



ASH PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

Monday 2 March 2026, 7.00pm

The Library, Ash Village Hall, Queens Road, Ash, Kent, CT3 2BG

Sir/Madam,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Council meeting of Ash Parish Council at 7.00pm on Monday 2 March 2026, at The Library, Ash Village Hall, Queens Road, Ash, Kent, CT3 2BG for the purposes of considering and passing such resolutions as may be deemed necessary or desirable in respect of the matters contained within the agenda. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please advise the Clerk in advance by email in order that your apologies and reasons for absence can be given at the meeting.

Any member of the public wishing to attend or speak on item 6 of the agenda please email the Clerk at clerk@ashparishcouncil.gov.uk before the meeting with the agenda item and question for members.

1.	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Any apologies of absence
2.	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Members are requested to disclose any interest they may have for items on the agenda
3.	<u>APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF MINUTES</u> a) Parish Council Ordinary Meeting held on 2 February 2026 b) Parish Council Finance Meeting held on 4 February 2026 c) Parish Council Planning Committee held on 16 February 2026
4.	<u>PUBLICITY OFFICER</u> Nominate Onlooker note taker
5.	<u>KCC, DDC COUNCILLOR AND POLICE REPORTS</u> To receive the reports
6.	<u>PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUESTIONS</u> Meeting to be adjourned for a 15-minute session for parishioners to raise matters, individual contributions should be kept under 5 minutes. The Public may participate with the Council's consent. Please email the Clerk with any contributions relevant to items on the agenda.
7.	<u>OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING</u> To receive information resulting from actions generated at the last meeting

8.	<u>FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS</u> To resolve the approval of payments presented at this meeting: a) To note Precept Demand Form has been returned to Dover District Council b) To agree actions for elected Members to claim the £560 Chairman / £280 Councillor Basic Allowance c) To resolve to submit the re-declaration of compliance with the Pensions Regulator d) To agree to open grant applications for 2026/2027 financial year with a total fund of £3,000 e) To resolve whether to continue membership of the Open Spaces Society at a cost of £45 per year f) To resolve to agree Clerk increase by one spinal point to SCP28 and RFO increase by one spinal point to SCP24, subject to satisfactory performance from 1 April g) To review and approve 2026/27 Risk Assessment Schedule h) To note that the Financial Services Compensation Scheme limit has increased to £120,000 i) To resolve to agree the annual insurance renewal at a total cost of £1,660.72 with Clear Councils for 2026/2027 j) Authorisation of payments/bank reconciliation - To approve the monthly payments/reconciliation
9.	<u>PLAY AREA 2</u> To discuss and agree actions relating to Play Area 2: a) To resolve to approve Clerk to sign off HAGS building agreement for the installation of Play Area 2 at the total cost of £105,000 + VAT to be funded by: £ 20,000.00 Grant Funding from Jack Foat's Trust £ 7,000.00 Grant Funding from Frank Kingsland Trust £ 5,000.00 Grant Funding from Cartwright and Kelsey Charity £ 52,950.57 S106 funding from planning application ref: 16/01049 - Land at Chequer Lane, Ash £ 20,049.43 Ash Parish Council Ear Marked Reserves b) To note works to commence on 20 April for planned completion on 8 June 2026
10.	<u>HIGHWAYS</u> To discuss and agree actions relating to Highways: a) To note new bollards at Ash War Memorial will be installed after payment b) To note the consultation for the 20mph limit (Highway Improvement Plan) is live with door-dropped leaflets and online response form. Closing date for responses 31 March
11.	<u>RECREATION GROUND</u> To discuss and agree actions relating to Recreation Ground: a) To note Play and Gym Equipment weekly inspections b) To resolve to agree contractor to carry out 3 x quarterly and 1 x annual inspection of all play and adult gym equipment at the Recreation Ground c) To resolve to agree an inflationary increase in the grounds maintenance contract of 4% with C&W Groundcare Ltd to now include 2 x hedge cutting Queens Road, Tennis Courts and Allotments/Burford Alley at a total cost of £6259.74 + VAT per year (12 equal monthly payments of £521.54 + VAT) d) To note two potholes have been repaired on the driveway e) To review Event Notification Form from Ash Carnival Association and agree next steps

12.	<u>PAVILION</u> To discuss and agree actions relating to Pavilion: a) To receive an update on the Pavilion Lease b) To note Minutes from the December 2025 meeting of the Pavilion Committee
13.	<u>ALLOTMENTS</u> To discuss and agree actions relating to Allotments: a) To note allotment holders have been notified of the next inspection on Wednesday 25 March at 11am (JT/MP/AD/LG/Clerk to attend) b) To note plot 1A has been merged with plot 1B and has been changed to a third sized plot c) To note plot 1B has been let and no further plots are currently available, with 18 residents on the waiting list d) To agree cost for plot number tags
14.	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> To discuss and agree actions relating to correspondence received by the Council: a) To agree response to Dover District Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan Questionnaire b) To agree response to Dover District Council's Community Governance Review c) To agree response to the Government's Local Government Reorganisation Consultation d) To note a table has been booked to attend the Ash Village Hall Open Day on Saturday 22 March (AR/LG/JT/MP/AP to attend)
15.	<u>PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS</u> To discuss and agree actions relating to Parish Council: a) To agree next steps for the commemoration of former resident Ray Hooker to utilise £1,000 donation received b) To agree Clerk to obtain quotes for a Safety Audit and Risk Assessments of Parish Council assets c) To agree details for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Wednesday 29 April at 7.00pm at St Faith's School d) To agree day and venue for Parish Council meetings and suitability of projector screen e) To agree Business Plan statement for distribution
16.	<u>MATTERS FOR THE APRIL MEETING</u>
17.	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS</u>

Mrs Sarah Rush
Clerk to Ash Parish Council, 25 February 2026