

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the next meeting of the Ash-cum-Ridley parish Council which will be held at **7.45pm on Thursday 20 July 2023 at the Youth & Community Centre, North Square, New Ash Green, DA3 8JY**

Yours faithfully

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Alison de Jager
 Parish Clerk

AGENDA**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE****2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS****3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 15 June 2023 (Attached).**SUSPENSION OF MEETING**

- **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' AND VILLAGE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE.**
- **PUBLIC SESSION**

4. CLERK'S REPORT**(APPENDIX A GREEN)**

To note the report of items for information from the Clerk.

5. COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

5.1 Parish Representatives on External Bodies – To agree representatives for the 2023-24 municipal year for Kent Association of Local Councils (one vacancy) and Lances Almshouse Charity (one vacancy).

5.2 Neighbourhood Plan Working Group – To fill four vacancies, one from each ward, on the Working Group.

6. FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE**(APPENDIX B PINK)**

6.1 Current Financial Position: To receive a verbal update from the Deputy Clerk on the Council's current financial position and note the reports received.

6.2 Approval of Payments: To approve the payments made since the last meeting, up to 13 July 2023.

6.3 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL): To receive details of CIL payments and the current balance.

6.4 Internal Auditor for 2023 – 2024: To consider quotes received for internal audit for the 2023-2024 financial year.

7. PLANNING**(APPENDIX C GOLD)**

7.1 **Applications:** None at time of Agenda.

7.2 **Planning Applications Working Group:** To note the notes of the meeting held on 05 July 2023.

8. ASH GREEN SPORTS CENTRE**(APPENDIX D BLUE)**

8.1 **Current Financial Position:** To receive a verbal update from the Assistant Clerk on the Sports Centre's current financial position and note the reports received.

8.2 **Sports Centre Management Committee – Update:** To receive a verbal update from the Committee Chairman on actions taken by the Management Committee.

9. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT**(APPENDIX E PURPLE)**

9.1 **Hodsoll Street Recreation Ground** – To consider submitting a Village Green registration for Hodsoll Street Recreation Ground.

9.2 **Dementia Friendly Communities – Admiral Nurse** – To consider submitting a letter to Dartford & Gravesham NHS Trust to encourage them to introduce an admiral nurse service.

9.3 **Meet your Local Representatives' event:** To consider arranging an event for residents to engage with their local representatives.

9.4 **Manor Gardens – Parking:** To consider writing to the owner of the Manor Gardens site, encouraging them to remove the parking restrictions for their residents, in order to alleviate the level of parking on North Ash Road.

9.5 **Kent County Council Community Warden Review** – To consider how the Parish Council wishes to respond to the consultation which is open from 12 July to 03 October 2023.

9.6 **Focus Group** – To note the minutes of the Focus Group meeting of 10 July 2023.

9.7 **Clubs & Activities List:** To consider authorising up to £400 per annum to purchase an online events calendar plug-in for the Parish Council and Village Association websites, in order to publish information about all clubs, activities and groups within the Parish.

9.8 **Recognition of Former Chairman:** To consider how the Parish Council wishes to permanently mark the dedicated years of service by former Chairman; Mike Brown.

9.9 **Health** – To note the attached report from Cllr J Clucas.

10. COUNCIL CONTRACTOR – Replacement: To consider establishing a Working Group to explore options for replacing the current council contractor upon his retirement and investigate the possibility of joint working with other parishes.

11. YOUTH PROVISION

11.1 **Millwall Community Trust:** To consider the proposal for free-to-access community football sessions at a cost of £2,160 (2 x hours with 3 coaches @ £30 per hour) for an initial twelve-week period to be drawn from the Youth Provision reserves.

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION: To receive verbal reports from all councillors for information only.

13. PROGRESS TRACKER**(APPENDIX F LIGHT BLUE)**

13.1 To note the progress tracker of Council decisions

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that due to the confidential nature of the next item, the public and press will be asked to leave the meeting

14. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME (LGPS)

16.1 To consider authorising the completion of the actuary report at a cost of £2,000.