

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 14th October 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 9th September, previously circulated.**
- 8. Co-Option of a Councillor**
 - (a) Signature of the acceptance of office form.
- 9. Planning Applications – If other planning applications are received between the date of this notice and the date of the meeting, they may be considered.**
 - (a) **2026/1723/TPO** – Ash (1,2,3 &4) – Fell. Coombe End, Binegar Lane, Gurney Slade. **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.
 - (b) **2026/1754/TCA** – T1 – Beech & T2 – Laurel – Reduce overhanging branches by 1.5m to suitable natural pruning points, with pruning wounds not exceeding 50mm diameter. Oakhill Manor, Zion Hill, Oakhill. **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.
 - (c) **2026/1472/FUL** Change of use from agricultural to equestrian (Sui Generis) and erection of stable block (revised description and location plan 15.09.26). Land north of Badgers Cross Farm, Ashwick. **Recommendation** Under the Parish Council delegation scheme Ashwick Parish Council recommended approval.
 - (d) **2026/1776/FUL** Proposed new access and agricultural store. Land at 363370 146460 Old Frome Road, Doultong.

- (e) **2026/1081/REM** Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 2023/2245/OUT Application for Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved for up to 23 no. two storey houses (including 30% affordable housing), parking, hard/soft landscaping, open space, drainage and infrastructure with details of access/layout/scale. (Re-submission of 2020/2603/FUL). Matters of appearance and landscaping to be determined. (Revised and additional drawings received 22/09/2026). Land At 362977 147235 Chapelfield, Oakhill

10. Planning Applications – Responses to be noted from Somerset Council.

- (a) **2026/1529/TCA** – G1 – Mixed conifers – crown raise to 3.6m, remove trees less than 5 cubic metres. Oakhill Manor, Zion Hill, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council approved the application with no objections.
- (b) **2025/1634/FUL** – Proposed solar PV installation with associated works to include cable route and vehicular access to provide renewable electricity to Gurney Slade Quarry (additional drainage info rec'd 16.07.2026). Land at 363383 149282 Bays Lane, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have granted approval.

11. To Be Resolved / Discussed

- (a) To ratify the decision made at the last meeting to clear the area at the bottom of Zion Hill.
- (b) To consider the Parish Council response to “Shepton Mallet on the Move”, to improve public transport around Shepton Mallet and the local parishes.

12. Clerks / Councillors Report

- (a) Update on the installation of bus stops at Nettlebridge.
- (b) Penny's Group held a public drop-in session on Thursday 8th October between 4.30pm and 7pm at the Memorial Hall in Binegar. Penny's Group are proposing to recommence mineral extraction at Highcroft Quarry, with a new HGV entrance being constructed closer to the junction with the A37, meaning the existing road access would be closed to HGVs.
- (c) Stonewater, together with Rackham Planning held an informal drop-in session on Wednesday 30th September between 4pm and 6pm at Oakhill and Ashwick Village Hall. This was to enable residents to ask questions and find out more about the planning applications for Chapelfield.
- (d) Stoke St Michael Parish Council are holding a planning meeting on Thursday 15th October to discuss the potential development of up to 49 houses on Fosse Road. It is being held in the War Memorial Hall, Stoke St Michael starting at 7.30pm.
- (e) The Constitution and Governance Committee at Somerset Council has approved the reduction of the number of Parish Councillors from 11 to 9. The Council will need to make a formal Order but the change will come into effect for the 6 May 2027 elections.

13. Finance

Bank Balance as at 6th October 2026

Current account £7,261.61

Reserve account £39,026.77

Approval of the Bank Reconciliation for September

To note the quarterly budget review for the second quarter of the 2026/27 financial year and to note that, based on projected bank interest of approximately £40 per month for the remaining six months, the Council's total income is expected to exceed £25,000. Consequently, the Council will be subject to external audit for the 2026/27 financial year.

(a) Receipts

Bank Interest - £41.04 – received 10.09.2026

Total Receipts – £41.04

(b) Payments

Clerks' salary September and October – £1011.21

Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall – Hall Hire - £25.00

Scribe Monthly accounts subscription - £39.60 – Pd by DD 15.10.2026

Bjorn Saw – Gardening Work - £200.00

Total Payments - £1275.81

14. Correspondence

(a) SALC Training Events for October to December 2026 – forwarded 23.09.2026

(b) Shepton Mallet on the Move – Local Community Network Support – forwarded 24.09.26.

15. Matters to report/items for next agenda

16. Date and time of next meeting: - Wednesday 25th November at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.