



Ashmansworth Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 19 January 2026
Ashmansworth Village Hall, 7:30pm

Chairman: Cllr Alan Cox

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

Clerk: Amy White

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. To agree the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 November 2025

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 November 2025 were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Actions/Updates from Meeting of 24 November 2025

- **Action:** Clerk to continue to work with Cllr Black on the disabled loo project for the village hall- **to move to next meeting**.
- **Action:** Clerk to purchase the hearing loop for the church once all details received- **costs have been received**- see Finance item.
- **Action:** Clerk to chase reported potholes on Bartletts Down road (Cllr Bailey)- **actioned**- see Highways item.
- **Action:** Cllr Cox to share the LGR consultation and Regulation 18 Local Plan consultation on the Ashy google group- **actioned**.
- **Action:** Clerk to arrange meeting with Cllrs Andy Konieczko and Paul Harvey re the Local Plan Reg 18 process- **actioned** but it was attended by Highclere and East Woodhay only.
- **Action:** Clerk and Cllr Black to apply for a grant once Cllr Black has separated out the tasks required for the village hall- **not actioned**, to move to next meeting.
- **Action:** Cllr Cox to ask Ashy Google group whether there are any fallen trees on Wayfarers that need action- **actioned**, see Footpaths item.

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

No update from borough/county councillors, however the Clerk reminded the council of the deadline for the BDBC Local Plan regulation 18 public consultation- 23 January 2026, and encouraged councillors to respond.

It was agreed for Cllr Cox, on behalf of the parish council, to respond to the Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation, particularly objecting to Oakley Farm as part of the draft spatial strategy.

Action: Clerk to support Cllr Cox with wording for the Reg 18 Local Plan response.

6. Financial Matters:

- To acknowledge payments and note receipts

Income and Payments since 24 November 2025

INVOICE DATE	PAID	Detail	INCOME	EXPENSE
7-Nov-25	7-Nov-25	HugoFox website Invoice 20134		£ 9.99
7-Nov-25	7-Nov-25	HugoFox website Invoice 20134		£ 2.00
30-Oct-25	30-Oct-25	Red76 payroll Invoice 15675		£ 10.00
30-Oct-25	30-Oct-25	Red76 payroll Invoice 15675		£ 2.00
30-Sep-25	25-Nov-25	AD Clark invoice 935		£ 282.08
5-Sep-25	25-Nov-25	Clerk expense		£ 40.00
30-Nov-25	22-Dec-25	Red76 payroll Invoice 16232		£ 10.00
30-Nov-25	22-Dec-25	Red76 payroll Invoice 16232		£ 2.00
22-Nov-25	10-Dec-25	Ionos invoice 203051294562		£ 14.50
22-Nov-25	10-Dec-25	Ionos invoice 203051294562		£ 2.90
31-Dec-25	31-Dec-25	Unity Bank Charge		£ 6.00
15-Dec-25	12-Dec-25	HugoFox website Invoice 21162		£ 9.99
15-Dec-25	12-Dec-25	HugoFox website Invoice 21162		£ 2.00
				Total: £ 393.46

Payments to be made:

23-Dec-25		December salary		£ 169.72
23-Dec-25		HMRC Month 9		£ 41.20
30-Dec-25		Red76 payroll Invoice 16640		£ 10.00
30-Dec-25		Red76 payroll Invoice 16640		£ 2.00
22-Dec-25		Ionos invoice 203051881943		£ 14.50
22-Dec-25		Ionos invoice 203051881943		£ 2.90
31-Jan-26		Unity Bank Charge		£ 6.00
13-Jan-26		HugoFox website Invoice 22191		£ 9.99
13-Jan-26		HugoFox website Invoice 22191		£ 2.00
27-Jan-26		January salary		£ 169.92
27-Jan-26		HMRC Month 10		£ 41.20
				Total: £ 469.43

- **Funding for hearing loop system:**

The church has received all the information required for the diocese to make a decision; this has now been sent off, and once approval is received, the council can make the purchase (earmarked reserve), of approximately £300. The aim is for the installation to be complete for the Easter service.

- **Budget second draft:**

The Clerk has sent out the budget proposal to councillors in advance. This will be agreed finally at the March meeting.

Bank Balance as at 31 December 2025: £4937.80

- **Precept decision for 2026/27**

The Clerk recommended an increase to the precept from £5200 to £5816. *Full council agreed to the increase.*

The Clerk has successfully applied for, and received a County Councillor grant to replace the current defibrillator at the village hall, which has now been discontinued with no stock of batteries or pads. The amount received is £895. The council thanks Cllr Tom Thacker.

Action: Clerk to research defibrillators to purchase as a replacement for the current one at the village hall.

7. Planning applications received since previous meeting

Full responses can be found on the Basingstoke and Deane Planning Portal:

- 25/02018/HSE Highbourne House Church Lane- *Response sent: No objection*
- T/00622/25/TCA Plough Inn Bartletts Down- *Response sent: No objection*

8. Footpaths

The Clerk has reported the missing fingerpost sign at FP7 (Wood Cottage).

Cllr Cox has received a report of foliage which needs cutting back on Wayfarers between Wychpits and Chalk Pit Lane, but is waiting for further information on the exact location and description before contacting the landowner.

Action: Cllr Cox to ask Ashy google group whether there are any fallen trees on Wayfarers that need actioning.

9. Highways

Cllr Bailey has reported more potholes on Bartletts Down. A bollard has been placed in one of the biggest ones.

There is still no information on whether the steel fingerpost will be repaired and replaced.

Action: Clerk to send all of the reporting references to Cllr Thacker.

Action: Clerk to request the fingerpost back from HCC to organise the repair locally rather than waiting for HCC to repair it.

10. Date of next meeting

Thursday 12 March 2025

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