

ASHTON UNDER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

AGENDA – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: JANUARY 24

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To Members of Ashton under Hill Parish Council

You are duly summoned to attend the Parish Council Meeting of Ashton under Hill Parish Council to be held on:

Tuesday 16th January 2024, 7.30pm at Ashton under Hill Chapel Hall.

1. WELCOME, PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

2. DISPENSATIONS:

(I) Cllr Cope, 1 year from 26th January 2023 Ashton Social Centre (ASC), (discussion but no voting rights).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:

- (A) Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
- (B) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
- (C) To declare any other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
- (D) Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) are to be with the clerk at least 4 days prior to a meeting.
- (E) Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or any other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4)(b) of the code of conduct, must leave the room for the relevant items.
- (F) Failure to register or declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may result in the commission of a criminal offence.

4. THE MEETING WILL BE ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

The time allocated is at the discretion of the council/chairman. Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the chairman.

5. CLERK UPDATES & URGENT DECISIONS (DELEGATED AUTHORITY):

- (I) Delegated authority on items listed under Planning below.
- (II) Meeting with WCC Highways regarding the War Memorial scheduled for 12th January.
- (III) The new Lengthsman (Steve Baker) has not yet been formally appointed as he has been seriously ill. He is expected to be back to full fitness within the next week or so there the contract will then be exchanged.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(I) For the Parish Council Meeting on 28th November 2023.

7. A46 LONG CARRANT:

Updates from Council.

8. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

9. PROGRESS REPORTS (given verbally by Councillors / * if any formal proposals below):

(A) Social Centre – Cllr DC	(B) Police – Cllr JB	(C) Lengthsman – Clerk / Cllrs JB & JP
(D) Flooding – Cllr JP	(E) Highways & Byways – Cllr SM	(F) Trees – Cllr JP
(G) Footpaths – Cllr JB	(H) War Memorial & Steps NHB – Clerk	

10. PLANNING APPLICATION NOTIFICATIONS (lead Cllr Rose):

W/23/02249/LB	Old Beams, Elmley Road	Proposed single storey rear extension and annex over garage.	PC – no objections.
W/23/02311/FUL	Belfield At, Bre-don Hill Country	Erection of storage and distribution building	PC – objection submitted 5/1/24
W/23/02546/LB	Mole Hill Cottage, Paris, Bakers Lane	Proposed Orangery	Decision Pending. Due for return 26/1/24

11. FINANCE:

Bank balances as at 31st December 2023

Current account balance	-	£29,557.70
Savings account balance	-	£15,469.22
Total		£45,026.92

- (I) Proposal to approve the accounts up to the end of the third quarter. Accounts circulated to all members prior the meeting and are available from the Clerk on request.
- (II) Proposal to approve the below Receipts and Payments.

Payments Nov / Dec 2023

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Ref	Payee	Description	Date	Amount (£)
1	Grimshawe Kinnear	Tennis Courts Painting Final Invoice 2 of 2	06/11/23	£ 2,268.40
2	WDC	Waste Bin Cleanse and Emptying	21/11/23	£ 110.24
3	Worcs Pension Fund	Pension Contributions	21/11/23	£ 141.65
4	A Robinson	Clerk Home Office	30/11/23	£ 7.22
5	A Robinson	Clerk Salary + Back Pay	30/11/23	£ 603.73
6	St Barbara Ashton	Parish Council Grant	13/12/23	£ 1,700.00
7	PATA Payroll	Payroll 3rd Quarter	13/12/23	£ 46.15
8	Worcs Pension Fund	Pension Contributions	13/12/23	£ 141.65
9	Unity Bank	Service Charge 3rd Quarter	31/12/23	£ 18.00

Receipts Nov / Dec 2023

Ref	Payee	Description	Date	Amount (£)
1	WCC	LM Apr 23	01/12/23	£160.80
2	WCC	LM Mar / May / Jun 23	05/12/23	£482.40
3	Unity Bank	Interest	31/12/23	£106.49

12. BUDGET / PRECEPT REQUEST 2024-25

Proposal to approve the Budget forecast and Precept 2024-25, draft forecast circulated to all members prior to the meeting and available from the Clerk on request.

13. DISPENSATION REQUEST CLLR ROSE: **POTENTIAL DOI CLLR ROSE, CLLR BAYLIS, CLLR COPE.**

Council to consider the renewal of Cllr Rose's dispensation in relation to all matters in connection with Ashton Social Centre. Cllr Rose is requesting a dispensation to allow discussion and voting rights. Request circulated prior to the meeting.

14. DISPENSATION REQUEST CLLR BAYLIS: **POTENTIAL DOI CLLR BAYLIS, CLLR ROSE, CLLR COPE.**

Council to consider the dispensation request from Cllr Baylis in relation to all matters in connection with Ashton Social Centre. Cllr Baylis is requesting a dispensation to allow discussion and voting rights. Request circulated prior to the meeting.

15. RISK ASSESSMENT:

Any updates from Council.

16. ASHTON FOOTPATHS TEAM: **POTENTIAL DOI CLLR ROWLEY.**

Council to discuss correspondence from representative of Ashton footpaths team and Worcestershire County Council PROW team.

(I) Council to consider re-imbursing the footpaths team for expenses amounting to £102.40.

(II) Council to discuss their involvement with the Ashton footpaths team and set clear policies going forward.

17. COUNCILLORS REPORTS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

Councillors may use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the Agenda and to raise items for future Agendas. Please note, no formal decisions can be made on anything within this section.

18. CORRESPONDENCE (Data protection edited versions available from the Clerk on request):

- Nothing further.

19. PROVISIONAL NEXT MEETING (ALWAYS CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES) - Tuesday 12th March 2024.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC / PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND  **A Robinson (Clerk to the Council)**