

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

To all Members of Ashwick Parish Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Ashwick Parish Council for the purpose of transacting the following business

Kate Egan Parish Clerk to the Council

Agenda for the Meeting of ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

To be held at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall on
Wednesday 29th January 2025 at 7.30pm

1. **Welcome by the Chairman**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Absent**
4. **Declarations of Interest and dispensations**
 - (a) **To receive declaration of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda**
 - (b) **To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests**
 - (c) **To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate**
5. **Public session** the period designated for public participation at a meeting shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the Chairman of the meeting. A member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes.
6. **Somerset Councillor Reports**
7. **To confirm the minutes of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th December, previously circulated**
8. **To consider the co-option of a new Parish Councillor**
 - (a) Signing of the Acceptance of Office Form
9. **Planning Applications – If other planning applications are received between the date of this notice and the date of the meeting, they may be considered.**
 - (a) **2025/0006/HSE** Divide double garage and convert garage space adjoining the house to a reception room. 9 The Old Maltings, Oakhill.
10. **Planning Applications – Responses to be noted from Somerset Council.**
 - (a) **2024/2037/PAA** – Prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 1no. dwelling house (Class C3) and for associated operational development. Bramley Farm, Bath Road, Oakhill **Decision** Somerset Council have given prior approval.
 - (b) **2024/1702/HSE** Proposed widening of the single storey rear kitchen extension. Proposed loft conversion with rooflights to front and rear roof slopes. 2 Rock Cottages, Chapel Lane to Stockhill, Gurney Slade. **Decision** Somerset Council have granted approval.
 - (c) **2024/0607/FUL** Erection of dwelling and car port and formation of vehicular access. Land South of Corner Cottage, Blackey Lane to Withy Lane, Neighbourne. **Decision** Somerset have refused the application.
11. **Policies**
 - (a) To consider, approve and adopt the amended grant policy for Ashwick Parish Council
12. **Grant Applications**
 - (a) To consider the grant application from the Art Bank in Shepton Mallet for £500
 - (b) To consider an additional grant from the Village Hall Committee for £1553.32
13. **To be Resolved / Discussed**
 - (a) To consider the increase of the Home Allowance to the Parish Council from £6.50 a month to £13.00 a month effective from the 1st of April 2025.
 - (b) To consider and approve the budget for 2025-2026
 - (c) To consider and approve the precept requirement for Ashwick Parish Council for 2025-2026

14. Clerks / Councillors Report

- (a) Following correspondence between Cranmore Parish Council and Somerset Council regarding Beacon crossroads requesting safety improvements are a high priority and a programme be implemented. The reply states a small improvement scheme was implemented in 2020 with new signs, road lines and a new hardwearing surface, there are no further immediate plans to make additional changes. The route is not currently identified for further safety improvements and if the Parish Council are looking for more major changes, it would cost a significant sum of money

15. Finance

Bank Balance as at 23rd January 2025

Current account £1,806.72

Reserve account £25,154.63

To consider the quarterly Bank Reconciliation

To note the Budget Review up until 31st December 2024

Receipts

- (a) Bank Interest - £31.75 – received 10.01.25

Payments

- (c) Idverde – grass cutting - £171.77 – pd 27.12.23

- (d) Clerks Salary and Expenses – December and January - £630.67

Transfers

- (e) Transfer of £5,000 from the Reserve account to the current account.

16. Correspondence

- (a) HR Training Courses supplied by SALC – forwarded 14.01.25

- (b) Somerset Council – Local Plan Call for Sites – forwarded 14.01.25

- (c) Invitation to attend a workshop on creating an emergency plan – forwarded 14.01.25

17. Matters to report/items for next agenda

18. **Date and time of next meeting: - Wednesday 12th March 2025 at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.**