

ASH PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT		2016-2017 R&P		2017-2018 Budget			
		Budget	Est Total	R&P			
Receipts	Allotments /Book Sales	489	292	489			
	Rents/ Interest Received	104	53	100			
	Other Receipts - Jack Foat Trust	2	9,181	2			
	Precept	66,336	66,336	73,620	Increase 8.5% (£5.15 per year)		
	Revenue Support Grant	1,743	1,743	1,014	Reduced grant		
	Grants Received - NDP	0	2,902	16,150	S106 Project & NDP		
	<i>Total Income</i>	<i>68,674</i>	<i>80,507</i>	<i>91,375</i>			
Payments	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	13,100	12,918	13,650	0		
	Env Officer Salary & Expenses	9,700	8,915	9,050	0		
	KCC Pension Scheme	6,020	2,706	6,020	0		
	PAYE & NI	1,650	4,869	3,000	0		
	<i>Employment Expenditure</i>	<i>30,470</i>	<i>29,408</i>	<i>31,720</i>			
	Allowance Chair	250	50	250	0		
	Audit Fees & Bank Charges	495	506	522	0	Bank Charges £72	
Admin	Cllr Expenses & Training	700	342	700	0		
	Election Expenses	0	0	0	3,000	General Reserves	
	IT Hardware/Software	600	229	600	0		
	Insurance	2,000	1,427	2,000	0		
	Newsletters	450	408	350	0		
	Play Area Inspections	175	160	175	0		
	Room Hire	750	651	950	0		
	Stationery, Postage, Equipment	530	351	580	0		
	Subscriptions	1,150	1,295	1,876	0		
	Telephone & Broadband	900	230	900	0		
	Training Employees	1,000	435	1,000	0		
	<i>Admin Expenditure</i>	<i>9,000</i>	<i>6,084</i>	<i>9,903</i>	<i>3,000</i>		
Grants	Ash Village Hall	2,000	2,000	2,000	0		
	Westmarsh Village Hall	100	100	100	0		
	Church Council	600	600	600	0		
	Heritage Centre	550	550	550	0		
	Hills Court - new dog-bin resited	0	0	450	0		
	PACE / Youth	700	0	0	300	EMR Reserves	
	S137 (if no power to spend)	2,000	0	0	2,000	General Reserves	
<i>Grants, S137 Expenditure</i>	<i>5,950</i>	<i>3,250</i>	<i>5,250</i>	<i>2,300</i>			
Rec Gr'd	Equipment	500	120	500	0		
	Mowing, Hedging, etc.	3,500	3,299	3,500	0		
	Play Equipment Repairs - See Saw	1,000	1,352	1,000	0		
	Play Equipment - Aerial Slide	0	12,782	0	0		
	Repairs & Renewals	1,010	688	2,085	0	Contractors	
	Tree Surgery	4,000	0	4,000	0		
	Gate, Parking & Path	0	0	0	5,280	EMR Reserves	
<i>Overhead Expenditure</i>	<i>10,010</i>	<i>18,241</i>	<i>11,085</i>	<i>5,280</i>			
RG Toilets	Repairs & Renewals	200	136	200	0		
	Electricity & Water	290	488	444	0	Water cost increase	
	<i>Overhead Expenditure</i>	<i>490</i>	<i>624</i>	<i>644</i>	<i>0</i>		
Allotments	Equipment	50	0	50	0		
	Hedge Cutting	0	0	775	0		
	<i>Overhead Expenditure</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>825</i>	<i>0</i>		
Village	Equipment, Repairs, Renewals	700	226	700	0		
	Pound Corner & Noticeboards	100	68	1,100	0		
	<i>Overhead Expenditure</i>	<i>800</i>	<i>294</i>	<i>1,800</i>	<i>0</i>		
OTHER	Contingencies	0	469	0	6,000	General Reserves	
	DDC Toilets	10,000	8,111	7,777	0	Actual	
	NDP & NDP Grant	5,800	5,852	6,150	12,450	Grant & Reserves	
	S106 Project & Pavilion; War Memorial	0	0	10,250	2,000	Grant & Reserves	
	Planning Advice (5-yr land supply)	0	0	1,300	0		
	Traffic Calming	0	0	3,000	15,000	Reserves	
	Saunders Wood, Green Spaces, PROW	0	0	2,000	10,000		
	<i>Overhead Expenditure</i>	<i>15,800</i>	<i>14,432</i>	<i>30,477</i>	<i>45,450</i>		
	Total Budget Income	68,674	80,507	91,375	0		
	Total Budget Expenditure	72,570	72,333	91,704	56,030	Out of Reserves	
Surplus /deficit	-3,896	8,174	-369		Out of Reserves		
TOTAL BUDGET			147,734				

NOTICE OF ASH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 10th April 2017, 7.30pm

Ash Village Hall, Queen's Road

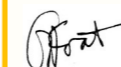
All are welcome and local government electors of the Parish of Ash are entitled to speak and vote.

This is your meeting. You will be able to question our County Councillor, District Councillors and the Parish Council.

There will be an exhibition on the Ash Neighbourhood Development Plan showing what has taken place over the last year and what is going to be included in the Plan. There will also be display boards from the Ash Heritage Society and local charities.

AGENDA

- Minutes of the annual meeting on 18th April 2016 to be approved and signed.
- To receive reports and take questions:
 - * the Parish Council Chairman Cllr Foat on audited Parish Council accounts for the year ended 31/3/2016
 - * on un-audited Parish Council Receipts & Payments for 31/3/2017 & Budget
 - * on the Neighbourhood Development Plan for Ash from Cllr Loffman
- Reports from and questions for local charities and trusts:
 - * Ash United Charities, Benevolent Fund, Resthaven Almshouses
 - * Frank Kingsland Trust
 - * Jack Foat Trust
 - * Ash Educational Charities
- Ash and Westmarsh Village Halls: reports & questions
- Cartwright and Kelsey School - receive the written report
- Any resolution for which written notice has been given
- Kent County Councillor, Mr Leyland Ridings: report and question time
- Dover District Councillors, Mr Trevor Bartlett, Mrs Sue Chandler and Mr Mike Conolly: report and question time.
- Any other business concerned with parish affairs.



Mr Graham Foat, Chairman

Ash Parish Council

20th March 2017

Ash Parish Council Chairman's Report 2017

Ash Parish is responsible for the recreation ground, the allotments and the toilets (but not the sports pavilion), the War Memorials at ASH and WESTMARSH, five bus shelters and several seats and litter bins. Two vacancies have occurred on the Parish Council in the last year and Kevin Ellis and Andrew Rowley have joined the Council. On the 1st May, 2016 a new Parish Clerk, Christine Haggart, was appointed.

At the Recreation Ground, the Seesaw has been reinstalled and a new aerial slide has been installed. This slide is not as thrilling as the old one but this is the penalty we have to pay for tighter health and safety rules.

June, we cleaned for the Queen in celebration of her 90th Birthday and a 'Bring and Share' lunch was held in a crowded village hall. Young people presented a resume of Ash in each decade of the Queen's reign, devised by the Heritage Group.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan held an open day on 30th April. One hundred and ninety-nine people attended with the chance to highlight the issues that concern them. This day was also used to welcome newcomers to the village with many organisations having a stand to enable them to explain what the village offers.

A public meeting was held in July to discuss the proposed plans for building houses. About one hundred and forty people attended and the questions easily filled two hours. The three sites under discussion were the site in Chequer Lane, the Agrii Cowan's site and the land north of Sandwich Road opposite Agrii. The first two sites are in the Dover Local Plan and had been agreed by the Parish Council some time ago as part of the houses demanded to be built by the Government. The third site is outside the village confines. My thanks to Dover District Councillor Susan Chandler for fielding virtually all the questions.

The Tree Preservation Order on the Poplar in the Churchyard was challenged but Dover District Council have maintained this Order. Also, trees in Cherry Garden Lane have had their preservation order renewed.

After a long spell of relatively low vandalism the doors of the toilets in The Street were badly damaged before Christmas, the men's door beyond repair. These doors have been replaced by Dover District Council but at a cost to Ash Parish according to the agreement between the Parish and District Council. The cost will be over £3,000.

There is a distinct possibility that by 2020 a new council will be formed by the amalgamation of Canterbury, Dover, Shepway and Thanet Councils. We are told that after initial costs the savings will be over six million pounds a year, over all four Councils. Boundary changes are also being proposed for Parliamentary elections and this will probably mean that Ash will return to the Dover constituency after about thirty-five years in South Thanet.

I wish to thank the writers of ONLOOKER for the Parish Magazine, also our Environment Officer, Andrew and our Clerk, Christine who during the last year has faced a very heavy workload unknown to me in all the time that I have been a Councillor.

The main priorities of the Council remain:

- To prevent speeding and inconsiderate parking
- To prevent anti-social behaviour
- To stop nuisance by dog fouling

Graham Foat, Chairman Ash Parish Council

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YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PARISH OF ASH

For over 14 months, a hard-working team of people, with our consultant, have helped to gather your views for a future plan for all of Ash. Bringing together the evidence that will inform policies for planners and proposals for action. Every house in the Parish received a survey thanks to all the volunteers who delivered the surveys and collected them up. Last year's exhibition in April and the results of the survey then informed the workshops which have been taking place. All this comes together in the Sustainability Appraisal which looks at the options for achieving the objectives that will be in the finished Plan.

Themes from questionnaire	Objectives
1. Traffic congestion and parking	To improve traffic and parking we will need to improve junctions to the bypass; improve pavements; provide adequate parking in the village; more visits from traffic wardens; and implement traffic speed management.
2. Employment	To improve employment, we need live/work units for housing and high-speed broadband.
3. Community facilities	To gain funding and support for a multi-use community centre that can house Scouts, a youth club, indoor sports, information centre and community café for families, elderly and youth and support a pub for all residents.
4. Rural feel	To enhance quality of life in the village small houses with rural design due to compassionate planning giving an improved visual impact leading to an enhanced quality of life with less traffic, more use of local facilities and less pollution.
5. Health and care	To provide adequate health care, we will protect the resources we have by upgrading the surgery and district nursing, increase accessibility to external health and care services; educating parishioners to not abuse the services we have and make greater use of the chemist and its role.

Workshops and their results - we have had over 100 people attending. The results are shown below:

JANUARY – RURAL HOUSING & DESIGN WORKSHOP

KEY OBJECTIVE: We envision a rural community with green spaces, safe spaces, adequate medical services, the right kind of housing in the right place and bio-diversity; also, the community pub, church and school.

The assessment of need shows that for a first-time buyer to be able to afford entry level market housing, an income of over £25,000 would be needed to buy a small 2-bedroom apartment in Ash. An income of over £35,000 would be needed to buy a 2-bedroom terraced house. A deposit of at least 10% would also be required to obtain a mortgage. To rent a 2-bedroom terraced house an income of over £30,000 would be required. Analysis also identified that:

- 50% of those needing affordable housing were families with children
- 8 of the households include people over 60 years old (4 single people, 3 couples and 1 family)
- The majority of respondents (31%) were in the age group 21-30
- The majority of respondents would prefer to rent from a Housing Association

Overall, a need for up to 22 affordable homes, for local households was identified.

Three issues were prioritized by attendees: **Issue 1: Housing to meet local needs** and, in considering, **Issue 2: Allocating additional sites** Exception sites and Community Land trusts (CLT's) seemed a positive way forward; **Issue 3: Pressure on services drainage and sewerage** recognised that new development would be detrimental – supported by Southern Water.

FEBRUARY - COMMUNITY, HEALTH AND CARE WORKSHOP

OBJECTIVE 3: Community Facilities and Projects

Gain funding and support for a multi-use community centre that can house Scouts, youth club, indoor sports, information centre and community café for families, elderly and youth and support a pub for all residents

OBJECTIVE 5: Health and Care

To provide adequate health care we will protect the resources we have by upgrading the surgery and district nursing, increase accessibility to external health and care services, educating parishioners to not abuse the services we have, making greater use of the chemist and its role.

Care for the elderly—Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Elderly care hub consisting of rooms and staff to visit clients at home, meals on wheels, advice to community via a 'not for profit' service with government and local government involvement and KCC social services funding.	Developers required to include group of supported linked homes – modern almshouses – for village retired alongside their development.	Technology to support residents in their homes eg facetime medical monitoring, easy to use for those not happy with it. Think 10, 20, 30 years ahead.

Impact of new housing on services Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Smaller developments of appropriate housing for local demographics (starter homes/the elderly).	Upgrade infrastructure in-line with development.	Differentiate social needs "in village" vs rural/hamlet locations.

Surgery, Chemist and Social Care Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Expansion of existing social/medical services to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing visits • Drop-in advice • Longer/changed opening hours • Additional staff • Transport links to hamlets and lonely (community bus) 	Staying as we are	New units – larger health centre, chemists, medical/social care services centered in and around the village/parish including access to NHS Dentist, Chiropody, Mental Health Care etc.

FEBRUARY - TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & ECONOMY WORKSHOP

OBJECTIVE 1: Traffic, congestion and parking.

To improve traffic and parking we will need to improve junctions to the bypass; improve pavements; provide adequate parking in the village; more visits from traffic wardens; and implement traffic speed management.

Solving parking in Village—Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Chequer Lane development to include public car park	Encourage residents to use their own garages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage • Publicity • Education 	New development to include adequate personal parking/bays

Speeding—Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Installation of interactive speed indicators (x 4?)	Community led enforcement system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 mph speed limit in village centre • Put a new chemist in a layby on the A257!

Access to A257 junctions / safety issues—Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Roundabouts at each of the junctions	LED warning signs for speed on A257	40 mph speed limit before and after junctions

A range of other issues were noted at all these workshops. Examples of these, from the last workshop on transport included:

- Compulsory purchase redundant buildings to create additional parking spaces in or near village centre
- Buffer zones before 40 mph speed limits on A257
- Developer contributions are controlled by KCC (need to influence this through NDP)
- We need to be looking at alternatives to the car – cycle routes, more buses etc
- New chemist in either the local surgery or in new developments

IN THE COMING YEAR – YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

- ⇒ If you have not completed a survey form, contact us and complete one. Thank you to 340 households that have completed a survey. This is about 30% of households in the parish.
- ⇒ We will be having at least one more workshop. Please come along and give your views.
- ⇒ Look out for all the NDP material we produce, please respond with your views, especially our draft report which can be changed to reflect your comments. It will be on the Parish Council web-site and see Facebook – Ash Futures
- ⇒ Volunteer to help us if you can – delivering information especially when the draft is published and spreading the word about the Plan and when events are happening.
- ⇒ Remember to vote in the referendum – the more votes we have in the referendum the stronger the case we can make to planners, developers and local authorities.

Jeffrey Loffman, Chair – NDP Standing Committee & Steering Group