

Councillors are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of Ashdon Parish Council which will be held on **Monday 20 April 2026** at **Ashdon Village Hall** at **7.30pm** for the purpose of transacting the business set out on the attached agenda.

SIGNED (CLERK):  **DATE:** 13 April 2026

THE PRESS & PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

AGENDA

26/50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

26/51. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

To approve the minutes of 16 March 2026 as a correct record of events.

26/52. 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).

26/53. 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).

- Community Speed Watch – the volunteers have been registered for training.
- Speed Indicator Device – has been erected and is working ok.
- Defibrillator – a new account has been registered on The Circuit for the defibrillator at the Village Hall which now shows it as available 24/7. The old account showing the defibrillator as unavailable has been deleted.

26/54. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS.

Essex County Council (Cllr Foley).

Uttlesford District Council (Cllr Moran).

26/55. PUBLIC FORUM

The public may ask questions relating to the work and services of the Council.

Questions cannot always be answered at the meeting but will be dealt with appropriately. If any question is to be discussed by Councillors, it will be added to the agenda for the next Council Meeting.

26/56. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR.

- To co-opt a Parish Councillor to fill the Casual Vacancy.
- Declaration of Acceptance of Office to be signed.

26/57. PLANNING.

Application No: UTT/26/0136/FUL. Change of use from paddocks to dog training area.

Location: Saffron House, Redgates Lane CB10 2LP.

Application No: UTT/26/0656/LB. To attach a bleed kit next to the defibrillator at Ashdon Village Hall.

Location: Ashdon Village Hall, Crown Hill, Ashdon.

Application No: UTT/26/0366/CLP. Single storey side extension.

Location: Fairview, Church Hill, Ashdon CB10 2HF. **Refused.**

26/58. FINANCE.

Payments made:

103124 £32.00 Ashdon Village Hall (Hall Hire)
103129 £582.30 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Expenses)
103130 £100.00 J Gray (Secure Headstone)
103131 £414.54 M D Landscapes (Grass Cutting)
103132 £84.30 Clacton Business Services (Payroll)
103133 £307.16 EALC (Annual Subscription)
D/D £74.62 Npower Business Solutions (Streetlighting)

Income

H J Paintin £100.00 (Cemetery)
H J Paintin £600.00 (Cemetery)
HMRC £792.23 (Village Hall VAT)

Bank Balance (31 March 2026)

Current Account £12,875.86
Business Savings £56,027.97
Business Savings £1,116.16

26/59. CEMETERY

- Transfer of graves.
- Topple testing and burial of memorial stones.
- Pollarding lime trees.

26/60. ESSEX SAFER SPEEDS STRATEGY.

<https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/essex-highways/essex-safer-speeds-strategy>

Public consultation – closes 26 April 2026.

26/61. LITTER & DOG WASTE BIN REVIEW.

To consider if any new bins are needed and cost of emptying.

26/62. PAINTING OF THE WHITE RAILINGS.

To agree the arrangements for painting the remainder of the railings.

26/63. PARISH COUNCIL LOGO.

To consider designing a logo for the Parish Council.

26/64. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

Highways – temporary closure of Fallowden Lane, due to commence on 9th February 2026 until 24th April 2026. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while Affinity Water undertakes mains renewal.

RCCE – Village of the Year – entry deadline 5 June 2026.

26/65. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.

26/66. MEETING DATES 2026.

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

18 May, 15 June, 20 July, 21 September, 19 October, 16 November,

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

To consider starting the meetings at the earlier time of 7pm

CLOSE OF MEETING.