

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 7th January 2026 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 26th November 2025, 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.**
2025/2227/PAA Prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C3) and for associated operational development. Mendip Lavender, Unit I, Old Frome Road, Doultling. **This is a notification only** – in line with Somerset Council's constitution and the adopted scheme of delegation and terms of reference, the decision for this application is delegated to the Planning Officers.
9. **Planning Applications – Responses to be noted from Somerset Council.**
2025/1688/REM Application for reserved matters following outline approval 2022/0797/OUT application for outline planning permission with some matters reserved for demolition of redundant agricultural buildings and a B8 storage building, erection of 1no. dwelling house with details of access. Matters of appearance / landscaping / layout / scale to be determined. Longacre, Pound Lane, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have granted approval.
10. **To be Resolved / Discussed**
 - (a) To consider the possibility of setting up a dedicated Parish Council Website and moving to.gov.uk domain along with dedicated emails. If members approve, prices and possible designs will be brought to the April meeting.
 - (b) To discuss the format of the public engagement meeting to be held on 18th February 2026. This is to follow the short Parish Council meeting to be held at 7.30pm on the same evening.
 - (c) Approval of the budget for 2026-2027
 - (d) To consider the precept request for 2026 and approve the figure to be submitted to Somerset Council.

11. Clerks / Councillors Report

- (a) A request has been submitted to Somerset Council to undertake a Community Governance Review to reduce the number of Councillors at the 2027 local elections.
- (b) Somerset Council have been chased regarding the junction of Highcroft Lane and the A37, this was submitted via the portal on 4th December 2025 – reference number e5faaed4.
- (c) Somerset Council have been chased requesting a meeting with a highways engineer to visit the Parish to consider possible locations for a SID, this was submitted via the portal on 4th December 2025 – reference number 070812c3.

12. Finance

Bank Balance as at 23rd December 2025

Current account £2,046.26

Reserve account £33,916.93

Receipts

(a) Bank Interest - £41.54 - received 10.12.25

Payments

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

(c) Clerks Salary / Expenses – December - £310.79

To note the Quarterly Budget Review

To consider the Quarterly Bank Reconciliation.

13. Correspondence

(a) Monthly report from Liberal Democrats Somerset Councillors – forwarded 04.12.25

(b) Correspondence was received concerning a hunt that took place in early December. It was noted that any incidents arising from such activities should be reported directly to the Police, as the Parish Council has no authority to monitor or regulate activities conducted on private land.

(c) Councillor Training Events Winter 2026 – forwarded 23.12.25

14. Matters to report/items for next agenda

15. **Date and time of next meeting: - Wednesday 18th February 2026 at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. This will be a short meeting followed by a Public Community Engagement Meeting.**