

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

To all Members of Ashwick Parish Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Ashwick Parish Council for the purpose of transacting the following business

Kate Egan Parish Clerk to the Council

Agenda for the Meeting of ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

To be held at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall on
Wednesday 26th November 2025 at 7.30pm

1. **Welcome by the Chairman**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Absent**
4. **Declarations of Interest and dispensations**
 - (a) **To receive declaration of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda**
 - (b) **To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests**
 - (c) **To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate**
5. **Public session** the period designated for public participation at a meeting shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the Chairman of the meeting. A member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes.
6. **Somerset Councillor Reports**
7. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting from the Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd October, previously circulated.**
8. **Planning Applications – If other planning applications are received between the date of this notice and the date of the meeting, they may be considered.**
9. **Planning Applications – Responses to be noted from Somerset Council.**
 - (a) **2025/0306/OUT** Application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved for development of six detached houses and a pair of semi-detached houses and garages. Land at 363907 147136 Fosse Road, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have refused the application.
 - (b) **2025/1573/LBC** Installation of replacement windows. The Round House, Little London, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council granted approval.
 - (c) **2025/1408/LBC** Installation of a through floor internal lift. Harridge Farm, Bath Road, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have refused the application.
 - (d) **2025/1558/PAA** Prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 3no. dwelling houses (Class C3) with access, amenity space, garaging and car parking. Park Farm, Fosse Road, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have granted prior approval.
10. **Grants**
 - (a) Grant application from the Village Hall for £1004.40 for clearance of leaves and debris within the car park.
11. **To be Resolved / Discussed**
 - (a) To consider and approve the Scheme of Delegation for the Clerk
 - (b) To discuss the future of the Parish Council
 - (c) Proposal to carry out a community governance review with a view to reduce the numbers of Parish Councillors required on the Parish Council in time for the 2027 elections.

(d)

12. Clerks / Councillors Report

- (a) Highways at Somerset Council were contacted regarding reducing the speed limit on Highcroft Land and to re-design the junction of the A37, no response has yet been received.
- (b) Highways at Somerset Council were contacted to arrange a site visit for the possible location of a speed indicator device, no response has yet been received.
- (c) Following a request that the narrow stretch of ground opposite the old school house on the High Street, Oakhill be attended too as the shrubs were blocking part of the road and reducing visibility. Cllr David Barlow contacted a local gardener and the site was quickly cleared; the Council would like to thank them for the quick response.

13. Finance

Bank Balance as at 19th November 2025

Current account £3,659.10

Reserve account £33,920.39

To consider the Draft Budget for 26-27

Receipts

(a) Bank Interest - £45.52 – received 10.11.25

Payments

(b) Ashwick Village Hall – Hall Hire - £25.00

(c) Bjorn Saw – Clearance of land - £210.00 – pd 30.10.25

(d) Clerks' salary and expenses – October - £291.72

14. Correspondence

(a) Monthly report from the Liberal Democrats within Somerset Council – forwarded 05.11.25

15. Matters to report/items for next agenda

16. Date and time of next meeting: - Wednesday 7th January 2026 at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

17. Under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public would be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

(a) Increase in SCP Points for the Clerk.