

Freedom of Information Act  
ASHMANSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 PUBLICATION SCHEME 2008  
DECLARATION FORM

Ashmansworth Parish Council adopted on 30 March 2015, without modification, the Model Publication Scheme as developed and approved by the Information Commissioner in line with Section 20 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for Local Councils and will publish information in accordance with that Scheme.

If you require a paper version of any information, or want to ask whether information is available, please contact the council by telephone or email.

Contact details are set out below:

[Email:clerk@ashmansworth-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ashmansworth-pc.gov.uk)

Phone: 01635 254492

**\*\*PLEASE MARK ANY CORRESPONDENCE UNDER THIS SCHEME "PUBLICATION SCHEME REQUEST"**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Parish Council has 20 working days from receipt of a written request to provide the information required, or to supply a refusal.

**EXEMPT MATERIAL:** Personal information in relation to Councillors (other than required to be declared in the Register of Interest), Personal Information in regard to employees and Tenders and Bids from contractors and suppliers.

NOTE. The Data Protection Legislation prohibits the publication of certain categories of information.

The Parish Council is responsible for maintenance of this scheme.

## **1. Introduction: what a publication scheme is and why it has been developed?**

This publication scheme commits Ashmansworth Parish Council to make information available to the public as part of its normal business activities. The information covered is included in the classes of information mentioned below, where this information is held by Ashmansworth Parish Council.

The scheme commits Ashmansworth Parish Council:

- To proactively publish or otherwise make available as a matter of routine, information, including environmental information, which is held by Ashmansworth Parish Council and falls within the classifications below.
- To specify the information which is held by Ashmansworth Parish Council and falls within the classifications below.
- To proactively publish or otherwise make available as a matter of routine, information in line with the statements contained within this scheme.
- To produce and publish the methods by which the specific information is made routinely available so that it can be easily identified and accessed by members of the public.
- To review and update on a regular basis the information Ashmansworth Parish Council makes available under this scheme.
- To produce a schedule of any fees charged for access to information which is made proactively available.
- To make this publication scheme available to the public.

## **2. Classes of information**

### 2.1 Who we are and what we do.

Organisational information, locations and contacts, constitutional and legal governance.

### 2.2 What we spend and how we spend it.

Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, tendering, procurement and contracts.

### 2.3 What our priorities are and how we are doing.

Strategy and performance information, plans, assessments, inspections and reviews.

### 2.4 How we make decisions.

Policy proposals and decisions. Decision making processes, internal criteria and procedures, consultations.

### 2.5 Our policies and procedures.

Current written protocols for delivering our functions and responsibilities.

### 2.6 Lists and registers.

Information held in registers required by law and other lists and registers relating to the functions of the authority.

### 2.7 The services we offer.

Advice and guidance, transactions and media releases. A description of the services offered.

The classes of information will not generally include:

- Information the disclosure of which is prevented by law, or exempt under the Freedom of Information Act, or is otherwise properly considered to be protected from disclosure.
- Information in draft form.
- Information that is no longer readily available as it is contained in files that have been placed in archive storage, or is difficult to access for similar reasons.

### **3. The method by which information published under this scheme will be made available**

Ashmansworth Parish Council will indicate clearly to the public what information is covered by this scheme and how it can be obtained. Where it is within the capability of Ashmansworth Parish Council, information will be provided on our website. Where it is impracticable to make information available on a website or when an individual does not wish to access the information by the website, we will indicate how information can be obtained by other means and provide it by those means.

In exceptional circumstances some information may be available only by viewing in person. Where this manner is specified, contact details will be provided. An appointment to view the information will be arranged within a reasonable timescale.

Information will be provided in the language in which it is held or in such other language that is legally required. Where an authority is legally required to translate any information, it will do so.

Obligations under disability and discrimination legislation and any other legislation to provide information in other forms and formats will be adhered to when providing information in accordance with this scheme.

### **4. Charges which may be made for information published under this scheme**

The purpose of this scheme is to make the maximum amount of information readily available at minimum inconvenience and cost to the public. Charges made by the council for routinely published material will be justified and transparent and kept to a minimum. Material which is published and accessed on a website will be provided free of charge. Charges may be made for information subject to a charging regime specified by Parliament.

Charges may be made for actual disbursements incurred such as:

- photocopying
- postage and packaging
- the costs directly incurred as a result of viewing information

Charges may also be made for information provided under this scheme where they are legally authorised, they are in all the circumstances, including the general principles of the right of access to information held by public authorities, justified and are in accordance with a published schedule or schedules of fees which is readily available to the public.

If a charge is to be made, confirmation of the payment due will be given before the information is provided. Payment may be requested prior to provision of the information.

## **5. Written requests**

Information held by a public authority that is not published under this scheme can be requested in writing, when its provision will be considered in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

## **6. Contact details**

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If the information you're looking for isn't available via the scheme, and isn't on our website, you can still contact Ashmansworth Parish Council to ask if we have it.

Note:

This model publication scheme has been prepared and approved by the Information Commissioner to be adopted without modification by any public authority without further approval and will be valid until further notice.

<b>Information to be published</b>	<b>How the information can be obtained</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<p><b>Class1 - Who we are and what we do</b> (Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts)</p> <p>This will be current information only.</p> <p>N.B. Councils should already be publishing as much information as possible about how they can be contacted.</p>	(hard copy or website)	
Who's who on the Council and its Committees	Website Hard Copy	Free 10p/sheet Free
Contact details for Parish Clerk and Council members (named contacts where possible with telephone number and email address (if used))	See 'Contact Details' Website	Free
Location of main Council office and accessibility details	See 'Contact Details' Website	Free
<p><b>Class 2 – What we spend and how we spend it</b> (Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts and financial audit)</p> <p>Current and previous financial year as a minimum</p>	(Hard Copy)	
Annual return form and report by auditor	Hard Copy	£2
Finalised budget	Hard Copy	10p/sheet

Precept	Hard Copy (and in Minutes)	10p/sheet
Financial Standing Orders and Regulations	Hard Copy	10p/sheet Free
Grants given and received	Hard Copy	10p/sheet
List of current contracts awarded and value of contract	Hard Copy	10p/sheet
Members' allowances and expenses	Hard Copy	10p/sheet
<b>Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing</b> (Strategies and plans, audits, inspections and reviews)	(Hard Copy or Website)	
Current and previous year as a minimum		
Annual Report to Parish or Community Meeting (current and previous year as a minimum)	Hard Copy	10p/sheet
<b>Class 4 – How we make decisions</b> (Decision making processes and records of decisions)	(hard copy or website)	
Current and previous council year as a minimum		
Timetable of meetings (Council and any committee/sub-committee meetings and parish meetings)	Website Hard Copy	Free 10p/sheet Free
Agendas of meetings (as above)	Available 3 clear days before meetings on website and Parish Council Notice Boards. Hard Copy Email	Free  10p/sheet Free
Minutes of meetings (as above) – n.b. this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.	Website Hard Copy	Free 10p/sheet Free

Reports presented to council meetings – n.b. this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.	Hard Copy	10p/sheet Free
Responses to consultation papers	Hard Copy	10p/sheet Free
Responses to planning applications	Website Hard Copy	Free 10p/sheet Free
Bye-laws	N/A	
<b>Class 5 – Our policies and procedures</b> (Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities)  Current information only	(hard copy or website)	
Policies and procedures for the conduct of council business:  Procedural standing orders Delegated authority in respect of officers Code of Conduct Policy statements	Hard Copy Email	10p/sheet Free
Records management policies (records retention, destruction and archive)	Hard Copy	10p/sheet Free
Data protection policies	Hard Copy	10p/sheet Free
Schedule of charges (for the publication of information)	See Schedule of Charges below	
<b>Class 6 – Lists and Registers</b>  Currently maintained lists and registers only	(hard copy or website; some information may only be available by inspection)	

Any publicly available register or list (if any are held this should be publicised; in most circumstances existing access provisions will suffice)	By appointment	
Assets register	Hard Copy	10p/sheet
Register of members' interests	Hard Copy	10p/sheet
Register of gifts and hospitality	Hard Copy	10p/sheet
<b>Class 7 – The services we offer</b> (Information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and businesses)  Current information only	(hard copy or website; some information may only be available by inspection)	
Parks, playing fields and recreational facilities	Hard Copy	10p/sheet Free
Seating, litter bins, memorials and lighting	Hard Copy	10p/sheet Free
<b>Additional Information</b> This will provide Councils with the opportunity to publish information that is not itemised in the lists above		
Documents archived with Hampshire County Council Records Office	Please note that, in addition to the above historical information regarding Ashmansworth Parish Council is available for retrieval.	Costs will be advised by HCC archive plus fuel cost for collection

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### **SCHEDULE OF CHARGES**

This describes how the charges have been arrived at and should be published as part of the guide.

<b>TYPE OF CHARGE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BASIS OF CHARGE</b>
<b>Disbursement cost</b>	Photocopying @ 10p per sheet (black & white)	Actual cost *
	Photocopying @£1.00 per sheet (colour)	Actual cost
	Postage	Actual cost of Royal Mail standard 2 <sup>nd</sup> class
	Fuel cost @0.45p per mile	HMRC
<b>Statutory Fee</b>	N/A	In accordance with the relevant legislation (quote the actual statute)
* the actual cost incurred by the public authority		