

ASH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in the Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road, Ash on Monday 14 April 2025 which commenced at 18:30

Chairman of the Council	Cllr Fiona White	✓
Vice Chairman	Cllr Carla Morson	✓
	Cllr Philip Bellamy	A
	Cllr Carl Cookson	✓
	Cllr Mohammad Faisal	✓
	Cllr Paul Golding	✓
	Cllr Richard Lucas	A
	Cllr Nigel Manning	✓
	Cllr Michael Moriarty	✓
	Cllr Marsha Moseley	✓
	Cllr John Tonks	A
✓ Present	x Not Present	A Apology for Absence

Part I – Public Session

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Philip Bellamy, Cllr Richard Lucas and Cllr John Tonks.

159. Declarations of Interest. (agenda item 2)

There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

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

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10 March 2025 copies of which have been circulated to members, were confirmed as a true record and will be signed by the Vice Chairman of the Council.

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

We are nearly at the end of the building project of Chester Bridge. A road safety audit was carried out on the works at Ash Church Road and Foreman Road last Thursday 11th April. The auditors have asked for some additional work to the replacement surface on Ash Church Road before it can be reopened. The contractors hope this work will be completed by the end of this week so that the road can be reopened before the Easter weekend. Once that junction is open, the temporary traffic lights, which I know have been the bane of the lives of several motorists and residents, will be removed.

I know the closure of Ash Church Road layby was discussed at the last council meeting which was chaired by Cllr Carla Morson in my absence. Cllr Carla Morson has an update for us.

Cllr Carla Morson confirmed that Surrey County Council (SCC) had received three letters regarding the closure and the response I've received from them is very negative. The

layby will be closed and the footpath widened. The head of Ash Grange and Surrey Police agree with this action.

SCC will be sending out consultation forms to residents and I encourage residents to complete their survey.

The Chairman confirmed she was very disappointed with SCC's decision and encourages residents to complete their consultation forms.

As a Parish Council I'm not sure there is anything further we can do about this but will investigate as to whether there is.

Surrey Police are conducting an anti-social behaviour (ASB) survey on how it impacts communities. The information gathered will feed into the next Police and Crime Plan between 2025 and 2028.

I know there have been ASB issues for a long time in Ash and I was particularly upset to read on social media about attacks on wildlife.

I encourage residents to take part in the survey and Cllr Carla Morson has posted a link on social media sites. It is important that we make sure Surrey Police recognises the needs of this area as a priority.

Local Government Review – the process of reorganising local government into unitary authorities is continuing. The two proposals (one for a two unitary authority and the other for a three unitary authority across SCC) have been submitted to the Minister. SCC and a group of Borough and District Councils are carrying out separate surveys to find out which option residents would prefer, and the outcome could feed into the final decision process. You can find details of each survey on the respective Councils website.

Guildford Borough Council (GBC) have been talking for some time about updating the Local Plan. A timescale for the update process has now been agreed. Details can be found on GBC's website.

VE Day 80th Anniversary celebrations will be held at the Ash Centre on 8 May 2025 between 12 noon and 2pm. The Mayor of Guildford will be joining us for these celebrations. Further details can be found on the Parish's website and Facebook page or by contacting the office. We must also remember that VE Day was not the end of World War 2 and fighting continued against Japan for some months. VJ Day is on 15th August.

162. 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).

163. 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	March	24	2025	Minute Number	81 to 88
A,F& A	March	24	2025	Minute Number	103 to 114

164. Monthly Payments List. (*agenda item 7*)

Members received and approved the monthly payments list giving details of February 2025 payments as at Appendix B.

165. New Street Lighting and CCTV Temporary Working Group. (agenda item 8)

Members to consider whether they would like to have a new temporary working group created for the purposes of reviewing what will be required for a new contractor to tender for street lighting and CCTV contracts and if agreed this working group will be added to the May agenda to elect Councillors to serve upon it.

and it was:

Agreed that the Council would like a new temporary working group created for street lighting and CCTV with members being elected in May to serve upon it.

166. Parish Meeting Calendar 2025/26. (agenda item 9)

Members noted the Parish meeting calendar which confirms all the dates and times for Council Committee meetings in 2025/26.

167. Donation In Memory Of Former Cllr Pat Scott. (agenda item 10)

Members noted the Council donated £100 to Phyllis Tuckwell in memory of former Cllr Pat Scott.

168. Drainage Repairs Harpers Scout Hut. (agenda item 11)

A drainage report was carried out at Harpers Scout Hut by the nominated supplier. This confirms that repairs are required at a cost of £1960.00 + £1380.00 + £580.00 + £580.00 + £1330.00 + £1585.00 + £1483.00 VAT = £8898.00.

Members noted that the Chairman and the Clerk used delegated powers to authorise these repairs.

169. Correspondence. (agenda item 12)

There was no correspondence to report.

170. Next Meeting. (agenda item 13)

The next meeting is on Monday 19 May 2025.

The meeting closed at 18:57.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

AGENDA APPENDIX A**ASH PARISH COUNCIL****LOCAL CODE OF CONDUCT – DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS****March 2025**

DATE OF MEETING	MEMBER	MINUTE REF & PAGE NO.	TYPE AND NATURE OF INTEREST
Planning 24 March 2025			None.
Administration, Finance & Amenities (A, F&A) 24 March 2025	Cllr Paul Golding	Min Ref : 104 Pg : 34	Pecuniary.

AGENDA APPENDIX B

Payments List

Date: 10/03/2025

Ash Parish Council

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Time: 15:26

Co-op Community Directplus Acc

List of Payments made between 01/02/2025 and 28/02/2025

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
01/02/2025	RBS Correction	BACS	2.40		Correction to Under/Over Payme
03/02/2025	COOP BANK	DD	28.35		BANK CHARGES
11/02/2025	Octopus Energy	BACS 2	24.10		Electric at Carrington Toilet
11/02/2025	Octopus Energy	BACS 3	69.34		Electric at Ash Rec
11/02/2025	Octopus Energy	BACS 4	145.19		Electric at Harpers Scout Hut
11/02/2025	Octopus Energy	BACS 5	205.11		Electric at Public Toilet
11/02/2025	Octopus Energy	BACS 6	797.90		Electric at APC Offices
13/02/2025	Octopus Energy	BACS 7	52.15		Electric at Carrington Approac
13/02/2025	Driver & Vehicle Licensing Age	BACS 1	335.00		Vehicle Tax
13/02/2025	Information Commissioners Offi	BACS 8	35.00		Data Protection Act Fees
13/02/2025	J P and S Services	BACS 9	198.13		Fuel for Vans
13/02/2025	Chips Giles Ltd	BACS 10	216.00		Repairs to Gator
13/02/2025	Ash Road Service Centre Ltd	BACS 11	278.81		IO08693/15335/J P and S Servic
13/02/2025	Circle Property Assessments	BACS 12	354.00		Commercial EPC Inspection
13/02/2025	Joel Baker	BACS 13	543.24		Microsoft 365 & Teams
13/02/2025	Auditing Solutions Limited	BACS 14	612.60		2nd Internal Audit
13/02/2025	Neil Curtis & Sons	BACS 15	800.00		2 Grave Digs Wilson & Barella
13/02/2025	Shield Security Services Ltd	BACS 16	854.88		Mobile Security Patrols
13/02/2025	Ellack Cleaning Contractors Lt	BACS 17	873.40		Office Cleaning January
13/02/2025	John B McKernan	BACS 18	262.29		Temp Ground Work Streetlights
13/02/2025	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 19	43.28		Water at Harpers Scout Hut
13/02/2025	Castle Water Ltd	bacs 20	228.72		Water at Ash Centre
13/02/2025	Castle Water Ltd	bacs 21	8.07		Water at Ash Cemetery
13/02/2025	Castle Water Ltd	bacs 22	9.68		Water at Harpers Allotments
13/02/2025	Milestones Infrastructure Ltd	bacs 23	2,460.19		Heathvale Bridge Light Fix
13/02/2025	Milestones Infrastructure Ltd	bacs 24	3,685.07		Warwick Rd Light Fix
13/02/2025	Viking Direct	bacs 25	216.55		Stationary and Folders
13/02/2025	RBS Accounting Solutions	BACS 14A	-0.60		P/Ledger Electronic Payment
17/02/2025	St Marys Community Fund	BACS	2,727.37		Fee/Fantasia Donation
17/02/2025	St Marys Charity FB	BACS	500.00		Donation to Food Bank Charity
18/02/2025	E-ON	BACS 26	651.47		Gas at The Ash Centre
18/02/2025	E-ON	BACS 27	311.68		Gas at Harpers Scout Hut
19/02/2025	BREWERS PAINTS LTD	BACS 28/	89.47		Paint for centre toilets
19/02/2025	Amazon UK	BACS 29	12.59		First Aid Kit Top Up
21/02/2025	Aquavent Ltd	BACS 30	72.00		Monthly Water Checks
21/02/2025	Fedelis Security Ltd	BACS 31	360.00		Lock Repairs to disabled To
26/02/2025	Surrey Pensions	BACS	4,909.52		Pension Contributions
26/02/2025	HMRC	BACS	5,094.58		PAYE and NI
27/02/2025	John B McKernan	BACS 32	321.60		Temp Ground Work - Streetlight
27/02/2025	krystal Hosting Ltd	BACS 33	132.00		Web site hosting
27/02/2025	VARIOUS	BACS	16,968.90		SALARY PAYMENTS
28/02/2025	Pendletons Body Repairs	BACS 34	329.65		Excess and VAT on Van Claim
28/02/2025	Asl Ltd Drainage Services	BACS 35	384.00		CCTV Inspection of drains
28/02/2025	Sabahat Hussain	BACS	284.00		Hall Deposit Refund

Total Payments 46,487.68

Chairman

Y. Longworth Clerk

Date 14/04/25

MINUTE APPENDIX A

PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT.

Guildford Road layby has already been closed. This is a shame as it could have been used for additional parking.

Very disappointing news that Ash Grange layby will be closed. The closure will cause further issues with parking, increase parking on pavements and put pressure on other roads.

The Chairman confirmed she agreed it was disappointing news. However, this is the decision of SCC and part of their local transport plan. Further details on their transport plan can be found on their website.

Could the Parish Council not ask the MP to influence SCC about this decision?

The Chairman confirmed the Parish Council could write to the MP.

There are still issues with the ditches and water not flowing. Volker Fitzpatrick have carried out some works, but it hasn't resolved the issue. Will report the ongoing issue to Volker Fitzpatrick.

The Chairman confirmed she would also chase Volker Fitzpatrick.

Some potholes on Shawfield Road have been marked up however, some on the opposite side of the road haven't been marked up. Surely it would be best practice to do all the potholes at the same time?

Cllr Carla Morson confirmed it would be best practice. It was something that she was aware of and looking into how it could be resolved by SCC.