

**ASHMORE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council**  
**held at Ashmore Village Hall**  
**on Thursday May15th 2025 at 7pm**

*Chairman – Richard Coplan, Councillors – Philippa Kelway-Bamber ( PKB)  
James Grazebrook (JG), Angie Newnham(AN), Colin Elford (CE)*

*Clerk Vivian Hitchmough*

*There were 4 members of the public*

2025.20      Apologies Cllr Gilly Forge, Cllr John Ball and Dorset Councillor Jane Somper

2025.21      The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 16th May 2024  
were agreed and duly signed.

2025.22      ***Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman***

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Chairman	Richard Coplan	PKB	CE
Vice-Chair	Philippa Kelway-Bamber	RC	JG

2025.23      ***Election of Officers***

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Planning Officer	Angie Newnham	RC	JG
Tree Officer	Gilly Forge	PKB	RC
Airfield Officer	John Ball	RC	PKB

*Defibrillator and telephone box*

	Richard Coplan	AN	JG
Pond	John Ball	RC	PKB
Playground	John Ball	RC	JG
Footpaths	Colin Elford	RC	PKB

2025.24      ***Election of Representatives***

*Playground*      *Paul Whetham*      *RC*      *AN*

*Pond*      *Constantine Lyndsey*      *RC*      *CE*

2025.25

Declarations of interest were duly signed and witnessed by the Clerk

2025.26

***Chairman's Report 2024/25***

**Finance**

We told Dorset Council that our precept for 2025/26 should be £4,000 remaining the same as the previous year.

**Planning**

In 2024/25 there was one planning application that we were consulted on for the change of use at Souths Farm. This was approved.

**Filly Loo**

The Filly Loo was held in 2024 on 21st June and was a great success.

**Pond**

Constantine Lyndsey continued working on the pond keeping the weed under control and adding Aquaplancton that helps clear the water and stimulates beneficial bacteria consuming rotting matter and reducing the silt.

**Playground**

Paul Whetham has continued to look after the playground. We agreed with the Village Hall Committee to replace the litter bin which was installed in 2024. We now have a working arrangement for this bin to be emptied by the Village Hall cleaner. This arrangement is working well.

**Thanks**

As in previous years I am grateful for the help and support I have received during the year from parish councillors and our Dorset Councillor, Jane Somper. I am grateful also for the work councillors and representatives do for their responsibilities.

Again, our Clerk, Vivian Hitchmough, has been a great help to me and I am very grateful to her for all she does.

2025.27      ***Annual Return and draft accounts for the year to 31.3.2025***

The draft accounts had been prepared and circulated and the internal audit had been completed successfully. The Annual return and Governance Statement was agreed and duly signed and approved to be published on the web site. The certificate of exemption AGAR 2024/25 Part 2 was duly signed and will be returned to auditors. The Chairman asked if there were any questions in this regard. There were none.

*Proposed RC*

*Seconded JG*

2025.28        ***Asset Risk Assessment***

The Chairman reported no new assets had been acquired with no greater risk.

2025.29    Date of next meeting Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> 2026

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.15 pm