

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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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 16 January 2025 at the New Ash Green Village Association Meeting Room, Centre Road, DA3 8HH.**

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 19 December 2024. (Attached).

SUSPENSION OF MEETING

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

4. **CLERK'S REPORT** **(APPENDIX A GREEN)**
To note the report of items for information from the Clerk.
5. **COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION** **(APPENDIX B ORANGE)**
 - 5.1 **Policies.**
 - Bullying and Anti-Harassment Policy** – to give consideration to adopting the attached draft policy to comply with the updated Equality Act which came into effect on 26 October 2024.
 - Grievance Policy** – To give consideration to adopting the attached revised policy.
 - 5.2 **Parish Council WhatsApp Group** – to give consideration to setting up a Parish Council WhatsApp Group for members and staff.
6. **DISTRICT COUNCIL BOUNDARY REVIEW**
To consider the response to the consultation on the district council boundary review. Copy of recommendation from the Boundary Review Working Group will be available at the meeting.
7. **FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE** **(APPENDIX C PINK)**
 - 6.1 **Current Financial Position:** To receive a verbal update from the Deputy Clerk on the Council's current financial position and note the reports received.
 - 6.2 **Approval of Payments:** To approve the payments made from 14 December 2024.

8. PLANNING**(APPENDIX D GOLD)****7.1 Applications:**

24/03370/FUL: 162 Knights Croft, New Ash Green, DA3 8HZ – Single storey rear extension with rooflights. Decking.
Cllr M Manley

24/03424/FUL and 24/03425/LBCLAT: The Manor House, North Ash Road, New Ash Green, DA3 8AJ – Conversion of existing Grade II listed building from office to residential use by the creation of 6no. 1 bed dwellings. New entrance porch. Alterations to fenestration. Installation of rooflights. Hard and soft landscaping.
Cllr J Clucas

7.2 23/03313/FUL: Oast House Nursery – To give consideration to the potential names for the streets in this development as per the attached.

7.3 Public Rights of Way – claimed upgrading to Restrict Byway status of part of Public Footpaths SD254, MR204 and MR205 running between Restrict Byway SD255 (Honeypot Lane) and Fairseat Lane at Ash-cum-Ridley and Stansted on the basis of historical documentary evidence.
Cllr C Clark

9. ASH GREEN SPORTS CENTRE**(APPENDIX F BLUE)**

8.1 Current Financial Position: To receive a verbal update from the Deputy Clerk/Finance Officer on the Sports Centre's current financial position.

8.2 Approval of Payments – To approve the payments made from 14 December 2024.

10. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT**(APPENDIX G PURPLE)**

9.1 New Ash Green Village Trust - To give consideration to the attached request from the New Ash Green Village Trust.

9.2 COVID-19 - To give consideration to marking COVID-19 Day – a day of reflection on 09 May 2025.

9.3 To give consideration to setting up a formal meeting with the New Ash Green Village Association and Landlords of the Shopping Centre.

9.4 New Ash Green Children's Centre – to authorise the Clerk to write to the freehold owner to establish their future plans for the redundant building.

9.5 Community Groups Forum – to consider arranging a roundtable event of all local groups within the parish to facilitate information-sharing and opportunities for joint working.

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

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

12. PROGRESS TRACKER**(APPENDIX H LIGHT BLUE)**

11.1 To note the progress tracker of Council decisions.