



RE-ISSUED AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF ASHFIELD-CUM-THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2026

IN THE COMMUNITY HALL AT 7.30 PM

The Council, members of the public and press may record/film/photograph or broadcast this meeting when the public and press are not lawfully excluded.

Members of the public are welcome at this meeting – see item 2 on agenda

1. Apologies for Absence

2. **Public Forum** *At the discretion of the Chairman, members of the public are invited ask questions or make comments/representations about issues on this agenda, or to request items be put forward for consideration at future meeting. This item will be restricted to no more than 5 minutes per contribution. Members of the public are welcome to stay for the duration of meeting (with the exception of confidential matters) but may not contribute within the Parish Council meeting itself unless specifically invited to by the Chairman.*

3. **Declaration of Interests** *To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest. If an interest becomes apparent to a member during the course of a meeting that has not been disclosed under this item, the member must immediately disclose it.*

4. Report from County Councillor

5. Report from District Councillor

6. **Minutes of previous meeting.** *To resolve that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th July 2026 be signed as a correct record.*

7. Matters arising and Action Points from the July minutes

8. Planning:

- a. *To consider any planning applications which have been submitted since the last meeting: None*
- b. *To consider any planning applications which have been submitted since agenda published.*
- c. *Updates and outcomes on previous planning applications:*
 - i) *DC/26/02196 – Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing Use or Operation or Activity including those in breach of a Planning Condition. Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - Retention of use Land as residential garden land - The Land in question in this application has been garden for at least several decades. Evidence includes a statement by the person who maintained the garden for 25 plus years and photographic evidence of land use from Google Earth over the last 26 years. This clearly shows the pond and trees and boundary of the garden at Grove Farmhouse. Location: Land To South East Of, Grove Farmhouse, Grove Lane, Ashfield Cum Thorpe – Granted*
 - ii) *DC/26/02695 - Householder Application - Erection of a single-storey side extension to form ancillary annexe accommodation and a single detached garage, with associated fenestration and access to the front and rear elevations. Timbertop Farm, The Street, IP14 6NA - Granted*

9. Parish Council Activities

- a. *To consider co-option to fill vacancy on Council*
- b. *Highways & Footpaths: Report on activity since the last meeting including:*
 - i) *Update on concerns relating to overgrown hedges in the village*
 - ii) *Drainage in Low Road*
 - iii) *Condition of Road Surface in Grove Lane*
 - iv) *Absentee Landowners*
 - v) *Contact Points*
- c. *Update on development of Emergency Plan for the village*
- d. *CIL Payment – consideration of potential projects, including:*
 - i) *repair or replacement of the defibrillator*
 - ii) *the installation of a dog bin in Grove Lane*
 - iii) *a glass washer for the Community Hall*
- e. *To consider and review the Council's Risk Assessment*
- f. *To consider and review the Council's Statement of Internal Control*
- g. *To consider the adequacy of the Parish Council Insurance Policy in order to renew cover*
- h. *To consider feedback to District Council regarding the Rural Connect Community Transport Evaluation*
- i. *Policy Reviews:*
 - i) *Health & Safety*
 - ii) *IT & Email Usage*

10. Finance

- a. *To review the Financial Statement as supplied by the Clerk*
- b. *Virement from Reserves of £1,000 for cashflow purposes*
- c. *Funding Request from Ormiston Families*
- d. *To accept NJC recommended pay settlement, including backdating pay claim to 1st April 2026*
- e. *To agree payments as detailed on Payment Schedule*

11. Urgent Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council

*Councillors are requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and **to raise items for future agendas**. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision-making*

Sarah Clare, Parish Clerk

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