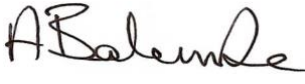


Councillors are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Ashdon Parish Council which will be held on **Monday 19 October 2026** at **Ashdon Village Hall** at **7pm** for the purpose of transacting the business set out on the attached agenda.

SIGNED (CLERK):  **DATE: 12 October 2026**

THE PRESS & PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

AGENDA

26/32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

26/33. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

To approve the minutes of 21 September 2026 as a correct record of events.

26/34. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

To receive any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable Interests or Non-Registerable Interests relating to items on the agenda.

Please note: all Councillors are Sole Trustees of the Village Hall.

Cllr Moran is a District Councillor for Uttlesford District Council (UDC).

26/35. MATTERS ARISING.

A brief update on any actions from the previous meeting.

(For information only, Councillors are reminded that no decisions can be made under this agenda item; Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119).

- County Court Hearing 6 October 2026 – the judgement has been set aside, the Parish Council has until 4pm on 27 October to file and serve its defence.
- Community Speed Watch Update.
- Play Area Safety Inspection; the Councils insurers state weekly inspections must be done as well as the Annual Safety Inspection.

26/36. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS.

Essex County Council (Cllr Davis).

Uttlesford District Council (Cllr Moran).

26/37. PUBLIC FORUM

There will be 15 minutes available for public question time.

26/38. PLANNING.

Application No: UTT/26 2113/TCA. 1 no. Lawsons Cypress – remove and plant native hedging including field maple, spindle, hornbeam and elder.

Location: The Old Vicarage, Church End, Ashdon. **Granted.**

Application No: UTT/26/2164/PAM3. Prior notification of change of use from commercial business and service (Use Class E) to 1 no. dwelling (Use Class C3)

Location: The Baby Unit, Hill Farm, Ashdon CB10 2ET. **Prior Approval Approved.**

26/39. EMERGENCY PLAN REVIEW.

To consider any updates needed.

26/40. ASHDON CRICKET CLUB.

Request for a donation for the Santa Run.

26/41. FINANCE.

Payments made:

103167 £169.60 D Green (3rd Party Debt/travel expenses to the County Court Chelmsford)

103168 £543.33 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Expenses)

103169 £825.66 M D Landscapes (Grass Cutting)

103170 £ Ashdon Village Hall (Hire £36.00/VAT £304.66)

103171 £127.80 Clacton Business Services (Payroll)

103172 £ Grasshopper Lawncare (War Memorial)

D/D £47.00 ICO (Data Protection Fee)

D/D £67.54 Npower Business Solutions (Streetlighting)

Barclays £9.70 Commission Charges (August/Sept)

Bank Balances (September 2026)

Current Account £TBA

Business Savings £56,187.61

Business Savings £1,119.34

26/42. BANKING ARRANGEMENTS.

To agree to change banks from Barclays to Unity Trust Bank and appoint additional bank signatories.

26/43. SIGNAGE.

To review and agree the wording for the new signs based on the mock-ups circulated.

26/44. WORKNEST CONTRACT.

To decide whether to continue with the provision of Health and Safety support and Employment Law and HR support for a further two years or to invoke the unconditional no penalty break clause at the end of three years.

26/45. CHRISTMAS TREE.

To agree the arrangements for this year's Christmas tree.

26/46. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

RCCE – Blue Steps on the Saffron Trail; zoom meeting on 10 November at 9.30pm.

26/47. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.

26/48. MEETING DATES 2026.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month (except August).

16 November, 17 December (*please note the earlier date for the December meeting*).

CLOSE OF MEETING.