

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 18 April 2024 at the New Ash Green Youth & Community Centre, North Square, DA3 8JY.**

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 21 March 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 **Planning Guidelines** - to give consideration to the review of the Planning Guidelines as recommended by the Planning Applications Working Group.
- 5.2 **Pension Discretionary Policy** – to give consideration to the attached draft Pension Discretionary Policy for adoption.
- 5.3 **Telephone system** – to give consideration to quotations for the purchase of a VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) system for the Parish Council and Sports Centre. (to follow under separate cover).

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 12 April 2024.
- 6.3 **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** – to authorise the allocation, from CIL 2033-24, for the replacement Velux window in the gym, including the decommissioning of the electric feed to the window in the amount of £1,340.00.

- 6.4 **Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC)** – to authorise the renewal of the annual membership to KALC in the amount of £1,765.00 as per the attached.
- 6.5 **Air Ambulance Charity, Kent, Surrey, Sussex** – to give consideration to the appeal for funding as per the attached letter. (£350.00 donated in April 2023).
- 6.6 **New Ash Green Woodlands Group** – to give consideration to the appeal for funding as per the attached.
- 6.7 **Asian Hornet Action Team** – to give consideration to the appeal for funding as per the attached.

7. PLANNING

7.1 Applications:

None at time of Agenda

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 Wages Update** – £3,500.00 out of the total agreed amount of £7,280.00 designated for covering the costs of shifts previously worked by Parish Council officers has been transferred from the Parish Council. The remaining balance is no longer necessary.
- 8.4 **Sports Centre Management Committee** – To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee held on 12 March 2024.
- 8.5 **Sports Centre Lease** - : Leigh Academies Trust have referred the lease back to KCC as the Freeholder of the site .

9. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT

- 9.1 **Community Warden** – a meeting will be convened upon receipt of the availability of the Officers from Kent County Council.
- 9.2 **Lances Almshouse Charity** -

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

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

11. PROGRESS TRACKER

(APPENDIX E LIGHT BLUE)

- 11.1 To note the progress tracker of Council decisions.