

# ASHTON UNDER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

## AGENDA – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: JULY 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 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024, 7.30pm at Ashton under Hill Chapel Hall.**

**1. WELCOME, PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

**2. DISPENSATIONS:**

- (I) Cllr Rose 1 year from 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Ashton Social Centre (ASC), (discussion and voting rights).
- (II) Cllr Cope 1 year from 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Ashton Social Centre (ASC), (discussion and voting rights).
- (III) Cllr Baylis 1 year from 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Ashton Social Centre (ASC), (discussion and 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- (I) For the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**6. CLERK UPDATES & URGENT DECISIONS (DELEGATED AUTHORITY):**

- (I) Delegated authority on items listed under Planning below.
- (II) It was decided by the Clerk in consultation with the Chair to write to Robert Smith, Planning Officer at Wychavon and Malvern Hills District Councils to communicate the Parish Council's disapproval to the District Council's decision to approve application W/23/01242/FUL. This is an application for the erection of a new dwelling on the site of former Wil-low Cottage, Elmley Road. The communications have been circulated to members and are available to the public on request via the Clerk.

**7. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS.**

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

(A) Social Centre – Cllr DC	(B) Police – Unallocated	(C) Lengthsman – Clerk *
(D) Flooding – Unallocated	(E) Highways & Byways – Cllr SM	(F) Trees – Unallocated
(G) Footpaths – Unallocated	(H) War Memorial & Steps NHB – Clerk	(I) Longcarrant (A46) Improvements – Cllr MW

\*Following complaints regarding pavement access being restricted by hedge growth, the Council to discuss the possibility of cards being made for the Lengthsman to distribute to politely encourage people to cut back growth to private hedges. If this is agreed then wording to also be agreed.

**9. PLANNING APPLICATION NOTIFICATIONS (lead Cllr Rose):**

None to report.

**10. FINANCE:**

Bank balances as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Current account balance	-	<b>£24,175.96</b>
Savings account balance	-	<b>£15,682.07</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>£39,858.03</b>

- (I) Proposal to approve the below Receipts and Payments.
- (II) Proposal to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2024-25 accounts, circulated to members prior to the meeting. Also available on request via the Clerk.

**Payments May / Jun 2024**

Ref	Payee	Description	Date	Amount (£)
1	Mrs Zoe Kirby	Internal Audit 23-24	22/05/24	£ 180.00
2	WCC Pension Fund	Pension Contributions May 24	22/05/24	£ 199.22

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3	Zurich Insurance	Insurance Renewal 24-25	22/05/24	£ 437.15
4	A Robinson	Clerk Salary May 24	30/05/24	£ 592.99
5	A Robinson	Clerk Home Office	31/05/24	£ 15.00
6	Webbees	Web hosting (6 months) Inv 1400	10/06/24	£ 125.00
7	Webbees	Web hosting (6 months) Inv 1345	10/06/24	£ 125.00
8	PATA Payroll	Payroll 1st Quarter	17/06/24	£ 46.05
9	WCC Pension Fund	Pension Contributions June 24	17/06/24	£ 199.22
10	Unity Bank	Service Charge 1st Quarter	30/06/24	£ 18.00

### Receipts May / Jun 2024

Ref	Payee	Description	Date	Amount (£)
1	HMRC	VAT Reclaim 2023-24	29/05/24	£2,939.69
2	Unity Bank	Interest	30/06/24	£106.79

### 11. PARISH GAMES:

The Parish Games are taking place again this year and members of Ashton under Hill Parish have entered 6 events, namely Angling, Bowls, Cross Country, Petanque, Skittles and Senior Table Tennis. There has been no change to the event entry fees, which remain at £10.00 per event. Council to consider authorising the expenditure to enter the Parish Games.

### 12. NEW PITCH MOWER (FA BID):

Council to consider a proposal to make a contribution towards the purchase of a new pitch mower to be jointly owned by Ashton 88 Football Club / Ashton Social Centre / Ashton Cricket Club and the Parish Council. Ashton 88 FC are seeking funds from the Worcester Football Association and if successful would contribute 75% of the purchase price on a machine costing approximately £30,000. Further details of the proposal has been circulated to members and is available from the Clerk on request.

### 13. REPLACEMENT BOX POST:

Council to discuss efforts to obtain a replacement Royal Mail post box close to Long Carrant Park, following the disappearance of the previous box some time ago.

### 14. RISK ASSESSMENT:

The Clerk and Cllr Baylis to update the Council.

### 15. DEFIBRILLATOR:

- (I) Council to consider the purchase of a new defibrillator for the use of Long Carrant Park.
- (II) Council to authorise the purchase of new defib pads for the existing defib, outside the First School. The pads are due to expire shortly. The Clerk will present approximate expenditure in time for the meeting.
- (III) Appoint a member of the Council to lead on all matters regarding the defibrillator.

### 16. 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.

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

- Nothing further.

### 18. PROVISIONAL NEXT MEETING (ALWAYS CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES) - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

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