

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 19 September 2024 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 Thursday 18 July 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 **Financial Regulations** – to give consideration to adopting the draft Model Financial Regulations.
- 5.2 **Grass Cutting Specification** – to give consideration to the revised grass cutting contract for the 2025-2026 year.
- 5.3 **Community Grants Scheme** - To consider establishing a formal community grants scheme from the 2025-2026 financial year onwards (report attached)
- 5.4 **Lances Almshouse Charity** - To invite expressions of interest from members of the Parish Council and the local community to volunteer as trustees for the Almshouse Charity.
- 5.5 **Sevenoaks District Arts Council** - to appoint a councillor to serve as the Parish Council's representative on the Sevenoaks District Arts Council. The appointed councillor will be expected to attend the Annual General Meeting on 25 September 2024.

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 12 July 2024.

6.3 **External Audit:** To receive and note the external auditor's Report and Certificate for the year ended 2023-2024, Section 3 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) for the Parish Council and Ash Green Sports Centre. The notice of conclusion of audit will remain on display for 14 days in compliance with the **Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015**.

6.4 **Grant Requests**

- **Men's Pop in Group:** To consider providing a grant to the Men's Pop in Group held in New Ash Green as per the attached.
- **Farm Holt Residents Society:** To consider providing a grant to Farm Holt Residents Society as per the attached letter.
- **New Ash Green Stay and Play –** To consider providing a grant to the New Ash Green Stay and Play as per the attached email.

6.5 **Speed Indicator Device:** To consider the provision of an additional pole for the Speed Indicator Device (SID) on North Ash Road at an estimated cost of £1,222.82. Kent Highways will carry out a survey and determine the location.

6.6 **CIL Spending –** to note that additional work was required on the roof of the Sports Centre which required the removal and resetting of ridge tiles. This additional work was approved by the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the total cost of the works is £8,178.00

7. PLANNING

7.1 **New Ash Green Solar:** To consider authorising the Clerk to write to Evolution Power on the following matters –

- To request an additional consultation event is held in New Ash Green Village Hall at a time to suit working families
- To commence discussions regarding the proposed Community Benefit Fund, to secure the best possible agreement for our residents (the Parish Council remaining entirely neutral during discussions and making it clear to Evolution Power throughout that it does not indicate any form of support at this stage)

8. ASH GREEN SPORTS CENTRE

(APPENDIX D BLUE)

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

8.2 **Approval of Payments –** To approve the payments made from 12 July 2024.

8.3 **Minutes –** to note the minutes of the meeting held on 06 August 2024.

9. NORTHFIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(APPENDIX E LIME)

9.1 To note the minutes of the meeting of 02 September 2024.

10. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT

(APPENDIX F PURPLE)

10.1 **Meet the Representatives Event –** to receive a verbal report on the event held on Saturday 14 September 2024.

10.2 **Act of Remembrance** To discuss whether the Parish Council organises a Service of Remembrance at Ash War Memorial on Monday 11 November 2024 at 10.45am, to be followed with tea and coffee in the Village Hall.

10.3 Should a service be held, to authorise the purchase, under **Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972** of a wreath from the Royal British Legion to lay at Ash War Memorial (£100 donated 2023).

10.4 **Hodsoll Street Play Area –** To receive and note the RoSPA safety inspection report attached.

10.5 **Community Warden –** to note the attached report

10.6 **Focus Group –** to note the notes of the meeting of the Focus Group held on 02 September 2024.

10.7 **Kent Highways Consultation** – to give consideration to the consultation for proposed Waiting Restrictions Order on North Ash Road, as per the attached. Consultation ends on 23 September 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.