



**Ashmansworth Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 24 November 2025
Ashmansworth Village Hall, 7:30pm**

Chairman: Cllr Alan Cox

Present: Cllr Andrew Bays, Cllr Lisa Bailey, Cllr Angela Harris, Cllr Kieron Black

Clerk: Amy White

In attendance: Cllr Sam Carr, Cllr Tom Thacker, three parishioners

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. To agree the Minutes of the Meeting held on 04 September 2025

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 04 September 2025 were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Actions/Updates from Meeting of 04 September 2025

Action: Cllr Cox will send a note to Ashy residents for October jobs for the Lengthsman- **Actioned**.

Action: Clerk to continue to work with Cllr Black on the disabled loo project for the village hall- **to move to next meeting**.

Action: Clerk to contact National Landscapes for funding options for the Ashmansworth signpost- **Actioned** but no funding is available.

Action: Clerk to purchase the hearing loop for the church once all details received- **Not actioned**; still waiting for costs.

Action: Clerk to chase reported potholes on Bartletts Down road- **New action required to report** (Cllr Bailey).

5. Update from County and Borough Councillors (if present)

Cllr Thacker reminded the council on the LGR consultation (this is shared on the AshyPC website) and is open until 11 January 2026. BDBC have offered to provide funding Ashmansworth taxi share scheme. The Clerk will obtain further details.

Cllr Carr reminded the council that the formal launch of the BDBC Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation was 18 November and is open for 8 weeks. Cllrs Andy Konieczko and Paul Harvey have sent a letter regarding the consultation and offered to meet parishes to explain the process. The Clerk has followed up on this and will report back if a meeting can be arranged.

Action: Cllr Cox to share the LGR consultation and Regulation 18 Local Plan consultation on the Ashy google group.

Action: Clerk to arrange meeting with Cllrs Andy Konieczko and Paul Harvey re the Local Plan Reg 18 process.

6. Financial Matters:

- To acknowledge payments and note receipts

Income and Payments since 04 September 2025

INVOICE DATE	PAID	Detail	INCOME	EXPENSE
30-Aug-25	19-Sep-25	Red76 payroll Invoice 14766		£ 10.00
30-Aug-25	19-Sep-25	Red76 payroll Invoice 14766		£ 2.00
22-Aug-25	9-Sep-25	Ionos invoice 203049566671		£ 8.50
22-Aug-25	9-Sep-25	Ionos invoice 203049566671		£ 1.70
6-Sep-25	12-Sep-25	HugoFox website Invoice 18098		£ 9.99
6-Sep-25	12-Sep-25	HugoFox website Invoice 18098		£ 2.00
27-Sep-25	26-Sep-25	September salary (incremental pay increase plus backpay)		£ 189.60
27-Sep-25	5-Sep-25	HMRC Month 6		£ 46.00
30-Sep-25	30-Sep-25	Unity Bank Charge		£ 6.00
30-Sep-25	29-Sep-25	2nd tranche	£ 2,600.00	
31-Oct-25	31-Oct-25	Unity Bank Charge		£ 6.00
29-Aug-25	10-Oct-25	Premier Grounds- waste disposal from Lengthsman visit		£ 90.00
29-Aug-25	10-Oct-25	Premier Grounds- waste disposal from Lengthsman visit		£ 18.00
22-Sep-25	8-Oct-25	Ionos invoice 203050133276		£ 8.50
22-Sep-25	8-Oct-25	Ionos invoice 203050133276		£ 1.70
27-Oct-25	27-Oct-25	October salary		£ 169.92
10-Oct-25	10-Oct-25	HMRC Month 7		£ 41.20
30-Sep-25	20-Oct-25	Red76 payroll Invoice 15095		£ 10.00
30-Sep-25	20-Oct-25	Red76 payroll Invoice 15095		£ 2.00
2-Oct-25	2-Oct-25	HugoFox website Invoice 19406		£ 9.99
2-Oct-25	2-Oct-25	HugoFox website Invoice 19406		£ 2.00
22-Oct-25	22-Oct-25	Ionos invoice 203050706203		£ 8.50
22-Oct-25	22-Oct-25	Ionos invoice 203050706203		£ 1.70
7-Nov-25	7-Nov-25	HugoFox website Invoice 20134		£ 9.99
7-Nov-25	7-Nov-25	HugoFox website Invoice 20134		£ 2.00
30-Oct-25	30-Oct-25	Red76 payroll Invoice 15675		£ 10.00
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Payments to be made:

30-Sep-25		AD Clark invoice 935		£ 282.08
5-Sep-25		Clerk expense (Poppy wreaths)		£ 40.00

22-Nov-25		lonos invoice 203051294562		£ 14.50
22-Nov-25		lonos invoice 203051294562		£ 2.90
30-Nov-25		Unity Bank Charge		£ 6.00
27-Nov-25		November salary		£ 169.92
24-Nov-25		HMRC Month 8		£ 41.20

Funding for hearing loop system:

Cllr Cox has contacted an electrician, Steve Brown, for a quote for the installation of the hearing loop system, which will require careful installation in the church, which is Grade 1 listed. He will not be able to provide a quote until the New Year.

The actual hardware should cost in the region of £500. The parish council will need to wait until the PCC has given approval for the system installation before it can approve the reserve spend.

Budget first draft:

The Clerk has sent out the budget proposal to councillors in advance. Current recommendations:

- At audit 24/25 AshyPC was advised to increase the working reserve. This has increased from £2000 in 25/26 to £2500 for 26/27.
- As such, the precept will likely need to increase at least 10% (assuming all other costs are accurate).
- Earmarked reserves are currently nil for 26/27, assuming spend on hearing loop in 25/26.
- If we have a project in mind, this will need careful consideration.
- The PC will not be able to afford to pay for the fingerpost restoration this FY unless it significantly increases the precept next year.
- The Lengthsman scheme is set to continue in 26/27.

Bank Balance as at 31 October 2025: £5558.58

7. Ashmansworth Village- security issues and update

A parishioner has sent in a security proposal document to the PC for consideration. This will be sent to the village for discussion.

Cllr Bailey has offered to support residents in identifying how to improve the security of their garages or sheds.

The parish council would not be able to fund any security measures as it is a private venture; however, it is keen to remain informed.

8. Other funding options for Ashmansworth village hall

Cllr Black and the Clerk will apply for a county councillor grant, and separate the project out into different tasks of a ramp access and disabled loo.

Action: Clerk and Cllr Black to apply for a grant once Cllr Black has separated out the tasks required for the village hall.

9. Planning applications received since previous meeting

Full responses can be found on the Basingstoke and Deane Planning Portal:

Two parishioners attended to discuss their planning application:

- T/00430/25/TCA Cross Lane Cottage, Cross Lane- no objection
- 25/02586/HSE Cross Lane Cottage, Cross Lane- no objection

10. Footpaths

The Lengthsman cut back FP2, FP3 and FP17 in October.

Action: Cllr Cox to ask Ashy google group whether there are any fallen trees on Wayfarers that need actioning.

11. Highways

Cllr Bailey has reported more potholes on Bartletts Down.

There is still no information on whether the steel fingerpost will be repaired and replaced.

12. Date of next meeting

19 January 2025

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