

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Minutes the Annual Parish meeting held on  
Monday 11 March 2024 which commenced at 18:30pm  
At the Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road, Ash**

**Present:** Cllr Fiona White – Chairman Ash Parish Council  
Ali Watmore – Deputy Clerk

Seventeen members of the public including eight Ash Parish Councillors and Residents of the Parish of Ash

**1. Welcome from the Chairman of the Council.**

The Chairman of the Council opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

**2. To accept Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Carl Cookson and Cllr Mohammed Faisal.

**3. To receive Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest to report.

**4. To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 March 2023.**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 13 March 2023 copies of which have been circulated to Ash residents, were confirmed as a true record, and will be signed by the Chairman of the Council.

**5. A Financial Report from the Trustees of the Parochial Charity (Smith's Charity) was received.**

Ash residents present received and accepted the report with one minor correction to a date.

**6. A Report from the Trustees of the James Payne Memorial Fund was received.**

Ash residents present received and accepted the report.

**7. A Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council was received.**

Ash residents present received and accepted the report.

**8. The Annual Reports from the Chairman of the Parish Council Committees and the reports submitted by the representatives of the other bodies were received.**

Ash residents present received and accepted all the reports.

**9. OPEN MEETING.**

Items raised for discussion, of local concern or interest affecting Ash Parish, are detailed at Appendix A.

**10. Date of Next Meeting.**

Ash residents present corrected the next meeting date to be held on as the **10 March 2025** instead of 11 March 2025 commencing at 18:30pm.

*The meeting concluded at 18.50pm*

*Chairman* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date* \_\_\_\_\_

## **APPENDIX A**

The following issues were raised at last year's Annual Parish meeting and are still waiting to be resolved :

### **Shawfield Road Tunnel**

Needs repainting and the broken lights replaced.

### **Flooding In The Parish**

Flooding at the bottom of Longacre on the footpath to the side of Rose Cottages which happens every time it rains.

### **Highway Issue's Shawfield Road**

Pot holes on speed bumps closest to Rose Cottages.

*The Chairman replied that it would be reported to Surrey County Council (SCC) again.*

### **Issues Following On From The Installation Of The Ash Road Bridge :**

Lack of footpath along Foreman Road.

Users of the train station car park, when approaching by going past St Peters Church will have to go over the new road bridge and then turn left at the R-A-B and come back towards the train station as the road will be closed at the station.

*The Chairman confirmed that there would be a footpath on the first part of Foreman Road onto the new road bridge, but not past this point/junction.*

*The Chairman will report these issues to the Surrey County Councillor, Matt Furness who is responsible for this area.*

### **Blocked Gullies in Chester Road**

The first two gullies as you walk into Chester Road are blocked and need clearing.

*The office staff will report this to Surrey County Councillor.*

### **Solar Light in Chester Road**

The solar light in Chester Road is not very bright.

*The Deputy Clerk confirmed that as explained these lights are only a temporary measure to give some light in an area when the standard streetlight is classed as a "dead service" until the light is fixed by SSE.*

### **Ash Rangers**

The gates are being locked when the flags are down. Has the Chairman had any contact with DIO/MOD since taking over as Chairman?

*The Chairman confirmed that no further contact had been made with the DIO/MOD and she will investigate.*