

ASHFORD CARBONELL PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the Annual Public Meeting and the Parish Council Meeting held at Ashford Carbonell Village Hall on Monday 31st March 2025 commencing 7.00pm

Present:

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

Clerk to the Council: Mr C E Williams

ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

1. Apologies:

Mr J Hawkins

2. 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.

3. Financial Report:

The Clerk presented the annual financial report which shows the Parish Council had balances of £34,781 at the 31st March 2025 of which £7,773 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:

Mrs Parry who regularly attends Parish Council meetings reported on items relating to Shropshire Council and highlighted highway issues and the financial problems faced by the Council in meeting its statutory requirement.

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. Solar Panels and battery storage had been installed and the building of a permanent Gazebo.

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:

A member of the public raised the lack of the provision of a dog bin along the public bridleway leading to the river Teme and the "Beech". The issue of providing a dog bin is who would be responsible for emptying the bin and the cost of the service.

The Clerk will raise the matter with Shropshire Councils Dog Warden for appropriate advice.

Parish Council Meeting

1. Apologies:

Mr J Hawkins

2. Members of the Public:

Nil

3. Declarations of Interest:

Nil

4. To approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting dated the 7th January 2025 were approved by the council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5 Chairman's Report:

The Clerk reported that the four yearly Parish and Town Council Elections will be held on the 1st May 2025.

6. Planning Items:

There had been two planning applications in respect to tree works to which there was no objection.

7. Highway/Amenity Items:

- a) The Clerk reported that any highway issues in relation to potholes, ditches, verges etc should be reported on the Shropshire Council website www.shropshire.gov.uk.
- b) A notification had been received from Kate Rose on behalf of the village hall committee about the national celebrations for the 80th anniversary of VE day on Thursday 8th May 2025. The Parish Council agreed that this should be self-funding by the local community.
- c) Notification had been received from British Telecom concerning the removal of the telephone box because of lack of use, the Parish Council had no objection to its removal.

.8. Financial Items:

The Parish Council had considered the financial report in the Annual Public Meeting

Next Meetings:

Monday 12th May 2025 – Annual Parish Meeting

Chairman