



Ashwell Parish Council

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News items from the Parish Council. Below are the main points from the Parish Council meeting on 4 October 2023, and actions that follow from that meeting.

Please note that a full recording of the discussions that took place at the meeting is available to listen to on the website.



Speeding in Ashwell

- **Following complaints of speeding** in Lucas Lane we invited PC Tom Woollard and PCSO Chris Brabrook to attend the meeting to advise on measures that could be taken to reduce speeding. They advised that *they would be undertaking speed checks* at identified locations in the village. Along with District Councillor Tom Tyson they also gave information on the Drive Safe volunteer initiative and offered to assist in the setting up of a group with equipment to record vehicles speeding in the village. Any Ashwell Resident who is willing to volunteer to join the group please contact the Clerk or Councillor Vinny Hall (vinny.hall@ashwell.gov.uk)



At the Parish Rooms

- **The Parish Council** agreed to make a grant to St Mary's Church to allow the Post Office to continue to use the Parish Rooms on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The service is considered essential for many householders and businesses in the village.



Housing Needs Survey

- **The Parish Council** agreed to commission a Housing Needs Survey to identify the size and number of homes, especially affordable ones which would help residents to downsize or for their adult children to buy as their first home in the village. The last survey of this kind was carried out in 2008 and is now out of date for influencing planning applications. Without an updated survey decisions by North Herts Council would reflect the housebuilding needs of North Herts as a whole rather than Ashwell specifically.
- **Next Parish Council Meeting – 7PM Wednesday 1st November 2023**