



Ashmansworth Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 12 March 2026
Ashmansworth Village Hall, 7:30pm

Chairman: Cllr Alan Cox

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

Clerk: Amy White

1. Apologies

Cllr Black sent his apologies.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. To agree the Minutes of the Meetings held on 19 January and 27 January 2026

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 19 January and 27 January were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Actions/Updates from Meetings of 19 January and 27 January

- **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 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:** Clerk to support Cllr Cox with wording for the Reg 18 Local Plan response- **Actioned and sent**.
- **Action:** Clerk to research defibrillators to purchase as a replacement for the current one at the village hall- **Actioned**. A defib has been purchased from London Hearts for £660 and will arrive with the Clerk in the next few days.
- **Action:** Cllr Cox to ask Ashy google group whether there are any fallen trees on Wayfarers that need actioning- **Actioned**. The Clerk has also contacted both landowners about the need to trim areas of the Wayfarers. Areas that need trimming will be identified and passed to relevant landowners, but if the whole length is needed, the council will consider asking a contractor to provide a quote to the landowners to support the clearing/cutting, outside of the bird nesting season.
- **Action:** Clerk to send all of the reporting references to Cllr Thacker- **Actioned**.
- **Action:** Clerk to request the fingerpost back from HCC to organise the repair locally rather than waiting for HCC to repair it- **Actioned** HCC has said that the council can come and collect it, or wait for them to repair it (for which there is no timeframe).
New Action: Clerk to ask Kevin Hyde of HCC whether he can assist organising the return of the fingerpost, with a new post if possible.
- **Action:** Clerk to pay outstanding invoices owed to AD Clark- **Actioned**, with a new and more robust contract and cost agreement.

- **Action:** Clerk to send new precept request to BDBC- **Actioned**.
- **Action:** Cllr Cox to send a note to the parish to explain the precept increase and ask whether anyone would be interested in the grass cutting of the recreation field. Also to suggest the field is used more frequently as the parish's one asset- **Actioned**.
- **Action:** Cllr Black to contact AD Clark to discuss a different contract whereby no cutting is made if it is too hot/dry (e.g. summer months). **Actioned** (see earlier action).

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

No one was present. The Clerk will ask Cllr Thacker to investigate outstanding pothole issues.

The Clerk updated the council on the delay to Unitary authority progress. More news is now expected in May. The government is consulting on the NPPF and a more centralised approach to planning.

6. Clerk resignation

The Clerk officially resigned. The vacancy has been posted on the HALC website, and locally via Facebook/websites. The Clerk will update the council with recruitment developments as appropriate.

A discussion was held on the upcoming elections on 07 May 2026. Cllr Cox confirmed he would not stand for re-election. Therefore the post of Chair will be vacant at the Annual Meeting. The Clerk explained the election process. The public notice will be posted on 25 March, and nominations must be received by BDBC by 09 April 16:00.

7. Financial Matters:

- **To acknowledge payments and note receipts**

Income and Payments since 19 January 2026

INVOICE DATE	PAID	INCOME	INCOME	EXPENSE
26-Jan-26	26-Jan-26	HCC Grant for defibrillator	£ 895.00	
30-Apr-25	30-Jan-26	AD Clark invoice 889		£ 282.08
30-Jun-25	30-Jan-26	AD Clark invoice 906		£ 282.08
31-Jul-25	30-Jan-26	AD Clark invoice 915		£ 282.08
29-Aug-25	30-Jan-26	AD Clark invoice 925		£ 282.08
28-Nov-25	30-Jan-26	AD Clark invoice 951		£ 282.08
30-Sep-24	30-Jan-26	AD Clark invoice 861		£ 261.20
31-Oct-24	30-Jan-26	AD Clark invoice 871		£ 261.20
28-Feb-26	28-Feb-26	Unity Bank Charge		£ 6.00
22-Jan-26	9-Feb-26	Ionos invoice 203052469137		£ 14.50
22-Jan-26	9-Feb-26	Ionos invoice 203052469137		£ 2.90
13-Feb-26	12-Feb-26	HugoFox website Invoice 23281		£ 9.99
13-Feb-26	12-Feb-26	HugoFox website Invoice 23281		£ 2.00
30-Jan-26	19-Feb-26	Red76 payroll Invoice 17164		£ 10.00
30-Jan-26	19-Feb-26	Red76 payroll Invoice 17164		£ 2.00

22-Feb-26	11-Mar-26	Ionos invoice 203053053982		£ 24.50
22-Feb-26	11-Mar-26	Ionos invoice 203053053982		£ 4.90
10-Mar-26	11-Mar-26	London Hearts defib (Ashy Village Hall replacement)		£ 660.00
10-Mar-26	11-Mar-26	London Hearts defib (Ashy Village Hall replacement)		£ 133.60

Total: **£ 895.00 £ 2,803.19**

Payments to be made

INVOICE DATE	PAID	INCOME	INCOME	EXPENSE
28-Feb-26		Feb Salary		£ 169.92
28-Feb-26		HMRC Month 11		£ 41.20
31-Mar-26		Unity Bank Charge		£ 7.00
28-Feb-26		Red76 payroll Invoice 17556		£ 10.00
28-Feb-26		Red76 payroll Invoice 17556		£ 2.00
17-Feb-26		Wall mount hearing loop for Ashmansworth church (Clerk expense)		£ 366.58
17-Feb-26		Wall mount hearing loop for Ashmansworth church (Clerk expense)		£ 73.32
1-Mar-26		Ashmansworth Village Hall hire 2025-26		£ 120.00
27-Mar-26		Feb Salary		£ 169.92
27-Mar-26		HMRC Month 12		£ 41.20
Total:				£ 1,001.14

- **Hearing loop system:** The church has thanked the Parish Council for their kind grant for the system, which is now installed and working well.
- **Budget final:** The council approved the budget for 2026/27.

The council thanks Cllr Thacker for his support for the grant towards the recently purchased defibrillator.

Bank Balance as at 28 February 2026: £3383.18

8. Planning applications received since previous meeting

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

- T/00068/26/TCA The Old Cottage Ashmansworth- Response sent: No objection
- 26/00276/LDPO Hughbourne House Church Lane Ashmansworth- No objection
- 26/00452/AGPD Land At Porchesters Farms Crux Easton- No objection

9. Footpaths

(see Actions item 4). There is nothing else outstanding.

10. Highways

(see Actions item 4).

11. Date of Annual Meeting

Monday 11 May 2026.

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