the sum of £71.72 + VAT be agreed.***

b) Workshop.

Quote A £70.00 + VAT per visit.

Quote B £35.00 + VAT per visit (two visits per annum).

***Recommended upon consideration that Quote B in the sum of £35.00 + VAT be agreed.***

**122. Ash Centre Cooker Installation (agenda item 10).**

Members considered quotes received with regard to the installation of the cooker.

Quote A £ 922.05 + VAT

Quote B £1030.00 NO VAT

and it was:

***Recommended upon consideration that Quote A in the sum of £922.05 + VAT be agreed.***

**123. Ash Parish Christmas Fantasia 2009** (*agenda item 11*).

- a) Members considered the balance sheet with regard to the Christmas Fantasia 2009 and considered the sum available for donations and it was:

***Recommended upon consideration that £800 be divided equally between two local charities. Suggestions to be put forward by Councillors and staff.***

- b) Members noted the minutes of the Christmas meeting held on Wednesday 13 January 2010 as at Appendix A.

**124. Surrey Air Ambulance** (*agenda item 12*).

Members considered a request from the Surrey Air Ambulance for the placement of a textile recycling bin within the Parish and it was:

***Recommended upon consideration that a request from the Surrey Air Ambulance for the placement of a textile recycling bin within the Parish be agreed to be sited at Carrington Recreation Ground.***

**125. Guildford Borough Council – Cultural Strategy Update** (*agenda item 13*).

Members considered the Guildford Borough Council Cultural Strategy Update 2009 and any response to the questionnaire and it was:

***Recommended upon consideration that The Clerk respond to the Guildford Borough Council Cultural Strategy Update 2009.***

**126. Correspondence** (*agenda item 14*).

*There was no correspondence to report.*

**127. Next Meeting** (*agenda item 15*).

The date of the next meeting is Monday 22 February 2010 commencing at 7.00 P.M.

*The meeting concluded at 7.26 P.M.*

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Appendix A****ASH PARISH COUNCIL****Minutes of the Christmas Committee Meeting  
Held on Wednesday 13 January 2010 which commenced at 3.00pm**

Present: Cllr Mrs Jayne Hewlett - Chairman  
Cllr Mrs Pat Scott - Vice Chairman  
Carole Olive – Clerk of the Council  
Graham Bidwell – IT/Administration

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mark Collings and Mike Duffy.

**2. To Receive Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest to report.

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of the previous Christmas Committee meeting held on Wednesday 4 November 2009 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Christmas Fayre 2009**

- (a) It was agreed that the new Main Hall stall layout had been successful and the variety of stalls had improved.
- (b) The two school choirs that had attended and entertained the public were to be congratulated. It was agreed that the basic idea was good, but that more thought needed to be given to the positioning of the choirs for future events. A temporary stage was suggested and the provision of additional microphones agreed.
- (c) Due to the hold up in taking names and phone numbers on the door with such a large attendance, it was agreed that in future there would be no free raffle on the door. Any donation deemed suitable would be used for a roving raffle during the afternoon.

**5. Ash Wharf 2009**

- (a) The application for the road closure for 2010 will apply from the Wharf Road junction with Ash Hill Road/Shawfield Road/Vale Road to the Prospect Road/Chandlers Road junction as for 2009. There will be a separate barrier at the Balmoral Road junction to allow the marshals and police discretion when manning the closure at the Chandlers Road junction. There will be no traffic movement beyond the Balmoral Road barrier. The timing of the closure will remain at 4:00 pm until 6:00pm. Carole Olive to submit application.
- (b) It was agreed that options for disabled parking would need to be reviewed.
- (c) It was agreed that a letter be issued to Bridges Estate Agents thanking them for rearranging their office to enable the residents of Abbeywood to watch and enjoy the festivities from a warm and dry position.

**5. Ash Wharf 2009**

- (d) After being let down by the Salvation Army Band the committee expressed their thanks to Holy Angels Church and Rev Keith Bristow for supplying backing music for the Carol singing. Councillor Pat Scott advised that Councillor Len Scott will be forming an ensemble to play for Fantasia 2010.
- (e) It was agreed that there would not be fireworks at Fantasia 2010, as the rockets this year had caused alarm and possible Health and Safety issues. A different method of making the Chairman of the Council aware that the parade was on its way needed to be considered. A two way walkie talkie system to be investigated.

**6. Christmas Tree/Sponsorship/Streetlight Motifs 2009**

- (a) It was agreed that this years Christmas tree was an excellent tree. The groundstaff were to be congratulated on the effective lighting of the tree.
- (b) Councillor Pat Scott asked that thanks be passed on to members of Parish staff who had used their own credit cards to ensure the tree was raised and lit in time for the event.
- (c) The Finance and Administration committee will be looking at extending the street light Motifs for 2010.
- (d) Sponsorship for the tree and for the farm had been received in the sum of £150.00. The approach to obtaining sponsorship for 2010 to be considered and amended.

**7. Travelling Farm 2009**

- (a) The Millers Ark Farm proved to be a huge success with both young and old alike. Signs re hand washing facilities and the provision of anti bacterial hand wash had been prominently placed throughout the area.

Graham Bidwell to contact Millers Ark with a view to booking the farm for Fantasia 2010.

**8. Fantasia 2010**

The date for Fantasia 2010 was confirmed as 4 December 2010.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was provisionally agreed as Wednesday 22 September 2010 at 3.00pm subject to Councillor Jayne Hewlett being available.

Signed .....

Date .....