



ASH PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

Monday 13 April 2026, 7.00pm
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 13 April 2026, at 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 7 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>DISQUALIFICATION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR</u> To note that Cllr Milli Stenning has ceased to be a member of the Council under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 due to failure to attend any meeting of the authority for a period of six consecutive months, and that a casual vacancy has arisen.
4.	<u>APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF MINUTES</u> a) Parish Council Ordinary Meeting held on 2 March 2026 b) Parish Council Planning Committee held on 16 March 2026
5.	<u>PUBLICITY OFFICER</u> Nominate Onlooker note taker
6.	<u>KCC, DDC COUNCILLOR AND POLICE REPORTS</u> To receive the reports
7.	<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.

8.	<u>OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING</u> To receive information resulting from actions generated at the last meeting
9.	<u>FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS</u> To resolve the approval of payments presented at this meeting: a) To note receipt of Precept of £105,681.11 from Dover District Council b) To agree actions for elected Members to claim the £560 Chairman / £280 Councillor Basic Allowance c) To resolve to appoint Risk Safety Services at a fixed fee of £175 per month to carry out health and safety of Parish Council assets d) To resolve to approve Kent Association of Local Councils subscription for the 2026/2027 financial year at a cost of £1,209.15 + VAT e) To resolve to approve increase in cost from EIS (Kent County Council) for PC back up to £118.32 per annum, previously £108.77 per annum f) To resolve to pay Royal British Veterans Enterprise £109.44 + VAT for two play safety signs for basketball hoops g) To consider alternative suppliers for electricity at the Recreation Ground Toilets h) To note Annual Governance and Accountability Returns (AGARs) forms received – deadline for completion 30 June 2026 i) Authorisation of payments/bank reconciliation - To approve the monthly payments/reconciliation
10.	<u>RECREATION GROUND</u> To discuss and agree actions relating to Recreation Ground: a) To review event documentation from Ash Carnival Association and agree next steps b) To receive update on the re-opening of the public toilets c) To appoint Councillor(s) to carry out a pre-season maintenance audit of the Recreation Ground d) To note Play and Gym Equipment weekly inspections
11.	<u>PLAY AREA 2</u> To discuss and agree actions relating to Play Area 2: a) To receive update from HAGS prestart site visit b) To approve HAGS signage c) To note Play Area 2 will be advertised in the May issue of the Sandwich Town Council magazine
12.	<u>HIGHWAYS</u> To discuss and agree actions relating to Highways: a) To note the results of the 20mph consultation (Highway Improvement Plan) and to resolve next steps b) To note the proposal for Pound Corner (Highway Improvement Plan) and to agree next steps c) To note A257 Core Traffic Group Draft Minutes (21 March 2026) and any actions arising d) To receive update on the bollards at Ash War Memorial
13.	<u>PAVILION</u> To discuss and agree actions relating to Pavilion: a) To receive an update on the Pavilion Lease

	b) To note the legal advice received from Parkinsons on how the Parish Council can assist the Pavilion Committee to claim S106 funding towards improving changing facilities at the Pavilion c) To resolve to amend the annual rent in the draft lease from £100 per year to £1 per year to enable the Parish Council to be invoiced for the works and reclaim the VAT to increase the budget for the improvements d) To note minutes from the March meeting of the Pavilion Committee
14.	<u>ALLOTMENTS</u> To discuss and agree actions relating to Allotments: a) To note allotment inspection held on 25 March and any actions arising b) To agree a named Councillor takes on responsibility for the allotments c) Dogs on allotments d) To receive update on payment of 2026 Allotment Fees
15.	<u>PLANNING</u> To discuss and agree actions relating to Planning: a) To consider carrying out an Article 4 Conservation Appraisal and to agree next steps b) To appoint additional Councillor to Parish Council Planning Committee
16.	<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 receive an update on the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Wednesday 29 April at 7.00pm at St Faith's School c) To agree Parish Council Ordinary Meetings start at the later time of 7.30pm on the first Thursday of the month from May onwards d) To agree Parish Council Planning Committee Meetings start at the later time of 7.30pm from May onwards e) To re-schedule 4 June Parish Council Ordinary Meeting to 11 June
17.	<u>MATTERS FOR THE MAY MEETING</u> To consider Grant Applications received
18.	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS</u>

Mrs Sarah Rush
Clerk to Ash Parish Council, 2 April 2026