

ASH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2026 @ 7pm at Ash Pavillion

Present: Cllr S Davey, Chair C Halfhide, Vice Chair, A Britten, T Groves. Cllr J Bailey & Clerk Z Bougourd

25/232 Public Forum. No members of the public were present.

25/233 Somerset Council, Councillor's Report: March 2026. Noted that the recent excessive rainfall has resulted in numerous potholes across the County- contractors are prioritising work and endeavouring to repair dangerous sites first. Somerset Council have proposed an additional 5 million pounds for road maintenance. The Octagon Theatre in Yeovil has raised the required finance to refurbish the premises. More Special Educational Needs and Disability assessments are resulting in increased demands for services. Somerset Council are meeting on the 3rd March to set the budget for the next financial year.

25/234 Apologies for absence: Cllrs Z England, A Groves & M Trebley submitted apologies – noted.

25/235 Declarations of Interest. No declarations submitted.

25/236 To approve and sign Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd February 2026. Minutes were approved and signed.

25/237 Matters arising (other than those on the agenda)

- a. Newly consecrated Cemetery – update re fees/rules/regulations. Ongoing – Cllr Davey dealing.
- b. SID – location identification/what three words – ongoing – Cllr Davey & Cllr Britten will meet to assess location sites. Noted that when the unit are installed, one person must be either Chapter 8 trained or have a license to work on the roads.
- c. Dog control/Public Spaces Protection Order/dog fouling & dog control. Noted that the areas to be submitted for dog control and dog fouling offences are:
 - i. Churchyard @ Holy Trinity Church, Ash
 - ii. Cemetery @ Main Street, Ash.
 - iii. Play area adjacent to recreation ground Main Street Ash.
 - iv. Millennium Wood.
 - v. Dog fouling Order only:
 1. Recreation ground and adjacent carpark Main Street, Ash.

The Council resolved to submit the above-named areas to Somerset Council. Approved unanimously.

- d. Report to Somerset Council re dog incidents in Millennium Wood. Clerk will submit report and map to Somerset Council before 20th March 2026. Consultation will go out for public comment after this date.

25/238 Finance:

- e. **To approve and sign the Bank statements** – February 2026 to date – approved and signed
- f. **To approve and minute payment requests.** See Appendix A – approved and signed
- g. **To approve and sign bank reconciliations** February 2026 to date- approved and signed.

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25/239 Planning: Application Type : Certificate of Lawful Use or Development

Application Number: 26/00335/COL – notification to PC only - noted

25/240 Parish Council Matters: Consider Cllrs Statement of Assurance re Code of Conduct, documents circulated to Cllrs previously. Agreed that Cllrs will sign statement of assurance – Clerk will circulate electronic copies for signature.

25/241 Parish Council Matters - website:

- h. To consider a dedicated Parish Council website. Noted that legislation requires that a Parish council must have an accessible website. The current website has general information on it that could be found elsewhere. Clerk will source quotes to migrate Parish council information and archives to another site. The website address must remain with the Parish council – other content may become obsolete unless a resident wants to develop a Village site. Notice will be given prior to any permanent changes.
- i. Note copyright re publication of images. Noted that any images available on the web are likely to be subject to copyright and will not be used in the future.

2. Standing Items:

- a. **Parish Matters** – reports – nothing to report.

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. Resolved.(no members of the public present)

25/242 Parish Matters - Grounds Maintenance / lengthsman contract – consider quotes. The council considered three quotes, after discussion it was agreed that the current contractor provides a good competitively priced service and knows the maintenance areas. Resolved to appoint RA Evis as contractor.

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APPENDIX A

Payments for authorisation.

CILCA	Milage/parking (1/3 share)	Clerk	13.46
Mark One	IT Support		54.00
Cllr T Groves	Fuel	Pavillion kitchen removal	10.01
Amanda Wills Gardens	Orchard	Trees and planting/play area	1300.89
SALC	Assertion 10 training	Clerk	8.34
RA Evis	Lengthsman January		235.00

Signed:.....Date: