

## **ASH PARISH COUNCIL**

### **AMENITIES, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT 2023 - 24**

This committee considers all administration matters including Council policies, financial accounts, assessment of charges, budget control and staffing matters, as well as allotments, cemetery matters, recreation grounds and play areas. Since taking on the role of chair in May of 2023. I'm pleased to say the committee has taken up several new projects as well as updating some much-needed facilities, not just for the parish offices, but for the community.

As well as agreeing ongoing essential tree maintenance work at Shawfield allotments and Carrington recreation ground. This year the committee has overviewed and implemented the following: -

- Updating The Ash Centre's outdated fire doors
- A full review and updating of the security doors at the Ash Centre lobby and parish office.
- Installation of a new footpath Old Orchard at Shawfield Allotments
- Updating and purchase of new lower voltage Christmas motifs and lights.

As a committee, we also agreed to support some brilliant local and community projects: -

- Agreed support for the Ash Villages Food Parcels project.
- Hedgehog Highways project – which engages with local primary schools.

As a committee, we have also helped progress with updating some internal policies, one of which being a new DBS checking policy for staff and councillors.

The committee has remained professional, and community focused in every meeting and I would like to personally thank Cllrs, Richard Lucas, John Tonks, Sara Badger, Paul Golding and Carla Morson for their continued work and contributions the committee over the past year and I look forward to us working together over the next year.

Cllr Phil Bellamy

Chairman of the Amenities, Finance and Administration Committee