



**AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF ASHFIELD-CUM-THORPE PARISH COUNCIL
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER 2025
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 October 2025 be signed as a correct record.*

7. Matters arising and Action Points from the October minutes

8. Planning:

- a. *To consider any planning applications which have been submitted since the last meeting:*
 - i) *DC/25/05062 – Householder Application – Barn replacement, Erection of Potting Shed, Greenhouse, Solar Array and a below ground pool. Grove Farmhouse, Grove Lane, IP14 6LZ*
- b. *To consider any planning applications which have been submitted since agenda published.*
- c. *Updates and outcomes on previous planning applications: None*

9. Parish Council Activities

- a. *Highways & Footpaths: Report on activity since the last meeting including:*
 - i. *Concerns about erosion of verges by large agricultural vehicles*
 - ii. *Update on hedges overhanging the highway*
 - iii. *Reflective posts to mark dangerous ditch*
 - iv. *Cross field path to Debenham*
 - v. *Consideration of nominating Thorpe Lane as a Quiet Lane*
- b. *Consideration of an Emergency Plan*
- c. *Policy Reviews: Bring Your Own Device/Email Communication Policy*
- d. *Calendar of meetings and events for 2026 (to financial year end 2027)*
- e. *Update on move to Gov.uk domain and emails*
- f. *Update on concerns about the unpleasant smell causing problems in the village*
- g. *Consideration of purchasing replacement screen for noticeboard*

10. Finance

- a. *To review the Financial Statement as supplied by the Clerk*
- b. *To finalise and adopt the 2026-2027 Budget*
- c. *To set Precept for 2026-2027*
- d. *Virement of £450 from General Contingency Fund to Community Account to be done early March 2026 to cover anticipated bills to be paid for 25/26 financial year*
- 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