

ASH PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee
held in via Microsoft Teams
Monday 3 February 2025 which commenced at 18:30**

Old Chairman	Cllr Carl Cookson	A
New Chairman	Cllr Michael Moriarty	✓
Vice Chairman	Cllr Fiona White	✓
	Cllr Philip Bellamy	x
	Cllr Paul Golding	x
	Cllr Carla Morson	✓
	Cllr John Tonks	✓
	Cllr Mohammed Faisal	✓

✓ Present

x Not Present

A Apology for Absence

Part 1 – Public Session**31. To Elect a New Chairman. (agenda item 1)**

On the nomination of Cllr Fiona White, seconded by Cllr Carla Morson and there being no other nominations, **Cllr Michael Moriarty** was elected to serve as **Chairman**.

Cllr Michael Moriarty thanked Cllr Carl Cookson for all the work he had done to date as the previous Chairman.

32. New Member to the Neighbourhood Planning Committee. (agenda item 2)

Members noted that Cllr Mohammed Faisal is a new member to the Neighbourhood Planning Committee.

33. To Accept Apologies for Absence. (agenda item 3)

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Carl Cookson.

34. To Receive Declarations of Interest. (agenda item 4)

There were no declarations of interest.

35. Confirmation of the Minutes. (agenda item 5)

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 26 November 2024, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed as a true record and will be signed by the Chairman of the Committee, Cllr Michael Moriarty.

36. Adjournment. (agenda item 6)

This meeting was **not** held in public. Any members of the public wishing to join the meeting were advised to click the following link;

https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting_OGJIZTQ5NjUtM2UxZi00OTk1LTliYTAtNWl0MGNmZml2M2Yz%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22655dc6d2-cc35-4837-9012-8b3f621f8869%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2252a651d8-60cc-4ef0-b8b8-8585a26a9914%22%7d

Full details on how to access the meeting are available on the Parish Council website;
<https://www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk/public-access-to-virtual-meetings/>

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

37. Support Package. *(agenda item 7)*

Members noted that the Clerk has applied for additional funding for SEA and HRA Technical Support. Following on from the application, a Teams Meeting was held with the Clerk, Leah Coney from ONH and AECOM.

38. Ash Housing Needs Assessment. *(agenda item 8)*

Members noted that comments submitted by email from Cllr's have been forwarded to AECOM as the draft Ash Housing Needs Assessment had to be approved by 22 January 2025.

Once AECOM have produced the final draft of the Ash Housing Needs Assessment it will be emailed to members and then the document can be shared on the Council's website.

39. Ash Design Guidance and Codes Scoping Document. *(agenda item 9)*

Members noted that the Clerk and Leah Coney from ONH approved the Ash Design Guidance and Codes Scoping document.

There was a slight adjustment to the boundary in Ash Green.

Once AECOM have produced the final draft of the **Ash Design Guidance and Codes Scoping Document** it will be emailed to members and then the document can be shared on the Council's website.

40. Policy Development and Next Steps. *(agenda item 10)*

Members agreed the following Policy Development and the next key steps for the Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Ash :

Ensure historical areas of Ash, the importance of the Basingstoke Canal, Business Areas and the District Centre are reflected in the Design Code.

Investigate further what the land is to the north of the old railway line, which could be The Briars is retained for rural purposes and not built on (Gap Land).

Investigate further whether there are any other areas that could be used for small business units. If not, then investigate ways of protecting the units at the side of Ash Railway Station.

The Parish of Ash has no development opportunities as most areas have already been built on or have been earmarked for being built on. Only option is knock down and rebuild on present sites.

Investigate further the health of retail units – how many are unoccupied and how far do people have to travel to reach a convenience store.

Produce mapping for active travel networks, where in the Parish people walk more than 400m or 800m, locations for Community Assets - including public houses, public halls, open spaces and other places of local sporting, social and cultural importance, and locations of Green and Blue areas.

Agreed the next informal engagement for a two-week period is 31 March – 13 April 2025. The Chairman will work on an article for was agreed – the Clerk will forward by email the draft list for Councillors to approve.

41. Correspondence. *(agenda item 11)*

There was no correspondence.

42. Next Meeting. *(agenda item 9)12*

The next meeting is due to be held virtually **TO BE AGREED BY EMAIL WITH COUNCILLORS AND THEN PUBLISHED ON COUNCIL WEBSITE** commencing at 18:30.

The meeting concluded at 20:00.

Chairman _____

Date _____

MINUTE APPENDIX A

PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT.

Can documents the Cllr's see be published on the website?

The Clerk confirmed once all documents have been formally agreed they6 would be published on the website.