

Agenda

Ashwell Parish Council Meeting to be held in the Parish Room on Wednesday 5th August 2026, at 7.00pm

To Councillors: Graham Lee (Chair), Norton Mahy (Vice Chair), Chris Button, Ian Duffy, Joan Yates, Max Patterson and Curtis Farringdon.

Councillors are summoned to attend this meeting for the transaction of business in the agenda.

The meeting is open to members of the public and press unless a resolution for a particular agenda item decides otherwise. Please sign up on the website www.ashwell.gov.uk to be sent login details and to receive regular communications on village matters.

District Councillor Tom Tyson and County Councillor Steve Jarvis routinely attend meetings.

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- 52 **Apologies for absence.** To receive and accept apologies for absence.
- 53 **Interests** (a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda, (b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests, and (c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate. Where any declaration of interest involved the Chair, the meeting to agree an alternative individual to take the Chair for that item(s). Cllr Lee long term interest in ZCA and CLT, no decision to be taken on either matters if there were Cllr Lee would leave the room.
- 54 **Minutes Proposal.** To approve the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting as an accurate record of proceedings. Draft Minutes from [1st July 2026 Meeting](#).
- 55 **Parish Issues and Public Participation** [Protocols for Public Participation in Council Meetings](#)
Standing Orders to be suspended
- 56 **To hear any new matters raised (members of the public and councillors can raise any Parish related matters).**
- 56.1 To receive any update relating to Village Stores.
- 56.2 Kiddies fun fair – to note any updates
- 56.3 To note correspondence from [NHC CEO relating to the LGR](#)
- 56.4 [Ashwell Show Call For Volunteers](#) – to note correspondence published to website and HUB.
- 56.5 To receive reports from representatives from outside bodies, local authorities and agencies.
- 56.5.1 To receive a report from HCC Leader, Cllr Steve Jarvis.
- 56.5.2 To receive a report from District Councillor, Tom Tyson.

Standing Orders to be reinstated

57 **Reports from Working Groups.** To receive oral updates from relevant leaders/members and agree any actions that require Parish Council input/approval.

57.1 **Planning Advisory Working Group.** To note any updates.

57.2 **Access to Ashwell station** includes the cycle/footway route and car parking.

57.3 **Zero Carbon Ashwell (ZCA) Group.** (Cllrs Lee & Duffy). To note any updates.

58 **Planning matters: to include new and existing applications.** To see full details of applications on the [NHC website](#) enter the reference number into the planning search box.

New Planning Applications:

58.1 **26/01503/FPH: 17 Hodwell, Ashwell,** Two-storey side/rear extension and single-storey side extension following demolition of the existing garage/workshop and removal of the chimney. Covered front porch and alterations to fenestration. Installation of vehicular and pedestrian gates, brick piers, brick boundary walls and timber fencing. Erection of detached shed, external rendering and cladding.

58.2 **26/01468/FPH: 20 Hodwell, Ashwell,** Single-storey side extensions, following demolition of existing western side element. Removal of existing porch and erection of a replacement porch canopy. Alterations to fenestration, external render, and replacement of roof tiles. Installation of solar panel array to south and west facing roof slopes.

58.3 **26/01511/FPH: 35 High Street, Ashwell,** Erection of detached three bay cart lodge following demolition of existing outbuilding and associated cellar. Installation of external storage area and hardstanding to provide additional parking spaces

58.4 **[25/02547/FP: Land To The South And East Of Senuna Park,](#)** Residential development of 36 no. dwellings including creation of vehicular access off Station Road, associated parking, drainage, amenity space and landscaping.

58.5 **25/03050/FP : Land Adjacent To Ashridge Farmhouse, Ashwell Street :** Section 73 Application : Vary Condition Numbers 1 (BNG), 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14,15, 16 and 18 of planning permission reference number 25/03050/FP granted on 02.02.2026 for Erection of 4 dwellings including parking and landscaping.

58.6 **26/01224/S73: Land Adjacent Sewage Pumping Station, Ashwell Road, Bygrave,** change to HGV movements from 2 to 3 vehicles per day and changes to the delivery window from 09:30 – 14:30 to 09:00 – 15:00. For additional information please see planning portal.

Existing Applications, any updates:

58.7 **25/02571/OP:** Growing Baldock. To note planning amendments have been submitted.

58.8 **24/01444/FP:** Land Between Huntsridge and Ashwell House 5 High Street Erection of 14 dwellings (including affordable housing), (Hunts Close).

59 **[Planning Summary](#)** – To note

60 **[Local Plan Timetable](#)** - To note any updates

61 **Tree consultations** (Conservation Area and TPO) received from NHC. To agree responses to any received.

61.1 **26/01825/TCA, 35 High Street, Ashwell, T1, T2, T4: Sycamore - Fell. T3: Mulberry - Fell. T5: Lime – Fell.**

62 **[Tree Planning Summary](#)** – To note

63 **Footpath at Townsend Meadow** - To note any updates.

64 **Reports from Committees**

64.1 HR Committee. To note any updates.

65 **Reports from parish councillors on premises and other responsibilities. To receive oral reports and agree any actions needed.**

65.1 The Springs. To note any updates.

65.2 St Mary's Churchyard Grounds Maintenance. To note any updates.

65.3 **Recreation Ground including the [Playground](#)**, pavilion and public toilets. To receive any updates from [Pavilion Working Group](#) and [Pirton Pavilion visit](#)

65.4 Small Gains and Track – To note any updates.

65.5 Cemetery – To note any updates from Cllr Mahy. To discuss and agree action plan for [Holm Oaks management](#) at the cemetery.

65.6 To receive a verbal update on proposed licence agreement for ACCIES.

66 **Finance and Governance**

66.1 **Budget tracking and the monthly summary of accounts and bank reconciliation.** To note the information up to month end to be circulated to parish councillors after the end of the month. Proposal that the summary of receipts and payments be issued with the draft minutes and the two nominated parish councillors sign off the accounts in accordance with internal control procedures. To note any variances of actual expenditure compared to budget.

66.2 **[Volunteer Agreement](#)** – for consideration and approval by councillors.

66.3 **Annual Audit 2023/24** – to note any updates

66.4 **Annual Audit 2024/25** – to note any update

66.5 **Annual Audit 2025/26** – to note that a parishioner has sent objections to the External Auditor

66.6 To note correspondence re the [AGAR submission plans](#) to be submitted digitally from 2027

66.7 **To appoint a Parish Councillor to be a Parish Council Trustee of [Ashwell Village Trust](#)** following the resignation of David Sims.

66.8 **To consider an application for co-option** to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council and to agree any appointments.

Date of next Parish Council meeting: 2nd September 2026 at 7pm in the Parish Room.