

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 24th June 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 13th May and the Annual Council Meeting held on 13th May, 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.**
 - (a) **2026/0947/TPO – T1 (M1215) – Ash – fell due to infection of ash dieback overhanging road.** Land adjacent to Fosse Road, 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.
 - (b) **2026/1002/TCA** Proposed tree works detailed in tree survey. 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) **2026/0964/TPO** M1153 – Ash T23 – Fell due to Ash dieback. Replant with Beech or Hornbeam. Oakhill House, Dean Lane, 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.
 - (d) **2026/1011/AGB** Application for prior notification of agricultural development for a proposed building. Beacon Cross Farm, Old Frome Road, Masbury. **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.
 - (e) **2026/0960/FUL** Proposal for 3 no. detached 3-bedroom dwellings with parking and amenity space, on development land behind Rock House. Land at 362338 149135 Old Frome Road to Underhill, Gurney Slade.
 - (f) **2026/1086/TCA** T1 – Birch – Fell. Holmlea, High Street, 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.

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

(a) **2026/0964/TPO** Ash T23 – Fell due to Ash dieback. Replant with Beech or Hornbeam.. Oakhill House, Dean Lane, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have granted TPO Approval.

(b) **Appeal Ref 6005171 Planning Application 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. **Decision** Date of Decision by the Planning Inspectorate 15th June 2026. The appeal is dismissed.

10. Policies

(a) To review and approve the policies below.

- Data Protection Policy
- Email Privacy Policy
- Freedom of Information Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Public Participation Policy
- Updated Grants Policy

11. Grants

(a) To consider the grant application from Beacon Trinity for help towards the annual grass cutting, amount requested £1,000.

12. To Be Resolved / Discussed

(a) Proposal to move the accounting system from an excel spreadsheet to Scribe accounts at an initial setup cost of £249 with a £33 monthly support cost.

(b) To consider a proposal to stop using the Parish Council's old email address and to use the Council's.gov.uk email accounts for all future correspondence. To note that the community website will remain available but will no longer be updated by the Parish Council. All new Parish Council information will be published on the new website:

www.ashwickparishcouncil.gov.uk.

(c) To appoint a Councillor to lead the fingerpost refurbishment programme by visiting and inspecting each fingerpost within the parish, taking photographs, and preparing a brief condition report. Subject to approval, this information will then be used to obtain quotations for any necessary refurbishment works.

13. Clerks / Councillors Report

(a) Following the last meeting and the discussion around the installation of a speed indicator device within the village, the decision was forward to the Highways Department at Somerset Council, no reply has yet been received.

(b) Correspondence has been found from 2021 when Somerset Council adopted a policy to implement a 20mph zone around all schools in the county, and a request was made for the High Street in Oakhill. The question has been raised once again with the Highways Department at Somerset Council.

14. Finance

Bank Balance as at 15th June 2026

Current account £1,066.93

Reserve account £36,551.35

Receipts

(a) Bank Interest - £46.19 – received 10.06.2026

Payments

(b) Mark Hamlin – wall repair at the Pound - £250.00 – pd 20.05.26

(c) Oakhill & Ashwick Village Hall – Hall Hire - £25.00

(d) Clerks Salary and Expenses for May and June - £643.28

Transfers

(e) Transfer of £5,000 from the reserves account to the current account

15. Correspondence

(a) Councillor training events (May to August) 2026 – forwarded 18.05.26

(b) Invitation to an online update on the Local Plan being held on 10th June at 4pm. – forwarded 22.05.26

16. Matters to report/items for next agenda

17. Date and time of next meeting: - Wednesday 29th July 2026 at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.