



**Minutes of the Ash Parish Council Finance Meeting
held on 19 November 2025, 7.00pm
at The Library, Ash Village Hall, Queens Road, Ash, Canterbury CT3 2BG**

Present:

Parish Councillors: Cllr Ian Ellery (Chair), Cllr Arnold Davis, Cllr Lynn Gambrell,
Cllr Andy Perriss, Cllr John Tanner, Cllr Louise Venny

Sarah Rush (Clerk)

Joanna Jones (RFO)

Absent Without Apology: Cllr Milli Stenning, Cllr Ashley Stevenson

ITEM		ACTION
1.	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Cllr Martin Porter (Dover District Council meeting), Cllr Annette Rose (personal)	
2.	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Cllr Venny declared she is an Allotment Holder	
3.	<u>APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF MINUTES</u> a) RESOLVED the minutes of the Parish Council Ordinary Meeting held on 3 November 2025 are duly signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting b) RESOLVED the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 17 November 2025 are duly signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting, subject to amending the resolution to planning application number 25/00946 (Kings End Farm) to be: No objection although it was noted the extra volume of cars on the access road gives concern due to the narrow track.	Clerk
4.	<u>PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUESTIONS</u> No members of the public were in attendances	

5.	<u>ACCOUNTS 2025/26 – ACTUAL V BUDGET TO 30th SEPTEMBER 2025</u> It was RESOLVED to adopt the Accounts 2025/26 Actual v Budget to 30 th September 2025	
6.	<u>DRAFT BUDGET 2026/27</u> It was noted that the 2026/27 Budget will be finalised at the Finance Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on 21 January, when the Precept will be set. It was RESOLVED to adopt the Draft Budget 2026/27 subject to the following budget amends: Increase Play Inspections to £900 to allow for 3 inspections per year Increases Grants to £3,000 Reduce Highway Improvement Plan to £5,000 Increase War Memorials to £1,500 (with this figure to be reviewed) Remove Newsletters budget Reduce Gate, Path, Parking inc. bollards to £6,550	RFO Clerk / RFO
7.	<u>DRAFT PRECEPT FOR 2025-2026</u> It was RESOLVED to approve the draft precept figure of 4.9%	
8.	<u>KENT PENSION FUND – EMPLOYER UPDATE EVENT</u> The event was noted.	
9.	<u>GRANT APPLICATION</u> It was RESOLVED to award a grant of £229.49 to Ash Baby & Toddler Group for a replacement slide and play mats	Clerk / RFO
	The meeting closed at 8.54pm	