



## Ashwell Parish Council

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**News items** from the Parish Council. The main points from the January Parish Council meeting and other recent news are shown below. A full report of the meeting appears on the Parish Council website. You may also ask the Clerk for a recording of the meeting.



### Parish Council Budget 2025-6

The Parish Council approved a total budget of £114,183, an increase of +1.9% over 2024-5, allowing us to maintain services as in previous years. The cash impact on a Band D Council Tax house will be an increase of +£3.46 for the year, and the highest Band H an extra +£6.93. A more detailed financial report will appear in the 2025 issue of the Ashwell Yearbook.



### New parking restrictions – safety first

There have been parishioner requests for double yellow lines at two new sites in the centre of the village. Herts Highways will manage consultations to assess their suitability, and have requested that any other locations should be investigated at the same time. So if you feel that safety would be improved at any other site in the village by adding double yellow lines, please send details to the Clerk.



### Rationalisation of Street Litter Bins

North Herts Council are responsible for emptying Ashwell's street litter bins. They have been carrying out a review of this service across the District and have decided to reduce Ashwell's bins from 17 to 10. We have fought hard to save the existing number but have succeeded in saving those bins which are most heavily used. It is important to maintain clean, litter free streets and with your help we will monitor the impact of these changes over the coming months.

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 @ 7PM in the Parish Rooms. Parishioners are welcome to attend.**