

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 15 January 2025 at the New Ash Green Village Association Meeting Room, Centre Road, DA3 8HH.**

Yours faithfully

A de Jager

Alison de Jager
Parish Clerk

AGENDA**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Suspension of meeting in accordance with Standing Orders to allow a presentation from Hallam Land

2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 December 2025. (Attached).

4. PUBLIC SESSION AND EXTERNAL REPORTS

- **KENT POLICE**
- **COUNTY COUNCILLOR**
- **DISTRICT COUNCIL**
- **NEW ASH GREEN VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**

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

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

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 from 13 December 2025.

6.3 Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) – to give consideration to the renewal of the Clerk's annual membership to the SLCC in the amount of £442.00

6.4 Internal Audit – As recommended by the Internal Auditor, to give consideration to increasing the total limit of the Parish Council Charge Cards with the current provider to £1,500 and to authorise the application for a third card in the name of the Assistant Clerk. Each card's limit is set at £500 monthly expenditure.

6.5 Policies

Memorial Garden Regulations – to carry out a review the attached Memorial Garden Regulations.

Disciplinary Policy – to carry out a review of the attached Disciplinary Policy.

Climate Change Policy – to carry out a review of the attached Climate Change Policy.

7. CHILDREN'S CENTRE (APPENDIX C LIME)

7.1 PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BOARD BORROWING – FORMER CHILDREN'S CENTRE

To consider and approve the business case for the purchase and refurbishment of the former Children's Centre for use as a Parish Office and community facility and to authorise the Clerk to submit the borrowing application and to sign all necessary documents.

7.2 To give consideration to the recommendations of the Community Asset Working Group:

- to submit an initial offer to the seller's agents in the amount of £250,000
- to delegate authority to the Clerk in conjunction with the Chairman and Co-Vice Chairman to negotiate the purchase price up to the valuation amount of £335,000

8. PLANNING

8.1 Applications:

25/03445/PIP: Field North of the White Swan, Ash Road, Ash, Kent – Erection of dwellings with a minimum of 1 or a maximum of 9 net dwellings. **Cllr J Scott**

9. ASH GREEN SPORTS CENTRE (APPENDIX D BLUE)

9.1 **Current Financial Position:** To receive a verbal update from the Deputy Clerk/Finance Officer on the Sports Centre's current financial position.

9.2 **Approval of Payments** – To approve the payments made from 13 December 2025.

10. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT (APPENDIX E PURPLE)

10.1 **Waste Collection:** To consider and comment on the District Council's proposed changes to waste collection services.

10.2 Sevenoaks Community Awards – please see email attached

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

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

12. PROGRESS TRACKER (APPENDIX F LIGHT BLUE)

12.1 To note the progress tracker of Council decisions.