ASH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in the Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road, Ash on Monday 8 September 2025 which commenced at 18:30

Chair of the Council:

Vice Chair

Cllr Fiona White

Cllr Carla Morson

Cllr Philip Bellamy

Cllr Carl Cookson

Cllr Mohammad Faisal

Cllr Paul Golding

Cllr Richard Lucas

Cllr Nigel Manning

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Cllr Michael Moriarty

Cllr Marsha Moseley

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Cllr John Tonks

Cllr Susan Wyeth-Price

✓ Present x Not Present A Apology for Absence

Part I - Public Session

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Nigel Manning and Cllr Marsha Moseley.

52. **Declarations of Interest**. (agenda item 2)

Cllr Paul Golding declared a non-pecuniary declaration of interest on Agenda Item 14, as he lives opposite Harpers Recreation Ground.

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

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14 July 2025 copies of which have been circulated to members, were confirmed as a true record and will be signed by the Chair of the Council.

54. Chair's Announcements. (agenda item 4)

The Chair welcomed everyone back following our summer break, apart from the meeting of the Planning Committee. Planning doesn't stop just because it's holiday season. I hope that everyone had chance to enjoy the summer weather.

As you will see from our agenda, we are about to start on our rounds of meetings leading up to setting our budget and precept early next year. The figures in tonight's agenda are there to provide us with the basis for debate.

Our Parish Council may become even more important to local people once Local Government Reorganisation has taken place and we must be sure that we have the resources to step up where we are needed.

One thing that is reported to us time and again is the issue of graffiti. The Chester Bridge has been a particular target along with the Shawfield Tunnel. We are working to try to find

long term solutions to both those issues because we understand the impact that the spray paint, and especially some of the images, can have on people.

There is very little to report for this meeting. The most exciting thing is the opening of the Ash Police Hub which will take place tomorrow at 12 o'clock. As you will have seen from the Surrey Police press releases, the Hub will be open every Tuesday between 12 o'clock and 4 pm. The object is to give local people a place to come and talk to police officers and PCSO's about things that concern them. The Vice Chairman and I had meetings with officers from Surrey Police to discuss some of the antisocial behaviour that had been going on in our community and the feeling on behalf of some residents that their reports and concerns were not being taken seriously. The police force suggested the Hub as part of a solution and our Clerk, Ali Watmore, came up with the idea of an underused room here in the Ash Centre which absolutely met the force's needs.

The Hub is opening for an initial period to see if it helps improve relationships between our community and the Police force. I hope that it will be well used. I know that the timings on a Tuesday afternoon are not ideal for everyone but there may be a possibility to extend those hours if it is a success. So, my message to the community is that the Police are showing us that they care about what happens here, but it will only work if people take the trouble to come and talk to them.

55. 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).

56. 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 23 July 2025 16 to 23 Amenities, Finance & Administration 23 July 2025 20 to 29

57. Monthly Payment List. (agenda item 7)

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

58. First Draft Budget and Precept 2026/27. (agenda item 8)

Members considered the first draft of the 2026/2027 budget and started the discussion on the percentage increase for the Parish precept.

59. **IT Windows 11 Upgrade**. (agenda item 9)

Members noted that the Chairman and the Clerk used delegated powers to purchase new IT equipment for Windows 11 at a cost of £2841.85 + £568.37 VAT = £3410.22. The funds will be taken from EMR Renewal General.

60. Christmas Tree and Lights 2025. (agenda item 10)

Members noted that the Chairman and the Clerk used delegated powers to purchase the installation and removal of the Christmas Tree and Christmas Lights 2025 at a cost of £4125 \pm £825.00 VAT = £4950.00.

61. Intruder Alarm Upgrade. (agenda item 11)

Members noted that the Chairman and the Clerk used delegated powers to purchase a new intruder alarm system at a cost of £1636.00 + £327.20 VAT = £1636.00. The funds will be taken from EMR Security.

62. Transfer Of Old Street Columns To New Metal Type In Manor Road & The Garth. (agenda item 12)

Members noted that the Chairman and the Clerk used delegated powers to approve the works to transfer the old concrete street columns to new metal columns in Meadow Close at a cost of £1156.81 + £1156.81 + £462.72 VAT = £2313.62.

63. **S106** Contributions For Murals On Chester Bridge. (agenda item 13)

The Chair requested that Cllr David Shaw who is one of the Borough Councillors for Ash South Ward be given permission to speak during this agenda item as he had been involved with Cllr Sue Wyeth-Price in discussions at GBC meetings – it was agreed by Council.

During the discussion, members questioned whether it would be possible to use this money for the Shawfield Tunnel.

Cllr Sue Wyeth-Price thought it was possible that this money could be used on other projects.

Cllr Michael Moriarty confirmed that it could be used on other projects and would send the wording to the Clerk so that the Clerk can write to GBC.

The Chair confirmed that other sources of funding might be available. She will investigate and this can then be discussed at a future Council meeting.

Members agreed to the use of S106 contributions for murals on Chester Bridge.

64. S106 Projects Harpers Recreation Ground. (agenda item 14)

Members to consider the projects for Harpers Recreation Ground.

and it was:

Resolved upon consideration that the projects as per the report by the Clerk is approved using the preferred contractor for the new play area which has the most accessible equipment costing £130,000.00 ex VAT and the preferred contractor for all the other projects costing £66,062.00 (car park reconstruction £22,800.00, new car park construction £12,000.00, pathway £20,462.00, bridge £6,000.00 and drainage £4800.00 all ex VAT).

During the discussion, a question was raised about other S106 money that could be available for this area. It was suggested that 13/P/00717, The Croft, Ash could be used towards providing or improving recreation open space that might reasonably be enjoyed by person resident in the dwellings to be constructed, received 03/09/19 which was transferred to GBC Parks. The original figure was £55,817.12 so this includes £176.22 of Indexation. The Clerk will contact Guildford Borough Council and if this money is no longer available then the additional £8,252.88 will be funded using 344 EMR Play Equip/Signage.

Cllr Paul Golding asked for it to be noted that the contractor works with the residents So that they have continued parking and that the original bridge sleepers are retained.

The Clerk confirmed that we would do everything possible to ensure parking is available and that the original sleepers are retained.

Date: _____

Chairman:

AGENDA APPENDIX A

ASH PARISH COUNCIL

LOCAL CODE OF CONDUCT – DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

July 2025

DATE OF MEETING	MEMBER	MINUTE REF & PAGE NO.	TYPE AND NATURE OF INTEREST
COUNCIL 14 July 2025			None.
PLANNING 23 July 2025			None.
Administration, Finance & Amenities (A, F&A) 23 July 2025			None.

AGENDA APPENDIX B

Date: 08/07/2025 Ash Parish Council Page 1

Time: 14:51 Co-op Community Directplus Acc

List of Payments made between 01/06/2025 and 30/06/2025

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
04/06/2025	DAC BEACHCROFT LTD	BACS	52.54	VAT ON INSURANCE PAYOUT
04/06/2025	FEEZAN WARRAICH	BACS	216.00	HALL DEPOSIT REFUND
04/06/2025	G Tomkins Window Cleaning	BACS 1	20.00	Centre Window Cleaners
04/06/2025	Ash & District History Museum	BACS 2	49.18	Electric at Cemetery Toilet
04/06/2025	Wey Glass Ltd	BACS 4	78.00	Window repairs
04/06/2025	J & G Drain Services	BACS 5	89.40	Emergency Pipe Repairs
04/06/2025	Aquavent Ltd	BACS 6	93.00	Monthly Water Testing
04/06/2025	Wild About Water (UK) Ltd	BACS 7	148.90	Rental on water cooler
04/06/2025	Parish Online	BACS 8	378.00	Annual licence fee
04/06/2025	Neil Curtis & Sons	BACS 9	430.00	Grave Dig - Annett
04/06/2025	Neil Curtis & Sons	BACS 10	430.00	Grave Dig - Jones
04/06/2025	Ellack Cleaning Contractors Lt	BACS 11	533.47	Office Cleaning May 25
04/06/2025	Auditing Solutions Limited	BACS 12	612.00	Final Internal Audit
04/06/2025	Joel Baker	BACS 13	667.26	Azure April 25
04/06/2025	Shield Security Services Ltd	bacs 15	1,314.00	Monthly Security Patrols
04/06/2025	Screwfix	bacs 16	23.95	Cable Ties and Padlock
04/06/2025	John B McKernan	bacs 17	424.66	Ground Work/Watering
04/06/2025	Kebur garden materials	bacs 18	98.06	Topsoil Bulk Bag
04/06/2025	Viking Direct	bacs 19	131.08	Stationary/cleaning materials
04/06/2025	Thomas Fattorini Ltd	bacs 20	376.42	Chain Valuation
04/06/2025	Octopus Energy	BACS 3	29.62	Electric at Carrington Toilets
04/06/2025	SLCC	BACS 14	360.00	Membership for the Clerk
05/06/2025	COOP BANK	DD	28.35	BANK CHARGES
10/06/2025	Octopus Energy	BACS 21	71.42	Electric at Ash Rec
10/06/2025	Octopus Energy	BACS 22	121.88	Electric at Harpers Scout Hut
10/06/2025	Octopus Energy	BACS 23	148.01	Electric at Public Toilets APC
10/06/2025	Octopus Energy	BACS 24	410.33	Electric at APC Offices
10/06/2025	Francotyp Postalia Ltd	BACS 25	50.00	P/Ledger Electronic Payment
11/06/2025	Vending Superstore	BACS 26	54.95	Chocolate for Street Team
11/06/2025	RT Gate Automations	BACS 27	156.49	Support Arm for Barrier
17/06/2025	E-ON	BACS 28	90.37	Gas at Harpers Scout Hut
17/06/2025	E-ON	BACS 29	239.12	Gas at The Ash Centre
17/06/2025	J P and S Services	BACS 31	351.99	Fuel for Vans and Equipment
17/06/2025	Cllr John Tonks	BACS 32	418.21	Drink for Summer Fete Bar
17/06/2025	DSH Automation	BACS 33	420.00	Repairs to front door at APC
17/06/2025	Redberry Media Ltd	BACS 34	990.00	Team Building Training
18/06/2025	Dans Garden Services	BACS 35	1,320.00	Grass cutting at Cemetery
18/06/2025	John B McKernan	BACS 36	499.60	Hanging Basket Watering
18/06/2025	Guildford Borough Council	BACS 37	266.50	Refuse collection at Cemetery
18/06/2025	Guildford Borough Council	BACS 38	727.50	Refuse Collection from APC
18/06/2025	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 39	60.37	Water at Harpers Scout Hut
18/06/2025	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 40	619.16	Water at Ash Centre
18/06/2025	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 41	19.74	Water at Ash Cemetery
18/06/2025	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 42	257.88	Water at Shawfield Road Allot
18/06/2025	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 43	6.78	Water at Harpers Rec
18/06/2025	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 30	31.59	Water at Harpers allotments
18/06/2025	Petty Cash	2520LINK12	250.00	Top up of Petty Cash

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Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail	
18/06/2025	Jonathan Cann	BACS 44	240.00	Entertainment at Fete	
18/06/2025	Zurich Municipal	BACS 45	1,633.99	Additional Insurance Cover	
24/06/2025	COSTCO WHOLESALE UK LTD	BACS 46	191.01	P/Ledger Electronic Payment	
26/06/2025	VARIOUS	BACS	17,582.20	June Salaries	
	Scottish and Southern Energy	BACS 47	1,468.91	Street Light Electric	

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Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
01/07/2025	Surrey Pensions	DD	4,924.43	Pension Contributions
01/07/2025	HMRC	BACS	5,968.16	PAYE and NI Contributions
01/07/2025	CF Corporate Finance Ltd	1362.00	1,362.00	P/Ledger Electronic Payment
01/07/2025	Brand Pest Control	BACS 3	132.00	Wasp Nest removal x 2
01/07/2025	PPL PRS Ltd	BACS 4	206.38	Music Licence
01/07/2025	Ellack Cleaning Contractors Lt	BACS 5	533.47	June Office Clean
01/07/2025	Graftin Gardeners	BACS 6	720.00	OPM Nest removal
01/07/2025	Joel Baker	BACS 7	906.74	Azure Plan May
01/07/2025	Oasis Electrical Engineers & C	BACS 8	2,897.21	Lightning Protection Repairs
01/07/2025	DOWNS VIEW NURSERIES LTD	BACS 9	7,666.39	Hanging Baskets and Plants
01/07/2025	Screwfix	BACS 10	230.29	Uniform Boots x 4 Pairs
01/07/2025	John B McKernan	BACS 11	437.15	Ground Work - Watering
01/07/2025	Security Control Systems Ltd	BACS 12	114.00	Repairs to intruder alarm
01/07/2025	Quartix Ltd	BACS 13	79.42	Tracking system for Vans
01/07/2025	Francotyp Postalia Ltd	BACS 15	100.80	Hire of Franking Machine
01/07/2025	Octopus Energy	BACS 14	62.18	Electric at Carrington Rec
01/07/2025	Pegasus Pizza	TRANS	10.00	Refund for Non attendance
04/07/2025	Coop Bank	DD	32.30	Bank Charges
07/07/2025	Agri-Gem Ltd	BACS 16	172.24	New Weed Sprayer
07/07/2025	Project Skills Solutions Limit	BACS 17	420.00	Training for Ground Staff
10/07/2025	Octopus Energy	BACS 18	28.60	Electric - Carrington Toilet
10/07/2025	Octopus Energy	BACS 19	64.82	Electric at Ash Rec
10/07/2025	Octopus Energy	BACS 20	125.04	Electric at Scout Hut
10/07/2025	Octopus Energy	BACS 21	157.24	Electric at APC Toilets
10/07/2025	Octopus Energy	BACS 22	429.97	Electric at APC Office
14/07/2025	British Telecommunications plc	BACS 23	1,466.61	Broadband and Phone Line
15/07/2025	G Tomkins Window Cleaning	BACS 24	20.00	Window Cleaning
15/07/2025	Treasured Memories Limited	BACS 25	57.66	Temporary Memorial - Haswell
15/07/2025	Rocks Locks Locksmith and Secu	BACS 26	131.52	Replacement Lock in Side Door
15/07/2025	WJ Fire Protection Services	BACS 27	203.52	Repairs to security lights
15/07/2025	J P and S Services	BACS 28	237.38	Fuel for Vans and Equipment
15/07/2025	Guildford Borough Council	BACS 29	266.50	Extra Refuse Bin for Cemetery
15/07/2025	Shield Security Services Ltd	BACS 374	374.00	External Security Patrols
15/07/2025	ADF Tree Surgeons	BACS 31	738.00	Tree work at the Cemetery
15/07/2025	J & G Drain Services	BACS 32	820.81	Repairs to pipes in Ladies WC
15/07/2025	Dans Garden Services	BACS 33	1,320.00	Grass Cutting Cemetery
15/07/2025	Cathedral Hygiene	bacs 34	1,934.35	Annual Hygiene service fees
15/07/2025	Pirbright Electrical Contracto	BACS 35	12,658.80	Electrical work in Workshop
15/07/2025	Magic signs	BACS 36	366.43	Staff Uniforms
15/07/2025	Insight Systems Ltd	BACS 37	34.69	Printing units
15/07/2025	John B McKernan	BACS 38	555.81	Ground work - Watering
15/07/2025	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 39	105.53	Water at Harpers Scout Hut
15/07/2025	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 40	940.22	Water at APC Office
15/07/2025	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 41	15.14	Water at Cemetery
15/07/2025	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 42	379.06	Water at Shawfield Allotments
15/07/2025	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 43	6.57	Water at Harpers Rec
15/07/2025	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 44	41.87	Water at Harpers Allotments

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15/07/2025	Graftin Gardeners	BACS 45	540.00	Spraying of Oak Trees
15/07/2025	Viking Direct	bacs 46	255.43	Notice Board & Stationary
15/07/2025	Shield Security Services Ltd	bacs 48	1,000.00	External Security Patrols
15/07/2025	E-ON	bacs 50	69.04	Gas at Harpers Scout Hut
16/07/2025	3D Services (South East) Ltd	BACS 2	534.00	Maps of Harpers Rec Ground
16/07/2025	Surrey Pensions	TRANS	5,183.88	Pension Contributions
16/07/2025	HMRC	TRANS	6,420.12	PAYE AND NI Contributions
17/07/2025	Amazon UK	BACS 49	129.76	Water Testing Kits
17/07/2025	Ash Vale Tyre and Auto Centre	BACS 47	139.99	Tyre for Van
30/07/2025	Scottish and Southern Energy	BACS 52	1,421.52	P/Ledger Electronic Payment
31/07/2025	VARIOUS	BACS	18,331.90	WAGES FOR JULY
31/07/2025	COSTCO WHOLESALE UK LTD	BACS 51	222.85	P/Ledger Electronic Payment

Total Payments

84,703.79

MINUTE APPENDIX A

PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT.

Is there any further update regarding football pitches for Collins Gardens?

The Chair confirmed that there is nothing further to add since the last Council meeting.

Is there any further update on a sign for Collins Gardens about it being a cul-de-sac? The Chair confirmed that she had forgotten about this and asked the Clerk to remind her.

Minutes

There are drainage issues locally caused by the natural streams not flowing which has been discussed by Councillors with Claire Upton-Brown at Guildford Borough Council (GBC). Claire Upton-Brown stated that S106 money is available for this, but it is down to the Parish Council to contact them. Has the Parish Council heard anything?

The Clerk confirmed she was not aware of this and will email Claire Upton-Brown for further details.

Thank you Cllr Phil Bellamy for all your work in getting Shawfield Tunnel cleaned. There is still paint flaking off which needs rectifying.

Cllr Phil Bellamy confirmed that more repairs are required and that he was told further repairs would be happening. It is something he is chasing regularly.

Has everyone in the Parish been sent the information regarding the Shortland Farm development?

The Chair confirmed that it was the developers that had issued the document. She has also stepped aside from this application due to conflict with her position as Head of Planning at GBC. The Vice Chair confirmed that this document had been discussed at a meeting and that the developers had been requested to issue it to everyone in the Parish.

Could this document be shared on the Council's website? Yes this document could be shared on the Council's website.

A letter that had been written in 2002 was discovered which mentioned all the issues in the Parish which are still present today.

The Chair confirmed that as many issues are the responsibilitity of Surrey County Council or GBC then all that can be done is to keep reporting them.