

ASH PARISH COUNCIL

Under the Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12 Para 14(1)

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

ALL ELECTORS IN THE PARISH OF ASH are invited to attend this meeting.

Date & Time: 18th May 2026 @ 7pm

Venue: Ash Pavilion, Main Street, Ash.

- 1: Attendance
- 2: To approve and sign the minutes of the last annual Parish Meeting (May 2025)
3. To receive the Chair's report.
4. Public comments and questions on the Chair's report
5. To receive reports from local organizations.
6. Any Parish items or matters residents may wish to discuss in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972.
7. A question to be decided by a parish meeting shall, in the first instance, be decided by the majority of those present at the meeting and voting thereon, and the decision of the person presiding at the meeting as to the result of the voting shall be final unless a poll is demanded.

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 06th May 2025 @ 7pm at Ash Pavillion.

Present: Steve Davey, Chairman, Cllr J Bailey & seven members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mary Roda.
2. **To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting:** The minutes were approved and signed.
3. **Chairman of the Parish Council's Report** – presented by Cllr Davey
4. Village Groups Reports:
 - a. Millenium Wood Report – presented by Z Bougourd – Parish Clerk
 - b. Martock U3A Report – presented by Z Bougourd- Parish Clerk
 - c. Ash In Bloom – presented by Cllr T Groves
 - d. Spring Farm(Makers Place) – report presented by Dan Dunning detailing the work carried out at the Makers Place and plans for the future. They are registered as an alternative education provider covering 14-24yr olds preparing people for employment and providing relevant training. Activities include craft based sessions with a taster session planned for the summer of 2025.

It was noted that the Millennium Wood manger is currently mentoring four young people through their Duke of Edinburgh award. It is recognised that this facility is extremely valuable for the residents of Ash and other users. It is considered a pilot scheme and may be mirrored at other relevant locations across the County. It was also noted that BBQs are being held within the Wood area. After discussion it was agreed that the advisory notice will be amended to include: *No fires or BBQs without prior approval.*

5. Somerset Councillor Report: The Highways report for 2025/6 remains outstanding. John Nicholson has taken over from Derek Davies as the point of contact for Highway matters. The Rural England Fund has reopened.
6. Public Open Session: All matters noted within the minutes.

The meeting closed at 19.25hrs

Reports are appended to these minutes.