

ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL



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Members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend the Parish Council Meeting at Ashingdon Parish Office, The Cricket Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Ashingdon Road, Ashingdon on Monday 12th January 2026 at 7.30pm for the purpose of transacting the following business. Members of the press and public are welcome to attend.

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Clerk to Ashingdon Parish Council

5th January 2026

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence.**
2. **Minutes**
 - (a) Acceptance of minutes from the Parish Council Meeting dated 1st December 2025.
3. **To receive member's declaration of interests and dispensations in items on the agenda**
Requests for dispensations must be requested from the Clerk up to the day before the meeting.
4. **Update and Correspondence from District Councillor County Councillors.**
5. **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.**
10 minutes shall be available for public question time.
6. **Co-option**
To consider co-opting any interested candidates onto the Parish Council to fill 2 vacancies
7. **Clerks Report.**
To receive clerks report circulated at the meeting.
8. **Planning -**
To consider and make comments on any applications.
9. **Finance**
 - (a) To approve payments to be paid by BACS, in accordance with the 2025/26 budget. List of payments circulated at the meeting.
 - (b) To approve the November 2025 bank reconciliation figures.
10. **Fencing**
Council to discuss a proposal to enclose with fencing the new play area within the Memorial Park and its ongoing maintenance, this will be subject to agreement with Rochford District Council, Open Spaces Department.
11. **The Freight House**
To receive an update on the potential bid to take over the running of the Freight House.
12. **Letter to Bellway**
Following the December meeting, Bellway has asked whether the Council has any further feedback on the presentation. Presentation sent out to all Councillors.
13. **Risk assessments**
To discuss moving forward.

14. Bus Survey

To discuss the results of the recent bus survey and agree a way forward.

15. Staff Gratuities.

To consider a recommendation from the personnel and working committee regarding staff gratuities.

16. EALC and Councilwise

To discuss subscriptions with Councilwise and EALC. Clerk will give a report

17. Council Tax Base Issued

Members to note that the Council Tax Base 2026/2027 has been confirmed as 1361.00. For the financial year 2025/2026 the Council Tax Base was 1219.80.

18. Budget and Precept Proposals for 2026/2027

(a) Members to consider and discuss the budget.

(b) Members to agree the precept for 2026/2027.

18. To receive a report from the representatives for the following outside committees/working groups:

- (a) Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall - Cllr. P. Hennessy;
- (b) Rochford Hundred Association of Local Councils - Cllr. D. Constable;
- (c) RSPB Local Liaison Group – Cllr. G. Dryhurst;
- (d) River Crouch Coastal Community Team - Cllr. G. Dryhurst;
- (e) Rochford Old Peoples Welfare- Cllr .S. Osborne

19. Training and Events

To consider any requests from members for training:

20. Items from Councillors to be added to next agenda.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 2nd February 2026 at 7.30pm.

