

ASHFORD CARBONELL PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the Annual Public and Annual Meetings of the Parish Council held at Ashford Carbonell Village Hall on Monday 13th May 2026 commencing 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors: Mr N Tilt (Chairman), Mr M Thomson, Mr J Webb, Mr J Hawkins, Mrs S Crowther

Clerk to the Council: Mr C E Williams

Annual Public Meeting

1. Annual Report of the Chairman:

The Chairman reported on the activities of the Parish Council during the year which mainly related to planning and highway items. The Chairman thanked fellow councillors for their contributions and to the Clerk for the work that he undertakes on behalf of the Council.

2. Financial Report:

The Clerk presented the annual financial report which shows the Parish Council had balances of £37,352.58 at the 31st March 2026 of which £7,276.08 is in respect of the Neighbourhood Fund which can only be used for Capital Items which will benefit the local community.

4. Report from Shropshire Councillor Mrs V Parry:

Apologies were received from Mrs V Parry.

5. Report from Village Hall Committee:

Mr James Roach Chair of the Village Hall Committee reported on the activities that took place at the Village Hall. It is planned to resurface the Tennis Court and install a multi-use court for which they may apply for a grant to the Parish Council

Mr Roach was thanked by the Chair for his attendance at the meeting.

6. Members of the Public:

The repair of the bench on the village green was still outstanding.

Arrangements will be made to cut the grass at the village green and the adjacent verges

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

1. Apologies:

Shropshire Councillor Mrs V Parry

2. Members of the Public:

Nil

3. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the Year 2026-27:

Mr N Tilt was elected Chairman and Mr M Thompson Elected Vice Chairman.

5. Representative to the Village Hall Committee:

Mr J Webb would represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee.

6. Representative to the South Shropshire Association of Parish and Town Councils Area Committee.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman would represent the Parish Council subject to the meeting agenda.

7. Declarations of Interest:

Nil

8. To approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th March 2026 were approved by the council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

9 Chairman's Report:

No items to report.

10 Planning Items:

No items to report.

11. Highway/Amenity Items:

The Clerk reported that any highway issues in relation to potholes, ditches, verges etc should continue to be reported on the Shropshire Council website www.shropshire.gov.uk.

The Clerk reported that works to the Ashford Carbonell bridge is provisional programmed to commence the 20th July 2026 this will require a full road closure for a period of 10 days.

The bridge is now due for its Principal Bridge Inspection, which will be undertaken concurrently with the planned remedial works.

12. Financial Items:

The Parish Council approved the following payments:

Gallagher – Annual Insurance - £396.65

K Adams – Internal Auditor - £100.00

SALC – Annual Subscription - £255.06

The Parish Council received the Councils Internal Audit Report which verified the Financial Accounts for the year 2025-26 with no items to report.

The Parish Council approved the annual certificate of exemption for the external audit and approved the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statement which were signed by the Chairman and will be put on the Parish Councils website.

The Parish Council agreed that a grant of £2,000 will be made to the Bishops Hooper Primary School Ashford Carbonell towards the bottom gate provided safe access from the Village this will be met from the Neighbourhood Fund. Mrs S Crowther would discuss the details with the school.

13. Next Meetings

Monday 13th July 2026

Chairman