

**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 December 2024 at the Youth & Community Centre, North Square, New Ash Green, DA3 8JY** .

Yours faithfully

*A de Jager*

Alison de Jager  
Parish Clerk

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**AGENDA****1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE****2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS****3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 November 2024 and the Extra Ordinary meeting of 10 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 To give consideration to the provision of an Employee Assistance Programme for staff and Councillors as per the attached report.

**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 15 November 2024.6.3 **Community Warden** – to give consideration to the attached report.6.4 **Budget 2025-26:** To consider and discuss the draft budget attached.6.5 **Precept Demand:** To set the precept for the 2025-26 financial year**7. PLANNING****(APPENDIX D PURPLE)****7.1 Applications:**

**24/02895/FUL – The Studios, The Row, New Ash Green, DA3 8JL** – Conversion of 9no. garages into 3no. retail units (Use Class E)

**Cllr I MacLeod**7.2 **Planning Applications Working Group:** To note the minutes held on 4 December 2024.

**8. 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 15 November 2024.

**9. NORTHFIELD**

**(APPENDIX G LIME)**

9.1 To note the minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2024.

**10. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT**

10.1 To receive a verbal report on the Christmas Afternoon Tea.

**11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:**

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

**12. PROGRESS TRACKER**

**(APPENDIX H LIGHT BLUE)**

12.1 To note the progress tracker of Council decisions.