

**ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the next meeting of the Ash-cum-Ridley parish Council which will be held at **7.45pm on Thursday 29 September 2022 at the New Ash Green Village Association Meeting Room, Centre Road, New Ash Green, DA3 8HH**

Yours faithfully

*A de Jager*

Alison de Jager  
 Parish Clerk

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**AGENDA**

**There will be one minute's silence in memory of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE****2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a. Declarations of Interest – Notification of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and of Interest Other Than Pecuniary declarations of interest which have not already been entered in the Members' register of interests.
- b. Changes to Register of Interest – a reminder that any alterations or new interests must be registered with the Monitoring Officer within 28 days.

**3. DISPENSATIONS**

To consider any requests received from Members to grant a dispensation in order to participate in discussion and voting, as appropriate, on matters to be considered at this meeting where a Member has an interest in Appendices A or B of the Council's adopted Code of Conduct.

**4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 21 July 2022 (Attached).**5. PLANNING****(APPENDIX A GOLD)**

- a. Applications None at time of Agenda
- b. Decisions Attached
- c. Appeals None at time of Agenda
- d. Enforcements None at time of Agenda
- e. To note the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 18 August 2022.

**6. FINANCE****(APPENDIX B PINK)**

- a. To note the current financial position and accompanying reports.
- b. To authorise the cheques signed since the last meeting.
- c. To note the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 19 July 2022.

- d. External Auditor – Under the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015, the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd (SAAA) is responsible for appointing external auditors to all applicable, opted-in smaller authorities. (income and expenditure less than £6.5 million per year) Previously, all smaller authorities were opted-in, however, all authorities must be given the option to opt-out of the central procurement and appointment scheme and appoint their own external auditor. Notification to opt-out must be made by 28 October 2022. If no notification is received, the Parish Council will be opted-in for the next five year period 01 April 2022 – 31 March 2027.
- e. To authorise Fixed Wire Testing (EICR) for the Sports Centre in the amount of £185.00 plus VAT. This is a legal requirement and must be done every five years.
- a. To give consideration to the provision of youth activities at Ash Green Sports Centre as per the attached request.

## **7. CIVILITY AND RESPECT PROJECT**

**(APPENDIX C LILAC)**

- a. To consider signing the Civility and Respect Pledge as part of a joint NALC and SLCC initiative.

## **8. ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

- a. To discuss whether the Parish Council organises a Service of Remembrance at Ash War Memorial on Friday 11 November 2022, to be followed with tea and coffee in the Village Hall.
- b. Should a service be held, to authorise the purchase, under **Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972** of a wreath from the Royal British Legion to lay at Ash War Memorial (£100 donated 2022).

## **9. SPORTS CENTRE**

**(APPENDIX D BLUE)**

- a. To note the minutes of the meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee held on 01 August 2022.

## **10. BARNFIELD PARK**

**(APPENDIX E LIME)**

- a. To receive and note the attached report from the Site Manager.

## **11. NORTHFIELD**

- a. To note that the minutes of the meeting of the Northfield Management Committee on 28 September 2022 will be distributed with the October Agenda.

## **12. BURIAL GROUND**

**(APPENDIX F GREY)**

- a. To note the minutes of the Burial Ground Committee meeting held on 11 August 2022.
- b. To note that the Quantitative Tree Risk Assessment for the Burial Ground and War Memorial took place on 21 September 2022.

## **13. YOUTH**

- a. To receive a report from the Summer Sports Scheme held at Ash Green Sports Centre through the summer holidays. (to be sent under separate cover)
- b. To authorise the continued hire of the Youth Centre on Wednesday evenings to secure the facility for the Senior Youth Club.

## **14. CLIMATE CHANGE**

**(APPENDIX G GREEN)**

- a. To note the notes of the Climate Change Working Party held on 15 June 2022.

## **15. NEW ASH GREEN VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**

**(APPENDIX H YELLOW)**

- a. To note the notes of the Council of Management RS meeting of 01 August 2022

**16. HIGHWAYS**

- a. To give consideration to a request for the Parish Council to approach Kent Highways to install a pedestrian crossing on North Ash Road.
- b. To give consideration to a request for the Parish Council to investigate the possibility of installing an additional post for the Speed Indicator Device on North Ash Road.

**SUSPENSION OF MEETING TO ALLOW FOR THE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE,  
COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**17. HEALTH**

**18. FOOTPATHS**

**19. TRANSPORT**

- a. To note that the next meeting with KCC, Arriva and Parishes will be held on the 11 October 2022.

**20. NEW ASH GREEN FOCUS GROUP AND POLICE**

- a. To note the next meeting of the Focus Group will be held on 10 October 2022.

**21. ASH, HODSOLL STREET AND RIDLEY**

- a. Ash –
- b. Hodsoll Street –
- c. Ridley –

**22. THE BULLETIN, PARISH WEBSITE**

- a. Bulletin:
- b. Website:

**23. THURSDAY LUNCH PROVISION**

**24. KENT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

**25. REPORTS, CIRCULARS AND CORRESPONDENCE. (All publications available from the Clerk)**

- a. Sevenoaks District Council Weekly Planning Lists
- b. Sevenoaks District Council Press releases to date
- c. Clerks and Councils Direct – September 2022
- d. The Clerk – September 2022

**RISK ASSESSMENTS:** *Copies of the risk assessment visual check sheets for the Burial Ground and Hodsoll Street Playing field are available from the Parish Office.*