



Ashwell Parish Council

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News items from the Parish Council. The main points from the Parish Council meeting held in May are included below:



- **Parish Council AGM & New Clerk**

At the May meeting the existing Chair & Deputy Chair were re-appointed by the Councillors. We were also pleased to welcome our new Trainee Clerk – Sally Roberts – who is being trained to take over from Jane Porter over the coming weeks so that Jane can finally retire after 20+ years of outstanding service to the Ashwell community. We now have a full establishment in the office having been joined by Nicky Forrester (Deputy Clerk) in November 2023. The Office will continue to be staffed and open to the public every day between Monday – Thursday from 9.30am to 1.30pm.

- **Ashwell Drains Survey – Please report to us**



Herts Highways plan to carry out a systematic cleaning of Ashwell drains in the coming months. We know that their records are incomplete, so it's in our interests to report every drain that is blocked. Your local knowledge can really help us to build a comprehensive database of 'problematic drains'. To accurately locate blocked drains please use www.what3words.com (preferably plus a photo) as this gives location accuracy to within 1 metre. Please email your list of blocked drains near you to clerk@ashwell.gov.uk

- **Other Parish Council News**

- **War Memorial paving.** Highways have decided to remove the dropped curb in an effort to resolve pooling of water near the Memorial at the junction of Station Road and Lucas Lane. In addition they are considering the proposal to add bollards to the paving to stop vehicles cutting the corner by mounting the paving.
- **Councillor co-option.** There are currently vacancies for Councillors which can be filled by a process called co-option. Being a Councillor in a Parish Council is a voluntary and non-political role and gives parishioners the opportunity to use their skills and enthusiasm to benefit our Village community and environment. Time input can average as little as 1 hour a week over a typical month. If you're interested in joining us please contact the Clerk in the first instance.

Next Parish Council Meeting – 7PM Wednesday 3rd June 2024