

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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11 October 2024

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the next meeting of the Ash-cum-Ridley parish Council which will be held at **7.45pm on Thursday 17 October 2023 at Ash Village Hall, Ash Road, Ash TN15 7HB.**

Yours faithfully

A de Jager

Alison de Jager
Parish Clerk

AGENDA**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE****2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS****3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 19 September 2024 (Attached).**SUSPENSION OF MEETING**

- **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE POLICE, THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' AND VILLAGE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE.**
- **PUBLIC SESSION**

4. ASSISTANT'S CLERK'S REPORT**(APPENDIX A GREEN)**

To note the report of items for information from the Assistant Clerk.

5. COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION**(APPENDIX B ORANGE)**

- 5.1 **Grass Cutting Contract:** To give consideration to the quotations received for the grass cutting contract for the 2025-2026 year. (Report to follow)
- 5.2 **QTRA – Ash War Memorial and Ash Burial Ground:** To note the tree assessment reports and a quote for work will be sought for the one identified item.
- 5.3 **Dignity at Work Policy:** To give consideration to adopting the attached policy.
- 5.4 **Grants Policy:** to approve the grant form.

6. FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE**(APPENDIX C PINK)**

- 6.1 **Current Financial Position:** To receive a verbal update on behalf of the Deputy Clerk on the Council's current financial position.
- 6.2 **Approval of Payments:** To approve the payments made from 19th September 2024 to 11th October 2024 .
- 6.3 **Additional Charge Card:** To authorise an additional charge card being issued to enable both the Clerk & Deputy Clerk to hold a card each in order to avoid them needing to reclaim expenses
- 6.4 **Account Software:** To discuss the quotes received.

7. Community Events (APPENDIX D YELLOW)

- 7.1 **Xmas Afternoon Tea:** To consider the report and its recommendations for arranging a Christmas Afternoon Tea
- 7.2 **Xmas Family Fun Day:** To consider approving a £300 budget from the Youth Provision reserves to fund additional expenditure that is over the £1000 grant provided by our County Councillor for the Family Fun Day
- 7.3 **VE Day 80th Anniversary - 2025:** To consider how the Council wishes to commemorate the anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 8 May 2025

8. New Ash Green Solar Farm: To receive an update from the Chairman and Clerk on the public meeting being held on 13th November 2024**9. PLANNING (APPENDIX E PURPLE)**

- 9.1 **Applications:** No applications
- 9.2 **Planning Applications Working Group:** To note the minutes held on 2nd October 2024.

10 ASH GREEN SPORTS CENTRE (APPENDIX F BLUE)

- 10.1 **Current Financial Position:** To receive a verbal update on behalf of the Deputy Clerk/Finance Officer on the Sports Centre's current financial position.
- 10.2 **Approval of Payments –** To approve the payments made from 19th September 2024 to 11th October 2024 .

11 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

- 11.1 To receive verbal reports from all Councillors, for information only.

12 PROGRESS TRACKER (APPENDIX G LIGHT BLUE)

- 12.1 To note the progress tracker of Council decisions.