



ASH PARISH COUNCIL



NOTICE BOARD

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INVITATION TO THE ASH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Ash Parish Council will be hosting the Ash Annual Parish Meeting in the Pavilion at 6pm on Wednesday 3rd May 2023.

Residents and voluntary organisations are invited to attend the Ash Annual Parish Meeting when the Parish Council will issue its Annual Report and provide an update on progress. Reports from local Community Groups, Clubs and Organisations will follow and there will be an opportunity to ask questions and for general discussion.

If you are interested in finding out more about the parish and what your Parish Council has been doing for the last 12 Months, then come along.

Air your views! Have your say!

We'd like to hear your comments and ideas for * Roads and Pavements * Pavilion * Recreation Ground * Playground * Our Environment * Facilities for young people * Cemetery * Other issues.

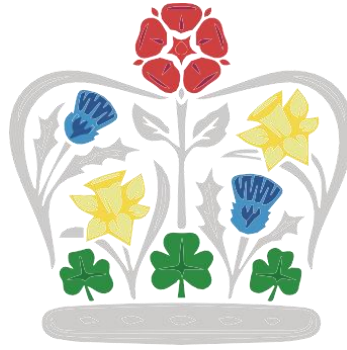
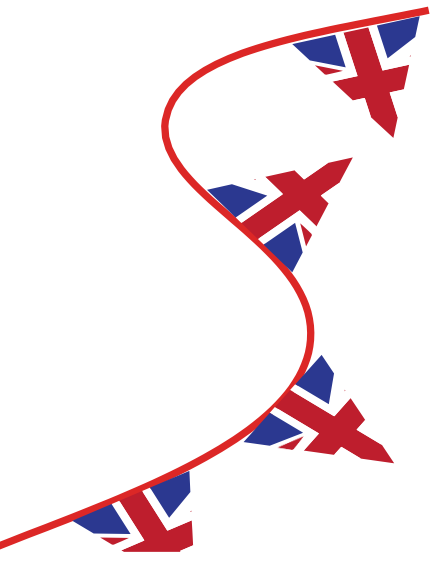
Open to All

If your organisation has not received an invite to present a report and would like to give a brief account of your activities, or for further information, please contact the parish clerk, Julie Ferguson on 07783 475200. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like your organisations report to be read out by the Chairman, please email your report to clerk@ashpcsomerset.com

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Ash Parish Council are looking for a cleaner for the Ash Pavilion. Initially for a single 90 minute session once a week. Ideally you will be self-employed and have insurance, but we can be flexible.

Please email your details to chair@ashpcsomerset.com giving an idea of potential charges.



**ASH VILLAGE FÊTE & A WEEKEND OF
ACTIVITES TO CELEBRATE OUR
COMMUNITY &
KING CHARLES III CORONATION**

Saturday 6th May
Coronation day

Watch the coronation live in the comfort of your own home, create your own street party or host a party at home. There will be no formal event in Ash on the Saturday - save your energy for Sunday and Monday!

Sunday 7th May
Ash Village Fête & Fun Day

9 am - all day. Ash Historic Treasure Trail.

Join us to follow the trail around the Parish.

The Trail Questionnaire will be available online and from The Recreation Ground from 9 am.

12 pm - 8 pm. Ash Village Fête and Fun Day.

Bring your own rug and picnic for a Picnic in The Park at Ash Recreation Ground with live music, bar, tea & coffee shop and games for children and adults.

Local craftspeople exhibiting.

Competitions with lots of fun and prizes:

The Great Ash Bake Off

Create a prize-winning Coronation Cake.

Deliver your cake to Ash Pavilion by 10 am on Sunday 7th May.

The winner announced Sunday afternoon at 5 pm.

Best Dressed House or Wheelie Bin

Decorate your houses fit for a King.

Judging starts at 10 am Sunday.

The winner announced Sunday afternoon at 5 pm.

Best Dressed Royal Fancy Dress

Judging takes place throughout the picnic.

The winner announced Sunday afternoon at 5 pm.

Best Crown

Create a crown to dazzle the crowds.

Judging takes place at 5 pm Sunday.

(Separate judging for adults & children).

Best Royal Flower Arrangement (in jam jars)

Real or artificial, present your creation in a jam jar.

The winner announced Sunday afternoon at 5 pm.

Monday 8th May

10 am - 4 pm The Big Clean-Up Event

Join the Ash Biodiversity Group in the Millennium Wood.

Join the clean up team to litter pick and tidy

up the footpaths around the parish. Meet at

the Recreation Ground at 10 am.



ASH & MARTOCK NATURE

People coming together to protect and enhance nature locally

Ash & Martock Nature Group

General Meeting

Martock Parish Hall

Monday, 17 April 2023 7pm

Come to our meeting and discover what we've been doing, what our future plans are and how you can get involved.

This meeting is free and open to all.

For more information email info@ashmartocknature.org

or visit our website www.ashmartocknature.org



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THANK YOU

The Ash Biodiversity Working Group of Ash Parish Council would like to send a big thank you to the volunteers that worked through rain and sunshine to plant a new hedgerow along the boundary fence of the new cemetery extension.

The small team of volunteers planted approximately 600 mixed native hedging plants and 12 assorted trees in ground prepared previously by the team.

FARM TRAFFIC IN THE VILLAGE

Ash Parish Council have reached out the owner of the largest farm in the Parish, and also a milk collection company over some reported incidences of dangerous and inconsiderate driving - especially in Witcombe Lane.

Both have replied very positively and helpfully and have requested that they are notified of any future incidences, so they can take action. If you do experience any incidences of inconsiderate driving by any farm or commercial traffic around the village, please email chair@ashpcsomerset.com with as much information as possible.

This should include time and date, as well as a description of the vehicle and a registration plate if possible. Needless to say, please do not take any risks or provoke any confrontations.

If the vehicles do indeed belong to either of these organisations the owners are very willing to take further action, and we thank them for their co-operation. If not, then we will attempt to track down who they do belong to, and make a formal complaint.

IT'S LAMBING SEASON PLEASE WALK YOUR DOG RESPONSIBLY

*** Keep your dog on a lead * Keep to the footpaths * Remember farmers move stock around * Remember the Country Code * Always pick up after your dog**

Polite notice from a local farmer to all dog walkers that go through the sheep field down from Ash recreation ground, the one with the small pond in.

The footpath goes along the top of the field and not around the whole field as many of you think.

The sheep will be lambing soon and don't need disturbing, please stay on the footpath and all dogs must be on leads. Thanks.

VOLUNTEER VISITORS NEEDED

Somerset Sight is recruiting volunteers to befriend visually impaired people on a regular basis. Would you like to help someone in your local area?

Join the team of volunteers, who help people to remain independent and overcome loneliness and isolation. Enjoy a free day out when taking your Service User out.

All reasonable and out of pocket expenses are paid. For more information, please contact Somerset Sight on: 01823 333818 or email admin@somersetsight.org.uk

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ASH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 6 MARCH 2023 AT 19:00hrs

Present: Councillors (Cllrs) – Lesley Andrew, Steve Davey (Chair), Rebecca Gray, Tim Groves, Caz Halfhide.

In attendance: J Ferguson (Parish Clerk), County Cllr John Bailey and 3 members of the public.

County & District Councillors Reports

Public Open Session

19:15 – Meeting opened

23/1 To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1)).

Apologies had been received and accepted from Lily Humby (work commitments) and Antoinette Groves (illness).

Declarations of interests. Council members to declare any interests, including any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33 (b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

Cllr T Groves declared an interest in item 22/241 as he had a payment due.

23/2 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1)).

RESOLVED: To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 13th February 2023.

23/3 Matters to report from a previous meeting

- The clerk had received notification that the £2000 grant monies had been received for the bus shelter and play area all abilities access gate projects.
- It was reported that CPR training had been taken up by 4/5 parishioners
- A Coronation Event planning meeting had been held
- Location of the disabled bays needed to be agreed

23/4 Planning decisions report

None.

23/5 Planning applications

None.

23/6 Finance – To approve a grant of £660 to the Millennium Wood Management Group.

RESOLVED: To approve a grant of £660 to the Millennium Wood Management Group.

23/7 Finance – To approve the payment schedule for March 2023.

Ash Parish Council March 23 Payment Schedule				
Invoice	Payee	Particulars	Amount	
1	STAFF	SALARIES	£1,010.20	
2	NEST	PENSION	£TBA	
2	PERRIE HALE NURSERY	HEDGING	£374.88	REPORT
3	MILLENNIUM WOOD MG	GRANT	£660.00	
4	A GROVES	REIMBURSEMENT (GRI BIN SPADE & PADLOCKS)	£25.95	
5	T GROVES	REIMBURSEMENT (TREE GUARDS & PRINTING)	£105.98	
6	DEFIBSHOP	CHILDS PEDI PADZ	£141.60	
7	SSDC	RANGER (FEB23)	£207.80	
	TOTAL		Mar-23	£2,526.41

RESOLVED: To approve the March 2023 Payments totalling £2526.41.

ACTION: Cllrs Davey and A Groves

23/8 Finance – To approve the cashbook and bank reconciliation to 31st Jan 23.

RESOLVED: To approve the cashbook and bank reconciliation to 31st January 2023.

23/9 Finance – To approve an application for a parish council credit card.

RESOLVED: To approve an application for a parish council credit card.

ACTION: Parish Clerk

23/10 Finance – To agree a budget for the replacement or repair of the Main Street/Martock Lane noticeboard.

A budget of £1500 had already been agreed for the 2023-24 financial year.

23/11 Finance – To agree a budget for the Kings Coronation celebrations.

A budget of £1000 had already been agreed for the Coronation event.

23/12 Finance – To consider and report the status of any grants received

A grant of £1000 had been received towards the Bus Shelters

A grant of £1000 had been received toward accessibility gates for the play area

A grant of £1000 had been received to help support vulnerable parishioners. Cllr Halfhide suggested that the conditions attached to the grant should be checked and the grant monies returned if they could not be used as specified. It was agreed to report back at the next meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Halfhide

23/13 To review and update Ash Parish Council Cemetery Charges

A Cemetery Review Working Group (CRWG) was appointed consisting of Cllr Gray, Cllr Andrew and the Clerk. It was agreed to report back at the next meeting.

ACTION: Cllrs Gray, Andrew and Clerk

23/14 To agree a date and format of the Annual Parish Meeting (to be held between the 1st March and 1st June 2023 (inc.) and not before 6pm).

RESOLVED: To agree that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on 3rd April at 6pm and village groups invited to provide reports.

ACTION: Cllr Halfhide and Clerk

23/15 To discuss what is required to be done to have the parish boundary moved to include properties in Highway.

Cllr Davey agreed to contact Cllr Bloomfield to understand the process and current situation.

ACTION: Cllr Davey

23/16 Reports – To receive reports from:

a. Parish Councillors

Cllr Davey had received a complaint about excessive speeding of Milk Tankers coming up Witcombe Lane and the condition of the passing places along the lane. He suggested that, whilst the drivers are contractors and therefore difficult to challenge individually, the PC might consider contacting the farmer requesting he lay some gravel in the passing places, as a condition of planning permission granted in the past.

Cllr Davey had received a complaint about the Pavilion car park being at capacity when the football club was playing. It was agreed that the PC can't place restrictions on users of the car park.

Cllr Groves reported that he had been contacted by a parishioner keen to organise a free Dementia awareness event/course in the parish. He offered to request further details.

Cllr Andrew asked if the Newsletter could be made available in a larger font, as it was difficult to read, and a link put out as an Ash Alert. It was agreed to investigate.

b. Working Groups

ABWG – There was nothing reported at this time.

23/17 Clerks report and correspondence

The clerk reported that Code of Conduct Officer training had been completed and the Fireline annual fire extinguisher service had been postponed to September, as requested.

The following items of correspondence had been sent by email:

- SCC - Temporary Closure of part of Footpath Y 1/10 order 2020
- SCC New specialist Free School for Somerset children gets green light.
- SWP Briefings
- SSDC - Get SuSSed Newsletter
- SSDC – Members briefings
- South Somerset – Meet your broadband provider event
- TRO Emergency Road Closure notifications
- Somerset Council – Local Government Reorganisation briefs
- SALC – BBC Radio Make A Difference Awards
- SCC – Secondary school places announced for 2023-24
- SCC - Somerset's community stalwarts celebrated in this year's Chair's Awards
- Somerset Day leaflet
- South Somerset – Information for applications for Kings Coronation Celebrations

- Great British Spring Clean campaign
- SCC - Could you support a child in care in Somerset? Route1 Advocacy in need of new volunteers
- SCC – New Civic email notification

23/18 Items for the next agenda

- To agree to purchase a new Noticeboard (quotes to be provided)
- To review and update Ash Parish Council Cemetery Charges

23/19 Date of next meeting – 3rd April 2023

The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council thanked District Councillors Neil Bloomfield and Louise Clarke for their last 5 years of service to the parish and wished them well in the future.

23/20 Exempt Session – Exclusion of the Press & Public

The Council is recommended to resolve that under section 1, paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960, the press and public 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.

23/21 RESOLVED: The Cemetery Accessway Lease was signed by the Chair and Vice-Chair and witnessed by the Parish Clerk

ACTION: Clerk

20:50 - Meeting closed.

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Clerk to Ash Parish Council, Julie Ferguson. Chilthorne Knapp, Chilthorne Domer, Yeovil, BA22 8QZ. Tel: 07783 475200 E-mail: clerk@ashpcsomerset.com

**And finally, a gentle reminder:
“Your Village Needs You”**

Baby Boomers are no longer booming, and that village organisations such as the Parish Council, Church, Village Hall, Pavilion, Ash in Bloom and Millennium Wood are in increasing need of new younger people’s involvement.

Lots of people agree but there hasn’t yet been a rush of new blood!