

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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15 March 2024

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 21 March 2024 at Hodsoll Street Village Hall, Hodsoll Street, TN15 7LE.**

Yours faithfully

A de Jager

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 February 2024 (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**(APPENDIX B ORANGE)**

5.1 **Meeting Dates 204/2025** – to receive and note the attached schedule of meetings for the 2024/2025 municipal year.

6. FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE**(APPENDIX C 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 15 March 2024.

6.3 **Internal Audit** – To receive and note the Interim Internal Audit Report for 2023 – 2024, attached.

6.4 **Retirement of Contractor** – To give consideration to the retirement of a long-term contractor.

6.5 **Photocopier** - To give consideration to the options of outright purchase of a photocopier or the renewal of the photocopier contract, see report.

6.6 **New Ash Green Village Association** - To give consideration to the appeal for funding from the New Ash Green Village Association as per the attached.

- 6.7 **West Kent Mediation** – To give consideration to an appeal for funding from West Kent Mediation as per the attached. (\$275.00 in December 2022)
- 6.8 **CPRE** – To authorise the renewal of the annual membership to CPRE – The Countryside Charity in the amount of £36.00

7. PLANNING

(APPENDIX D GOLD)

7.1 Applications:

None at time of Agenda

- 7.2 **Local Plan 2040** – Cohousing for older people – potential pilot project in Ash-cum-Ridley and West Kingsdown Parishes. To consider supporting the attached proposal.

8. ASH GREEN SPORTS CENTRE

(APPENDIX D BLUE)

- 8.1 **Current Financial Position:** To receive a verbal update from the Deputy Clerk/Finance Officer on the Sports Centre's current financial position and note the reports received.
- 8.2 **Approval of Payments** – To approve the payments made since the last meeting to 08 February 2024.
- 8.3 **Sports Centre Management Committee** – To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee held on 12 March 2024.
- 8.4 **Sports Centre Budget 2024/25** – To ratify the Sports Centre Budget for 2024/25 as set by the Sports Centre Management Committee.
- 8.5 **Sports Centre Lease:** To consider delegating to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of Council and the Chairman of the Sports Centre Management Committee, an initial budget of £3,000 from the Legal Reserves to instruct a solicitor to commence lease negotiations with Leigh Academies Trust, on the basis of maintaining the current usage terms.

9. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT

(APPENDIX E PURPLE)

- 9.1 **Community Warden** – report attached.
- 9.2 **New Ash Green Focus Group** – to note the minutes of the Focus Group meeting of 12 February 2024.
- 9.3 **Lances Almshouse Charity**

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

- 10.1 To receive verbal reports from all Councillors, for information only.

11. PROGRESS TRACKER

(APPENDIX F LIGHT BLUE)

- 11.1 To note the progress tracker of Council decisions.