



**Ashmansworth Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 10 March 2025
Ashmansworth Village Hall, 7:30pm**

Chairman: Cllr Alan Cox

Present: Cllr Andrew Bays, Cllr Kieron Black, Cllr Lisa Bailey

Clerk: Amy White

In Attendance: Cllr Sam Carr (until 8pm)

1. Apologies

Cllr Angela Harris joined by Teams.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. To agree the Minutes of the Meeting held on 09 January 2025

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 09 January 2025 were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Actions/Updates from Meeting of 09 January 2025

Action: Clerk to send precept request to BDBC. **Actioned.**

Action: Cllr Black and Clerk will work to obtain a quote for the lintel repair and for Cllr Black to write a grant fund form. **In Action.**

Action: Clerk to send Cllr Black BDBC grant funding opportunity for community halls information. **Actioned**

Action: The Clerk will liaise with Alan Rowe, church warden regarding the opportunity for grant funding for the acoustic system and/or trees. **Actioned.** No update on a quote yet.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Highclere and East Woodhay PCs to organise a briefing with Nick Adlam regarding community resilience. **Remove action:** Nick Adlam has since resigned and Community Resilience group status is not known.

5. Update from County and Borough Councillors (if present)

Cllr Carr updated the council on the Hampshire County Council move towards a unitary authority, and devolution. The 2025 HCC elections have been cancelled to ensure stability as the process moves forward. The election for Mayor will be in 2026.

There has been a 37% increase in BDBC housing demand, making the land supply 2.94 years.

In Summer 2025 there will be a new Regulation 18; Summer 2026 new Regulation 19; Local Plan adoption scheduled for Winter 2027.

Councillor community grants start again in April 2025.

6. Community Resilience

The leader of the HCC Community Resilience operations at HCC has resigned and there is no further information on whether this will continue. Cllr Cox has drafted an Ashy-specific document to cover issues affecting this parish. It was agreed this was a good working document and could be placed on all noticeboards, website and hard copy to residents. EWPC is meeting to discuss the current North Hampshire Community Plan that is shared with AshyPC and Highclere PC in late March. The Clerk will report back at the next meeting if there is an update.

Action: Cllr Cox to finalise Ashy Emergency document.

7. Financial Matters:

- Budget final**

The Clerk presented the final budget. This can be found at the end of the Minutes.

Full council approved the budget for 25/26.

- To acknowledge payments and note receipts**

Income and Payments since 09 January 2025

Invoice Date	Paid date	Explanation	Receipt	Payment
27-Dec-14	14-Jan-25	December Salary		£ 159.56
27-Dec-24	14-Jan-25	HMRC Month 9		£ 38.60
6-Jan-25	13-Jan-25	HugoFox Direct Debit Invoice 11283		£ 9.99
6-Jan-25	13-Jan-25	HugoFox Direct Debit Invoice 11283		£ 2.00
27-Jan-25	27-Jan-25	January salary		£ 159.36
10-Jan-25	14-Jan-25	HMRC Month 10 (incl catch up payments)		£ 92.95
27-Dec-24	20-Jan-25	Red76 Direct Debit Invoice 11611		£ 8.00
27-Dec-24	20-Jan-25	Red76 Direct Debit Invoice 11611		£ 1.60
31-Jan-25	31-Jan-25	Unity Bank Charge 01/01/25-31/01/25		£ 6.00
14-Jan-25	14-Jan-25	Ionos Refund	£ 7.80	
28-Feb-25	28-Feb-25	Unity Bank Charge		£ 6.00
22-Jan-25	7-Feb-25	Ionos Direct Debit invoice 203045732521		£ 10.79
22-Jan-25	7-Feb-25	Ionos Direct Debit invoice 203045732521		£ 2.16
30-Jan-25	12-Feb-25	Red76 Direct Debit Invoice 11992		£ 10.00
30-Jan-25	12-Feb-25	Red76 Direct Debit Invoice 11992		£ 2.00
6-Feb-25	12-Feb-25	HugoFox Direct Debit Invoice 12010		£ 9.99
6-Feb-25	12-Feb-25	HugoFox Direct Debit Invoice 12010		£ 2.00
			Total: £ 7.80	£ 521.00

Payments to be Made

27-Feb-25		February salary	£ 159.56
27-Feb-25		HMRC Month 11	£ 38.60
28-Feb-25		Red76 Direct Debit Invoice 12360	£ 10.00
28-Feb-25		Red76 Direct Debit Invoice 12360	£ 2.00
4-Mar-25		Ashmansworth Village Hall hire 24/25	£ 120.00
22-Feb-25		Ionos Direct Debit invoice 203046249007	£ 16.00

22-Feb-25		Ionos Direct Debit invoice 203046249007		£ 3.20
27-Mar-25		March salary		£ 159.56
27-Mar-25		HMRC Month 12		£ 38.60
31-Mar-25		Unity Bank Charge		£ 6.00
Total:				<u>£ 553.52</u>

Bank Balance as at 28 February 2024: £4173.84

The Clerk has submitted a VAT claim for £273.78.

Cllr Black has submitted a grant application form on behalf of the Ashmansworth Village Hall for £497 (no VAT) (grant form is attached to the end of the Minutes)

Full council to the grant request and to release the requested amount to the village hall.

Action: Clerk to make grant funding payment to Ashmansworth Village Hall.

8. Footpaths update

All stile with reported issues have been repaired. The stile to gate project with HCC is ongoing but delivery of gates has been delayed. It is hoped gates will be in situ in May.

The lengthsman has cut back a tree on Wayfarers, repaired the fence at the village hall and cleared undergrowth from stiles on FP3.

9. Highways

More potholes are appearing on Bartletts Down Lane.

Action: Cllr Cox/Cllr Bailey will send the Clerk the W3W on potholes for the Clerk to report.

10. VE Day

There is a proposed party on Monday 5th for VE day.

Full council may be able to support via a contribution. Cllr Bays will report back.

11. Date of Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 01 May 2025.

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