

ASH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in the Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road, Ash on Monday 13 July 2026 which commenced at 18:30

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

Part I – Public Session

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Carl Cookson and Cllr Phil Bellamy.

40. To receive Declarations of Interest. (agenda item 2)

The Local Code of Conduct – Disclosure of Interests for Committee Meetings held during April and May 2026 as indicated at Agenda Appendix A were noted. There were no disclosures of interest declared for this meeting.

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

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8 June 2026 copies of which have been circulated to members, were confirmed as a true record and will be signed by the Chair of the Council.

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

After finalising some snagging problems, the new play park at Harpers Rec is now open to the public. The new playground represents an investment of £130,000 funded through Section 106 developer contributions, designed to add an additional provision for play in the area after the population has increased. It has been designed with inclusivity at its heart, with modern, accessible equipment than can be enjoyed by children of all abilities. This follows other recent additions to Harpers Rec, including the expanded car park and footpath parallel to the road, providing a safe, surfaced route between the public footpath network and Guildford Road.

Unfortunately, Oak Processionary Moth (OPM) nests have been spotted at Harpers Rec once again this year. The caterpillars of the OPM have tiny hairs which are blown around by the wind, cause skin rashes and irritation, and rarely issues with breathing. The tree that was identified as having the nests has been cordoned off and treated, but please be careful and vigilant around your own trees as they are now in the area.

Reminder Ash in Bloom is still underway, and entries are accepted until the end of August. Please submit any entries to events@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk

The Ash Village Fete took place last month and, once again, was a successful stop in our yearly events calendar – this year supporting the Ashes Good Neighbour Scheme. Many thanks to the residents that came to support, the businesses and charities that were vendors, Oasis Electrical for hanging bunting around the car park, Frederick R Miller for supplying the lorry we used as a stage, the volunteers and councillors in attendance keeping everything running smoothly and the entertainment provided by Surrey Dance Works, Ash Manor School, Mackenzie Mayne and Haaris Sings.

43. Totterdown Preschool Proposal For A New Outdoor Classroom/Community Hub.
(agenda item 5)

The owners of Totterdown Preschool gave a short presentation about the new outdoor classroom/community hub.

Following the presentation, members asked the following questions:

What style, shape and size of the unit be and where will it be placed – It will be an outdoor insulated unit, kitchen & toilet, rectangle in shape, 4x5m in size and placed at the end of the garden with a separate access gate installed. However, this isn't confirmed as need approval from APC before full investigate can proceed and funding acquired.

Will it cause additional vehicle usage and require the use of the extension car park – No.

There is already a community hub at St Mary's Chapel in Ash Wharf – Wasn't aware of this.

Under the terms of the lease, any costs for alternations would have to be paid for by Totterdown Preschool – Noted.

Have you spoken to GBC Wellbeing Team at the Hive as they offer these services and would be able to help – No and will contact them.

Have you looked at or spoken to anyone else about using another building - No.

Might be worth speaking to the new care home company that will be building a facility on Ash Lodge Drive as they will have a community space that can be hired – Will look into this as an option.

Once completed the new Ash Vale Scout hut building would have space that could be used – Cllr Richard Lucas declared a non-pecuniary interest as he helps run the scouts and will speak to the owners of Totterdown Preschool separately.

The Chair proposed that not enough information has been provided for members to consider the request from Totterdown Preschool for a new outdoor classroom/community

hub within the grounds area leased by Totterdown Preschool and that this item should be deferred until a further meeting.

This was seconded by Cllr Fiona White and unanimously agreed by all members.

44. Adjournment. (agenda item 6)

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).

45. Reports of Committees. (agenda item 7)

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

Planning	22 June 2026	8 to 16
Amenities, Finance & Administration	22 June 2026	12 to 27

46. Monthly Payment List. (agenda item 8)

Members received and approved the monthly payments list giving details of the May 2026 payments as at Appendix B.

47. Appointing New Internal Auditor. (agenda item 9)

Members to consider the quotes for appointing a new internal auditor and for the length of the new contract following the retirement of the previous internal auditor.

and it was:

Resolved upon consideration that the Council will appoint Mulberry as the new internal auditors on a three-year contract.

48. Ash Centre Barrier Works. (agenda item 10)

Members to consider the cost to replace the broken entrance barrier at a cost of £3552.00 + VAT £710.40 and the works required to bury the wiring, move relays, remove steel cover & cover at a cost of £690.00 + VAT £138.00 total amount = £5090.40. The funds will be taken from EMR Rolling Capital Programme Fund.

and it was:

Resolved upon consideration that the Council proceed with this work.

49. Playground Gate Spare Parts. (agenda item 11)

Members noted that the Chair and the Clerk used delegated powers to approve the spare part order for the playground gates at a cost of £887.26 + VAT £177.45 VAT = £1064.71. The funds are allocated in the parks & open spaces budget under grounds Maintenance.

50. Shawfield Allotment Working Group. (agenda item 12)

Members approved the name change of the Shawfield Allotment Working Group to being Allotment Working Group.

51. Correspondence. (agenda item 13)

Cllr Sue Wyeth-Price confirmed she had some correspondence regarding the additional allotment site that she will forward to all Cllr's for a response.

52. Next Meeting. (agenda item 14)

The next meeting is on Monday 14 September 2026.

The meeting closed at 19:23.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

AGENDA APPENDIX A**ASH PARISH COUNCIL****LOCAL CODE OF CONDUCT – DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS****June 2026**

DATE OF MEETING	MEMBER	MINUTE REF & PAGE NO.	TYPE AND NATURE OF INTEREST
Council 8 June 2026	None.	None.	None.
PLANNING 22 June 2026	Cllr Paul Golding	Minute Ref 9 Page No 5	Non-Pecuniary as the application is next to the field where he keeps his horses.
	Cllr Sue Wyeth-Price	Minute Ref 9 Page No 5	Non-Pecuniary as she has been talking to Normandy Parish Council regarding Rule 6 and they have asked her to attend one of their planning meetings.
Administration, Finance & Amenities (A, F&A) 22 June 2026	None.	None.	None.

AGENDA APPENDIX B

Date: 05/06/2026

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List of Payments made between 01/05/2026 and 31/05/2026

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
01/05/2026	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 1	39.46		Water at APC Toilets
01/05/2026	TV LICENCING	TRANS	180.00		TV LICENCE
05/05/2026	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 2	10.78		Water at Scout HUT Harpers
05/05/2026	Jeanette McKernan Expenses	BACS 3	53.51		Treatment for Conifer Tree
05/05/2026	Auditing Solutions Limited	BACS 4	120.00		Auditing of Charity 1 Account
05/05/2026	COOP BANK	DD	34.30		Bank Charges
12/05/2026	J P and S Services	BACS 5	395.83		Fuel for Vans and Equipment
12/05/2026	Neil Curtis & Sons	BACS 6	430.00		Grave Dig - Brennan
12/05/2026	John B McKernan	BACS 7	467.50		Temp Ground Work Maintenance
12/05/2026	Ellack Cleaning Contractors Lt	BACS 8	552.77		Office Cleaning April
12/05/2026	Joel Baker	BACS 9	730.62		Set Up Mels PC
12/05/2026	rCOH Ltd	BACS 10	843.00		Neighbourhood Plan Prep
12/05/2026	Shield Security Services Ltd	BACS 11	1,067.04		Security Patrols
12/05/2026	RBS Accounting Solutions	BACS 12	1,380.00		Year End Support
12/05/2026	WorkNest Ltd	BACS 13	296.40		Staff Support Advice
12/05/2026	WorkNest Ltd	BACS 14	1,508.40		Training Course
12/05/2026	Kebur garden materials	BACS 15	549.70		Post Mix and Gravel Boards
12/05/2026	Farnborough Tool Hire	BACS 16	750.04		Hire of Digger
12/05/2026	Octopus Energy	BACS 17	25.89		Electric at Carrington Toilet
12/05/2026	Octopus Energy	BACS 18	36.29		Electric at Carrington Rec
12/05/2026	Octopus Energy	BACS 20	119.70		Electric at Harpers Scout Hut
12/05/2026	Octopus Energy	BACS 22	391.75		Electric at APC Offices
12/05/2026	SURREY PENSIONS	TRANS	4,847.29		PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
12/05/2026	ST MARYS	TRANS	500.00		CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOOD PARCELS
13/05/2026	DANS GARDEN SERVICES	TRANS	199.00		REPAY SHORT PAYMENT IN APRIL
13/05/2026	IMADE O A	TRANS	297.00		Hall Deposit Refund
13/05/2026	Octopus Energy	BACS 19	74.80		Electric at Ash Rec
13/05/2026	Octopus Energy	BACS 21	139.63		Electric at Public Toilets
19/05/2026	E-ON	BACS 25	160.23		Gas at Harpers Scout Hut
19/05/2026	E-ON	BACS 26	392.19		Electric at Ash Centre
19/05/2026	Van Arnham Nursery Ltd	BACS 24	328.74		Shrubs for Summer beds
20/05/2026	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 22	9.50		Water at Cemetery
20/05/2026	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 28	21.71		Water at Shawfield Allots
20/05/2026	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 29	34.28		Water at APC Public Toilets
20/05/2026	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 30	189.65		Water at Harpers Scout Hut
21/05/2026	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 31	7.86		Water at Harpers Rec
21/05/2026	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 32	5.54		Water at Harpers Allots
26/05/2026	HMRC	SLIP 3	6,558.95		PAYE AND NI CONTRIBUTIONS
26/05/2026	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 33	9.50		Water at Carrington Rec
26/05/2026	Castle Water Ltd	BACS 34	18.41		Water at Ash Centre
26/05/2026	Brand Pest Control	BACS 35	216.00		Rat Traps at Shawfield Allots
26/05/2026	Pendletons Body Repairs	BACS 36	330.00		Repairs to Van FX16YKG
26/05/2026	WJ Fire Protection Services	BACS 37	444.00		Fair alarm test @ Harpers
26/05/2026	Oasis Electrical Engineers & C	BACS 38	1,224.00		Service of Entrance Barrier
26/05/2026	ADF Tree Surgeons	BACS 39	8,196.00		Emergency work at Tennis Club
26/05/2026	Screwfix	BACS 40	83.97		Boots and Cable Ties
26/05/2026	John B McKernan	BACS 41	281.88		Ground Work & Watering

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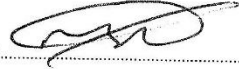
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List of Payments made between 01/05/2026 and 31/05/2026

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
26/05/2026	John B McKernan	BACS 42	288.75		Watering of Baskets
26/05/2026	G Tomkins Window Cleaning	BACS 43	20.00		Window Cleaning
26/05/2026	Farnborough Tool Hire	BACS 44	278.02		Additional Hire of Digger
28/05/2026	VARIOUS	BACS	18,663.50		SALARIES FOR MAY 26
28/05/2026	Scottish and Southern Energy	BACS 45	1,417.02		P/Ledger Electronic Payment
Total Payments			55,220.40		

Chair.....Clerk.....

Date.....13/7/26

MINUTE APPENDIX A**PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT.**

Bus shelter at the end of Grange Farm Road on Shawfield Road is broken.
APC Office to report.

Church Path beside Happy Garden has overgrown vegetation.
APC Office to report.

Ewings Close pathways onto Love Lane/Church Path has overgrown vegetation.
APC Office to report.

The bench GBC installed in front of Kendal is still broken.
The Chair will investigate.

Any new issues or existing issues around the Chester Bridge need reporting before the end of July as this is when the project will be signed across from the developers to GBC/SCC.

The resident was on holiday when Shawfield School had a meeting about the building works. However, believes that Murrell Road will be a drop of point.
Cllr John Tonks did attend the meeting and this wasn't mentioned. However, Murrell Road is already an existing walking route.

Thankyou Chair as the Bellway signs on Chester Bridge have been removed.
The Chair explained it was Planning Enforcement that helped resolved this.

Fly tipping in Ash Green is increasing and GBC are doing there best to clear reported incidents. If anyone sees any please report it.

GBC are looking into enforcement for the developers not delivering the new allotment site, Ash Lodge Drive. Why are APC not pursuing this?

Cllr Sue Wyeth-Price confirmed she had been invovled with this for five years and agrees that APC should not take this on unless full services installed with vehicle access point. The developer put in an amendment for the area to be a park instead of an allotment. GBC sent out email last week about enforcement.

The Chair asked for this correspondence be forwarded to all members.

Cllr Nigel Manning confirmed that during the original discussions it had been stated that water, paths, fence and vehicle access point must be installed or APC would not agree to taking over the site.

Bellway are still using Harpers Road for all deliveries and shouldn't be. This needs enforeing as it is dangerous.

Cllr Paul Golding has CCTV footage and will send this across to The Chair.

The Chair will then investigate how enforcement can prevent it.

Cllr Sue Wyeth-Price confirmed delivery lorries are going through Ash Green.

Drug dealers – if you see this happening please report it.

The Chair confirmed the resident can speak directly to the police every Tuesday afternoon whilst they are in the police hub at the Ash Centre.

The steps at the top of Ash Recreation ground need to be kept clear of debris as this is a tripping hazard and a handrail needs installing.

APC staff will investigate.