

**Minutes of a meeting of Ashdon Parish Council, held on
Monday 19 January 2026, 7.30pm at Ashdon Village Hall.**

Present: Cllrs: Goodwin, Gray, Horrigan, Lewis & Pardue.
In the Chair: Cllr Horrigan.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: 4 members of the public and County Cllr Foley.

26/03. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Olley and Moran.

26/04. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 15 December 2025 were approved as a correct record of events.
Proposed: Cllr Lewis. Seconded: Cllr Pardue. All agreed.

26/05. 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).

No other interests were declared.

26/06. 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).

- Telephone Box (Bartlow Road) – BT have been contacted about repainting the phone box, requested photos have been sent, awaiting a reply.
- Community Speed Watch – is in the process of being re-registered. All volunteers will need to be trained before they can participate. Highways have put down speed/traffic data lines in several locations around the Village; the Clerk will request the data.
- Defibrillator – the training went very well and received good feedback. 20 delegates attended. Cllr Goodwin suggested there is a need for more defibrillators, funding is available. All Saints will apply for funding for one new defibrillator and Cllr Goodwin will apply for funding on behalf of the Parish Council for another. The Parish Council would take on the responsibility of maintaining the defibrillators going forward. Next agenda.

26/07. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS.

Essex County Council - Report circulated. Cllr Foley gave a brief update on the Local Plan and Highway maintenance. Cllr Goodwin asked for a Highway site visit at Steventon End, a list of issues to be sent to Cllr Foley in advance of any meeting.

Uttlesford District Council (Cllr Moran). Apologies were received from Cllr Moran, an email report was received and noted.

26/08. PUBLIC FORUM

The Parish Council was thanked for arranging the Defibrillator Course.

26/09. FINANCE.

Payments made:

103106 £32.00 Ashdon Village Hall (Hall Hire)
103107 £5.00 UALC (Annual Subscription)
103108 £79.20 Clacton Business Services (Payroll)
103109 £548.90 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Expenses)
103110 £22.00 A Olley (Storage Boxes)
103111 £9.80 J Gray (Stationery)
103112 £3,000.00 Elan City Ltd (Speed Indicator Device)
103113 £158.70 WEL Medical Ltd (Defibrillator Pads)
103115 £150.00 CouncilWise (Annual Subscription)
103116 £32.00 Grasshopper Lawncare (War Memorial)
D/D £99.49 Npower Business Solutions (Streetlighting – November)

Bank Balances – December

Current Account	£25,651.55
Premium 10399485	£55,886.49
Premium 70687308	£1,113.34

26/10. GRASS/HEDGE CUTTING CONTRACT (Cllrs Gray & Goodwin).

To discuss the scoping document for the renewal of the grass/hedge cutting contract. Once the maps have been completed it was agreed to go out for three quotes.

War Memorial – agreed either side of the riverbank needs tidying so it can be mown; cost £250.00. The Victorian side of the Churchyard needs clearing which is partly the responsibility of the Church, it was agreed to get this work done; cost £250.00, the Church has offered to contribute to the cost.

A problem with moles at the war memorial was mentioned, agreed to keep them under review.

26/11. PLANNING.

Decisions:

Application No: UTT/25/2356/HHF. Proposed 1.5 storey side extension.

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

26/12. INSTALLATION OF THE SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID).

Cllr Pardue and Lewis to organise the installation of the SID at Radwinter Road.

26/13. INSTALLATION OF THE BLEED KIT.

Listed building consent is needed to fix the kit to the Village Hall.

26/14. FITNESS EQUIPMENT.

Due to the high cost, it was agreed not to replace the parallel bars. If the fitness training event in March is successful then this may be reconsidered in the future.

26/14. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

- Allotment enquiry – the Clerk to forward on Cllr Lewis contact details.

- Temporary Road Closure – commencing 9 February 2026 for 68 days. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while Affinity Water undertakes mains renewal.
- Ashdon Primary School PTA Fun Run – Monday 4 May 2026.

26/15. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.

New defibrillators.

26/16. MEETING DATES 2026.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month (except August).
19 January, 16 February, 16 March, 20 April, 18 May, 15 June, 20 July,
21 September, 19 October, 16 November, 17 December.

Agreed to move the date of the December meeting forward to 17 December.

Close of meeting 20:35

Signed (Chairman):

Date: