ASH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in the Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road, Ash on Monday 10 February 2025 which commenced at 18:30

Chairman of the Council:

Vice Chairman

Cllr Carla Morson

Cllr Sara Badger

Cllr Philip Bellamy

Cllr Carl Cookson

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Cllr Mohammad Faisal

Cllr Paul Golding

Cllr Richard Lucas

A

Cllr Nigel Manning

Cllr Michael Moriarty

Cllr Marsha Moseley

A

Cllr John Tonks

✓ Present x Not Present A Apology for Absence

Part I - Public Session

133. To receive Apologies for Absence. (agenda item 1)

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Richard Lucas and Cllr Marsha Moseley.

134. Declarations of Interest. (agenda item 2)

There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

135. Confirmation of the Minutes. (agenda item 3)

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13 January 2025 copies of which have been circulated to members, were confirmed as a true record and will be signed by the Chairman of the Council.

136. Chairman's Announcements. (agenda item 4)

The long-awaited Chester Bridge opened for traffic on Saturday morning. I was lucky enough to have been invited to the site on Friday morning, along with all Borough Councillors from the three Ash Wards and the Borough Wards of Normandy and Pilgrims. It was horrendous weather for a good day for a site visit, but we dressed accordingly. We were not allowed to drive over the bridge in our own vehicles, but Cllr Carla Morson and I were driven over the bridge which was quite an experience.

Sorry that it was not possible to arrange a formal opening but the last bits of paper to allow the bridge to open were not finalised until late on Wednesday and there was no time to organise a celebration or invite anyone else.

I know there have been some issues since the bridge opened but I will say that the developers responded very quickly to my requests for help when the temporary traffic lights in Foreman Road stopped working. This morning, I heard that the developers are installing some extra signage which will hopefully make the diversions clearer.

A good piece of good news is that I will be meeting our local foodbank organisers, along with our Clerk and Cllr John Tonks, on Wednesday morning to hand over a cheque for £2727.37 as they were our Charity of the Year 2024.

I am delighted to report that First Ash Vale Scouts had a successful Quiz Night on 1st February, and they raised £1623.27. They were supported by Volker Fitzpatrick, the company constructing the Ash Road Bridge with the purchase of some food and consumables.

First Ash Vale Scouts had secured a successful bid from Surrey County Council for the demolition of the existing premises and for the building of a new Scout headquarters, but inflation and planning requirements mean that they still need to do fundraising for the project. As a Parish Council, we are happy to do what we can to help them. The Scouts have asked me to pass on their thanks to Councillors for our support so far and particularly to our Parish staff who are, and I quote, "always so helpful".

Many Councillors know of Surrey County Council's proposal to close the bus layby outside Ash Grange School. Many of our community are worried about the proposed change. Surrey have said that they have carried out a consultation. That may be the case although I couldn't find it on their website. However, it is a bit unrealistic to expect residents, or even Parish Councils, to constantly monitor all the consultations just in case there is something relevant to our community. I would like to put this as an item on our next agenda so that we can formulate a response from this Council and possibly start a discussion with County to ask them to change their mind.

137. Adjournment. (agenda item 5)

Members considered adjourning the meeting for a maximum period of 25 minutes, to enable members of the public to raise questions and it was:

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned for a maximum period of twenty-five minutes to enable a public question period to be held (as at Minute Appendix A).

138. Reports of Committees. (agenda item 6)

The following committee reports, copies of which have been circulated were received, considered and the recommendations therein were adopted:

Planning January 27 2025 Minute Number 66 to 73 A,F& A January 27 2025 Minute Number 79 to 93

139. Monthly Payments List. (agenda item 7)

Members received and approved the monthly payments list giving details of December 2024 payments as at Appendix B.

140. Final Budget and Precept 2025/26. (agenda item 8)

Members approved a 2.4% increase in council tax at the Full Council Meeting 9 December 2024. However, members should have also confirmed the Band D equivalent amount. Therefore, members approved the precept for 2025/2026 of £596,727.00 and a Band D equivalent annual council tax of £78.52, which equates to a 2.4% increase in council tax.

141. Second Interim Audit Report. (agenda item 9)

Members noted the second interim audit report from the auditor.

The Chairman and several Cllr's thanked Jeanette and Ali for their work in achieving a good report.

142. S106 Project Lysons Avenue. (agenda item 10)

Members to note minute number 130, Council Meeting 13 January 2025 when it was agreed that the item be deferred so that the Clerk would obtain further information on the memorial bench for the next council meeting.

Members to confirm which project they want to proceed with so that the Clerk can submit the details to Guildford Borough Council (GBC).

and it was:

Agreed that the Council would proceed with the planting project for Lysons Avenue. The Clerk will now submit the details to GBC.

Members agreed they would like to consider a bench at a different location at a future meeting.

143. Roof Repairs to Containers at Carrington Compound. (agenda item 11)

Members to consider the quotations for the roof repairs to the containers at Carrington compound.

Contractor	Cost	VAT	TOTAL
A - Repair Option	£1144.00	£228.80	£1372.80
A - Replace Option	£5666.00	£1133.20	£6799.20
B - Replace	£4345.00	£869.00	£5214.00

and it was:

Agreed that the Council would proceed with Contractor A for the repair option of £1144.00 + £228.80 VAT = £1372.80.

144. Outside Lights and Sockets at The Ash Centre. (agenda item 12)

Members noted the Chairman and the Clerk used delegated powers to arrange for H&S repairs to the outside lights and sockets at the Ash Centre at a cost of £1217.00 + £243.40 VAT = £1,460.40. The cost will be met from the EMR for Renewals Fund Ash Centre.

145. Correspondence. (agenda item 13)

There was no correspondence to report.

146. Next Meeting. (agenda item 14)

The next meeting is on Monday 10 March 2025.

The meeting closed at 19:20.

Chairman:	Date:

AGENDA APPENDIX A

ASH PARISH COUNCIL

LOCAL CODE OF CONDUCT - DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

January 2025

DATE OF MEETING	MEMBER	MINUTE REF & PAGE NO.	TYPE AND NATURE OF INTEREST
Planning 27 January 2025			None.
Administration, Finance & Amenities (A, F&A) 27 January 2025			None.

AGENDA APPENDIX B

Payments List

Date: 09/01/2025 Ash Parish Council Page 1

Time: 13:34 Co-op Community Directplus Acc

List of Payments made between 01/12/2024 and 31/12/2024

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
02/12/2024	Scottish and Southern Energy	BACS 2	1,468.91	Street Light Electric
02/12/2024	Event Medical Ltd	BACS 3	264.00	Medical Cover at Rembrance Day
02/12/2024	Camberley Glass & Windows	BACS 4	9,300.00	Doors and Windows at Harpers
02/12/2024	BOOKERS WHOLESALE	BACS 5	64.69	Crockery Mugs
02/12/2024	uCheck	BACS 6	235.90	DBS Checks
02/12/2024	uCheck	BACS 7	24.50	Increase in individual Checks
05/12/2024	COOP BANK	DD	29.50	BANK CHARGES
10/12/2024	Octopus Energy	BACS 8	23.36	Electric at Carrington Toilet
10/12/2024	Octopus Energy	BACS 9	71.11	Electric at Ash Rec
10/12/2024	Octopus Energy	BACS 10	134.54	Electric at Harpers Scout Hut
10/12/2024	Octopus Energy	BACS 11	169.65	Electric at Ash Public Toilets
10/12/2024	Octopus Energy	BACS 12	708.61	Electric at APC Building
10/12/2024	A&P Services (Surrey) Ltd	BACS 13	63.60	Service on Honda Water Pump
10/12/2024	A&P Services (Surrey) Ltd	BACS 14	90.00	Repairs to Strimmer
10/12/2024	Aquavent Ltd	BACS 15	93.00	Monthly Water Inspections
10/12/2024	WJ Fire Protection Services	BACS 16	159.36	Fire Extinguisher Test Harper
11/12/2024	J.L. Joyce. Fencing	BACS 17	343.00	Drop Kerb Installation
11/12/2024	J P and S Services	BACS 18	348.22	Fuel for Vans and Equipment
11/12/2024	aAFD Services Ltd	BACS 19	355.50	Deep Clean of Toilets
11/12/2024	its taining	BACS 21	500.00	First Aid Course
11/12/2024	Central Line Markings Ltd	BACS 22	510.00	Line marking at APC Carpark
11/12/2024	Ellack Cleaning Contractors Lt	BACS 23	873.40	Centre Cleaning
11/12/2024	Shield Security Services Ltd	BACS 24	969.96	Security patrols
11/12/2024	ADF Tree Surgeons	BACS 25	15,854.40	PHASE 3 TREE WORKS
11/12/2024	SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL	BACS	442.00	REPAYMENT OF EXCESS PAYMENT
11/12/2024	SURREY PENSIONS	BACS	3,575.68	PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
11/12/2024	HMRC	BACS	4,867.74	PAYE AND NI CONTRIBUTIONS
11/12/2024	Event Medical Ltd	BACS 20	357.50	Medical Cover
11/12/2024	Screwfix	BACS 26	35.94	Fire Signs
11/12/2024	John B McKernan	BACS 27	399.68	Groundwork - Leave clearing
11/12/2024	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 28	104.90	Water at Shawfields Allotments
11/12/2024	G Tomkins Window Cleaning	BACS 29	20.00	Window Cleaning APC Centre
11/12/2024	Kebur garden materials	BACS 30	35.10	Balast Bags
11/12/2024	WJ Fire Protection Services	BACS 31	705.36	P/Ledger Electronic Payment
12/12/2024	Dans Garden Services	BACS 32	1,200.00	Grass Cutting Cemetery
12/12/2024	Joel Baker	BACS 33	1,811.43	Azure Plan Oct 24
12/12/2024	Moran Roofing Specialists	BACS 34	3,411.90	Guttering & Sofits Harpers Sct
12/12/2024	Pirbright Electrical Contracto	BACS 35	3,912.00	Fixed Wire Electrical Testing
12/12/2024	Screwfix	BACS 36	11.36	Pipe and Connectors
12/12/2024	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 37	37.80	Water at Harpers Scout Hut
12/12/2024	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 38	67.20	Water at APC Public Toilets
12/12/2024	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 39	9.67	Water at Ash Cemetery
12/12/2024	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 40	4.44	Water at Harpers Rec
12/12/2024	Ash Vale Pharmacy & Travel Cli	BACS 41	375.00	Hep A&B Vacines Groundstaff
17/12/2024	E-ON	BACS 43	452.33	Gas at the APC Office
17/12/2024	Francotyp Postalia Ltd	BACS 44	50.00	late invoice for Postage
17/12/2024	E-ON	BACS 42	208.07	P/Ledger Electronic Payment

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Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
19/12/2024	Miss Amelia Green	BACS	74.00	Hall Deposit Refunt
19/12/2024	H L Trenoweth	BACS	284.00	Hall Deposit Refund
19/12/2024	HMRC	BACS	5,473.12	PAYE & NI
19/12/2024	SURREY PENSIONS	BACS	3,849.45	PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
19/12/2024	Auditing Solutions Limited	BACS 47	369.60	Asset Register Assistance
19/12/2024	Neil Curtis & Sons	BACS 48	400.00	Grave Dig x 2
19/12/2024	Light Angels Ltd	BACS 50	6,061.92	Tree & Motifs collect/install
19/12/2024	RBS Accounting Solutions	BACS 49	612.00	Internal Audit for 2024/25
19/12/2024	John B McKernan	BACS 52	162.37	Ground work in Parish
19/12/2024	Screwfix	BACS 51	26.98	Health and Safety Paint
19/12/2024	Guildford Borough Council	BACS 53	695.50	Refuse Collection APCentre
19/12/2024	Guildford Borough Council	BACS 54	266.50	Refuse Collection Cemetery
19/12/2024	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 55	11.61	Water at Harpers Allotments
19/12/2024	VARIOUS	BACS	3,767.43	WAGES REQUESTED 1 WEEK EARLY
19/12/2024	Lockrite Security	BACS 45A	0.60	Replacement padlock and keys
20/12/2024	Kebur garden materials	BACS 56	121.95	Cement and Ballast
20/12/2024	Christopher Harris	BACS 57	100.00	Piper for Rembrance Service 24
23/12/2024	Dyno-Rod Drain Services	BACS 58	247.00	P/Ledger Electronic Payment
24/12/2024	Francotyp Postalia Ltd	BACS 59	50.00	Franking machine postage
24/12/2024	VARIOUS	BACS	14,695.65	WAGES NOT REQUESTED EARLY
31/12/2024	ADF Tree Surgeons	BACS 46	300.00	Emergency Tree Works
31/12/2024	Scottish and Southern Energy	BACS 60	1,421.52	P/Ledger Electronic Payment
31/12/2024	Lockrite Security	BACS 45	93.96	Replacement padlock and keys

Total Payments

93,835.47

MINUTE APPENDIX A

PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT.

Multiple issues with the new Chester Road bridge:
On the opening day the traffic lights were stuck on red
Bad signage
Why have so many diversion signs been placed around the area
Foreman Road is too narrow for all the additional traffic
Speeding vehicles over the bridge and along Grange Road
Road too close to properties which makes it dangerous for children
Vehicles turning around in driveway of private property
Flooding on land

What is going to happen over damage to my house caused by the building of the bridge

The Chairman confirmed these issues are not something the Parish Council can deal with but all comments will be passed onto the contractor, Volker Fitzpatrick and GBC. The bridge did go through the full planning application process with full planning permission granted by GBC.

Has the Chairman an update on how many times in a year does the road sweeper come out to Ash?

The Chairman confirmed she did not have an update but will chase GBC.

Streamside stream is not flowing and photographs have been sent to the contractor, Volker Fitzpatrick but to date no response has been received.

The Chairman confirmed send the photographs to her and she will chase the contractor.she did not have an update but will chase GBC.

Is the Council able to provide an update on why the streetlights are stuck on 24/7? The Chairman confirmed that the temporary contractor is working to replace the cells in the streetlights which will help resolve this issue. Once cells are replaced it will then indentify further issues with individual streetlights, whether electrical or mechanical will require further investigation.

Thank you Cllr Paul Golding for all your work in keeping our streetlights working.