

**ASHPRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
**@ Ashprington Village Hall – 7.30pm**

**1) Open Forum –**

- a) Broadband in the Village – Skylight broadband are offering wireless broadband in the village, they are looking for interest in uptake in the Village, there are vouchers available for interested Parishioners.

DCC Simon Rake confirmed this is part of the rollout project Gigabit, wireless broadband is the best way to reach communities without fibre broadband, once an interest is shown by Parishioners vouchers can be reserved for the properties.

- b) Tuckenhay Regatta will take place this year on the 11<sup>th</sup> July.

**2) Present** Cllr R Rogers (Chairman), Cllr T Green, C Cllr S Rake, Cllr S Greaves, Cllr K Throgmorton, D Cllr J Mckay.

**Attended by** – 2 members of the public.

**3) Apologies** – Cllr P Thompson, Cllr L Stocks, Pam Macey (P3).

**4) Declarations of Interest.**

**5) Previous Minutes**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026.  
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The minutes have been distributed and read. Proposed by Cllr K Throgmorton and seconded by Cllr T Green with all in agreement. Duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr R Rogers.

**6) Matters Arising**

a) Dog Bin in Duncannon Lane – Cllr J Mckay confirmed he would follow this up with SHDC as nothing further has been heard from then regards adding the Bin to the weekly collection on a Thursday.

b) Ashprington Cemetery – The Clerk reported – she has spoken to the Archdeacons secretary who was provided with a plan of the Cemetery. They are fairly certain that the whole area within the wall is consecrated, this would have been done in the early 1950's. If the Parish Council wanted to go to the records office at Exeter they would have documents to confirm this but nothing is held by the Church. Cllrs were all in agreement to now go ahead and start preparing the ground on the far side of the path which will be needed in time as only 3 plots remain in the top portion of the Cemetery.

## **7) Reports.**

- a) County Councillor – C Cllr S Rake reported - P3 re-structure, an email will be coming to Parishes shortly explaining this. The end of year figures for DCC are a bit better than expected and there will be some monies carried forward to spend in this financial year. The summer road maintenance programme is now swinging into action, there is lots being done in all Parishes.
- b) District Councillor – Cllr J McKay reported – The SHDC planning system is changing in September, less applications will go to the planning committee and if applications are for 150 or more homes and the District Council are mindful to refuse them it will automatically go to the planning inspector. Local Plan review will also be taking place with a consultation going out during the summer, this will challenge the housing numbers imposed by main government. LGR – nothing much to report – early July is when we will expect to hear about the decision. Leisure centres are being taken over by Parkway after Fusion went into administration. National emergency briefing – climate emergency, a film has been produced which will be screened across the district.
- c) Ash Meadow Recreation Ground – Cllr R Rogers reported - concrete panels have now been put in place in the bunkers, many thanks to all who helped do this. The new mower is going well – many thanks again to all the volunteers.
- d) Tree Warden – nothing to report.
- e) P3 Co-Ordinator – Pam Macey reported by email as follows:- P3 survey forms have been completed, awaiting confirmation that they've been received as I've applied for a maintenance grant.  
Meeting with Ski Harrison to arrange possibility of Workparty for Crownley woods.
- f) Defibrillator Group – Johnny Gurr has ordered new batteries for the defibs & a new Defib is being ordered for down at the Watermans Arms who have also made a donation towards this.
- g) Emergency Plan – Cllr K Throgmorton – the cones are staying out for parking purposes during the summer period.
- h) Village Hall.
- i) Dart Harbour Commissioning Group.

## **8) Planning Applications / Matters.**

### **Applications received from South Hams District Council –**

- a) Application no 0970/26/HHO & 0971/26/LBC – Jasmine Cottage TQ9 7UW – Householder application to add new glass canopies, install an air source heat pump and solar PV panels. Support – proposed by Cllr K Throgmorton & seconded by Cllr R Rogers with all in agreement.
- b) Information Only no comment required – Application no 1076/26/CLB – 5 & 6 Bridge Terrace, Tuckenhay TQ9 7EH – Certificate of lawfulness for proposed works to a listed building for ridge and chimney repair works.
- c) Application no 1157/26/TCA – 8 Holly Villas Hill Park, Ashprington TQ9 7UU – Fell dead sycamore tree. Support – proposed by Cllr K Throgmorton & seconded by Cllr R Rogers with all in agreement.

**Decisions received from South Hams District Council -**

a) No Objections - Tree Works in a Conservation Area – Application no 0267/26/TCA – Quillet, Hill Park TQ9 7UX – T1, T2, T3 – Ash Tree Coppicing.

**9) Correspondence –**

a) Parish Councillors resignation – Sophie Paterson has now resigned from the Parish Council. Many thanks to Sophie for all her work in the Parish.

b) Johnson Law – Legal action against SWWA for River Dart Pollution – Cllrs noted receipt of this letter. The Parish Council wish to remain neutral on this matter, no comments to be made.

**10) Highways**

**11) Finances.**

**Payments**

BACS – 1.4.26 - £189.79 (vat £24.79) – DALC (Annual Sub).

BACS – 6.4.26 - £216.00 (vat £36.00) – Community Heartbeat (Emergency Phone System).

BACS – 6.4.26 - £96.00 (vat £16.00) – Robert Rogers Agriculture (Hedges Cemetery).

BACS – 6.4.26 - £156.00 (vat £26.00) – Robert Rogers Agriculture (Hedges Ashmeadow).

BACS – 8.4.26 - £84.00 (vat £14.00) – Shidders Bridge Machinery (Ashmeadow).

BACS – 10.4.26 - £161.94 (vat £26.99) – Community Heartbeat (Defib Pads).

BACS – 28.4.26 - £178.20 (vat £29.70) – Ian Bentlett (Post Concrete Ashmeadow).

**Bank Balances May 2026**

Treasurers Account = £38,128.80

**Monies held within Parish Council Account**

Cemetery Fund - £2,808.46

P3 - £530.54

Ash Meadow – £6975.45

Defib - £4,373.94

**12) Any Items to go onto the next Parish Council meeting Agenda.**

a) Next Meeting Date – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

There be no further business the meeting closed 8.25pm.

ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAS SPECIAL NEEDS AND REQUIRES A COPY OF THESE MINUTES SENT TO THEM – PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK 01364 654607.

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