

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 16 October 2025 at Ash Village Hall, The Street, Ash, TN15 7HB.**

Yours faithfully

A de Jager

Alison de Jager
Parish Clerk

AGENDA**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE****2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS****3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 18 September 2025 (Attached).**PUBLIC SESSION AND EXTERNAL REPORTS**

- KENT POLICE
- COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
- NEW ASH GREEN VILLAGE ASSOCIATION
- 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 **Burial Ground and Memorial Garden Fees** – to carry out a review of the Burial Ground and Memorial Garden Fees, attached.

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

- 6.1 **Current Financial Position:** To receive a verbal update from the Deputy Clerk on the current financial position for the Parish Council and note the attached reports
- 6.2 **Approval of Payments:** To approve the payments made since the last meeting, up to 09 October 2025.
- 6.3 **External Audit:** To receive and note the external auditor's Report and Certificate for the year ended 2024-2025, Section 3 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) for the Parish Council and Ash Green Sports Centre.

The notice of conclusion of audit will remain on display for 14 days in compliance with the **Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015**.

6.4 LGPS Funding Arrangements: To note correspondence from the Kent Pension Fund confirming that parish and town councils will be fully pooled for Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) funding purposes from 1 April 2026, and that a pooled employer contribution rate, certified by the Fund actuary, will be issued in due course.

6.5 Youth Provision: To consider the quote received from the Young Lives Foundation, on condition that the Youth and Community Centre Trustees agree to their use of the Centre.

6.6 No NAG Solar – to give consideration to an appeal for funding in the amount of £720.00 for solicitor's fees in respect of further advice & EIA Letter as per the attached invoice. *Note: Although this request falls outside the usual grant funding round, it must be considered in accordance with the Council's Grants and Donations Policy.*

7. PLANNING

(APPENDIX D GOLD)

7.1 Applications:

25/02338: Greengates, Rosemary Lane, Hodsoll Street, TN15 7JX – Demolition of existing dwelling, garage and outbuildings and the erection of new detached dwelling with integrated garage and swimming pool. **Cllr F Cottee**

25/02599: Greengates Rosemary Lane Hodsoll Street Kent TN15 7JX - Demolition of existing dwelling, garage, and outbuildings, and the erection of new detached dwelling with integrated garage and swimming pool. fencing. Hard and soft landscaping including drive and parking area. **Cllr F Cottee**

25/02678: Larksfield, Idleigh Court Road, DA13 0JR – Sand school with floodlights.

7.2 To note the notes of the Planning Applications Working Group meeting of 01 October 2025.

7.3 **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Direction** – The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has declined the request made by the Parish Council for a EIA to be required for the proposed solar farm planning application. To consider writing to Tom Hugendhat MP seeking his support in challenging the MHCLG's use of discretionary powers in relation to the EIA screening request and to ask how such decisions are determined.

8. ASH GREEN SPORTS CENTRE

(APPENDIX E BLUE)

8.1 **Current Financial Position** – To receive a verbal update for the Deputy Clerk on the current financial position for Ash Green Sports Centre and note the attached reports.

8.2 **Approval of Payments** – To approve the payments made since the last meeting to 09 October 2025.

9. NORTHFIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(APPENDIX F GREEN)

9.1 To note the minutes of the meeting of the Northfield Management Committee held on 30 September 2025.

10. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT

(APPENDIX G LILAC)

10.1 **KALC Community Award** – To give consideration to adopting the KALC Community Award scheme for the year 2026 as per the attached information.

- 10.2 **KALC Nomination** – Should the above scheme be adopted, to receive any nominations.
- 10.3 **Asset of Community Value Working Group** – to receive a verbal update from the Working Group regarding the New Ash Green Children's Centre.
- 10.4 **Asset of Community Value** – To give consideration to submitting an Intention to Bid form on behalf of the Green Man Pub Group as per the attached report.
- 10.5 **Spring Afternoon Tea** – To give consideration to providing an afternoon tea for socially isolated residents.

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

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

12. PROGRESS TRACKER

(APPENDIX H LIGHT BLUE)

- 12.1 To note the progress tracker of Council decisions.