

ASHPRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Thursday 4th June 2026
@ Ashprington Village Hall – 7.30pm

1) Open Forum –

a) Ian Bentlett presented some proposals for a new revamped Parish Magazine, funding may be needed to start up a new magazine which would go to all the Parish, it could possibly then be supported by advertising which would help with the printing costs. This matter to be carried forward for discussion in the main Agenda at the next Parish Council meeting.

2) Present Cllr R Rogers (Chairman), Cllr K Throgmorton, Cllr P Thompson.

Attended by – Ian Bentlett (Ashmeadow).

3) Apologies – Cllr S Greaves, C Cllr S Rake, D Cllr J McKay, Cllr L Stocks, Pam Macey (P3).

4) Declarations of Interest.

5) Previous Minutes

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held 7th May 2026.

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The minutes have been distributed and read. Proposed by Cllr K Throgmorton and seconded by Cllr P Thompson with all in agreement. Duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr R Rogers.

6) Matters Arising

a) Dog Bin in Duncannon Lane – this is now being emptied by Hannah Throgmorton, and placed in the cemetery black bin which is collected once a fortnight by SHDC, many thanks to Hannah from the Parish Council. It seems unlikely that in the foreseeable future SHDC will be adding it to their collection round.

b) Ashprington Cemetery – many thanks to Simon Trivella who has visited the Devon Records Office and found the document on file which confirms that the whole of the Cemetery within the walled area was consecrated in the 1950s, a copy of this plan is now held on record by the Clerk.

c) Parish Council Vacancy – Simon Trivella has applied join the Parish Council, he will be co-opted on at the July PC meeting.

7) Reports.

- a) County Councillor – no report given.
- b) District Councillor – no report given.
- c) Ash Meadow Recreation Ground – Ian Bentlett reported

- Next working party 13th June
- Collection of compost increasing substantially.

- Majority of improvements for composting site are complete – final invoices not yet received or paid.
- Some abuse of green waste content and dumping rules and rudeness from residents continues.
- Following funding from BL plans to install information boards and other signage are proceeding well.
- Following recent ROSpa safety inspection concerns on cycle track two parents have taken responsibility for overseeing track development by young people to ensure safety standards are met.
- £8000 Loan offered by PC for mower is not currently being utilised although we might go into a deficit as agreed once all current invoices due have been paid.
- Old container repairs have proved more costly so before proceeding we are investigating other options for garaging mower securely.
- Tractor fest 18th July. Compost site will be closed to public for that weekend.
- Need to be more proactive in order to plan succession for Chair of Ashmeadow committee.
- Many thanks to Robert Steer and others for helping with getting the new recycling bays up.

d) Tree Warden – no report given.

e) P3 Co-Ordinator – Pam Macey reported by email –

Crownley woods permissive footpath has been strimmed by the owner Peter Mantle. Joe Todd has strimmed the Initial path past water treatment works. This area is never cleared by Peter. Ski and I are intending to host a BBQ on 27th June at 5.30. Since the reduced footpath access imposed by the NT, the woods are much less frequented. We would like to draw attention to this lovely facility, particularly after the work by Kevan and Tony to restore the bridge and steps. We hope that once people are aware of the woods they may be drawn into helping at future work parties. We are hoping there will be money in the P3 account for this community event.

f) Defibrillator Group – new defib at the Watermans has arrived and is now being fitted, the new batteries for the other machines have been purchased and fitted.

g) Emergency Plan – parking around the Village and the Pub has again been noted.

h) Village Hall – Lydia Stocks reported by email as follows:-

The Village Hall Trustees would like to put their safeguarding policy and articles of governance on the PC website under the Village Hall section.

The AGM took place on 12th May. The Chair thanked all committee members for their work throughout the year. The Treasurer and Secretary gave their reports and all committee members agreed to continue in post for another year. At the meeting following the AGM the Treasurer reported steady income with the difference between income and expenditure slightly down. Ideas to increase usage of the hall were discussed but the lack of parking is a continual problem that hinders more use. New hire conditions are to be put in place regarding bouncy castle use in the hall. A planning application has gone in to South Hams District Council for the removal of two trees on Village Hall land. A working party is to be arranged to tidy up the outdoor areas. 2027 will be the Centenary year for the Village Hall. The committee are considering what can be done to celebrate its centenary. The next future event will be a lunch on 26th September. Next Village Hall meeting will be on 8th September.

- i) Dart Harbour Commissioning Group – nothing to report.

8) Planning Applications / Matters.

Applications received from South Hams District Council –

- a) Application no 0844/26/HHO – The Hermitage TQ9 7UL – Householder application for a new flat roof extension to replace an existing lean-to structure and small enclosed courtyard and new flue above main pitched roof. Support - all in agreement.
- b) Information only – Application no 1202/26/AGR – Lower Yetson Farm TQ9 7EG – Application to determine if prior approval is required for proposed new agricultural track (length 153 metres x width 3 metres).
- d) Application no 1492/26/TCA – Ashprington Village Hall – T1 & T2 – Remove Goat Willow – No objections, suggest that it is replaced by a smaller shrub.

Decisions received from South Hams District Council -

- a) No objections raised – Application no 1157/26/TCA – 8 Holly Villas – Fell dead Sycamore Tree.

9) Correspondence.

10) Highways

- a) Overhanging Tree Branches – Garden next to 2 Twin & 2 Orchard Cottages – the owner of this piece of land does not live in the Parish but will be contacted to ask if they can be cut back.

11) Finances.

Payments

- BACS – 2.5.26 - £642.00 (vat £107.00) – Defib Shop (New Batteries).
 BACS – 8.5.26 - £11.88 (vat £1.98) – Simon Trivella (Ashmeadow).
 BACS – 15.5.26 - £33.18 (vat £5.53) – Simon Trivella (Ashmeadow).
 BACS – 15.5.26 - £60.46 (vat £10.08) – Ian Bentlett (Ashmeadow).
 BACS – 22.5.26 - £1647.99 (vat £274.67) – British Heart Foundation (New Defib).
 BACS – 24.5.26 - £523.04 (vat £87.17) – RB Buildings (Concrete Ashmeadow).
 BACS – 29.5.26 - £657.28 – Clear Councils (Annual Insurance Policy).
 BACS – 4.6.26 - £1,213.68 – Sharon Raggett (Clerks Wages, April, May & June).

Bank Balances June 2026

Treasurers Account = £38,128.80

Monies held within Parish Council Account

Cemetery Fund - £2,808.46

P3 - £530.54

Ash Meadow – £7,063.59

Defib - £2,876.37

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

- a) Next Meeting Date – 2nd July 2026.

There be no further business the meeting closed 8.25pm.

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