



**AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF ASHFIELD-CUM-THORPE PARISH COUNCIL  
TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023  
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. Presentation on People & Places Plan from the Community Engagement Officer**

**7. Minutes of previous meeting.** *To resolve that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 be signed as a correct record.*

**8. Matters arising and Action Points from the September minutes**

**9. 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/22/03842 - Application for removal of a planning obligation under Section 106A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Removal of S106 Planning Obligation dated 03.07.2007 relating to planning permission 0020/07, to allow removal of holiday accommodation restriction on property. Osier View Barn, Thorpe Lane, IP14 6NE - Refused*

**10. Parish Council Activities**

- a. *To consider co-option to fill vacancies on Council*
- b. *Further consideration of a whether to adopt a People & Places Plan*
- c. *Report on submission of a bid to the Suffolk Bus Service Improvement Plan*
- d. *Report from Mid Suffolk District Council Liaison Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> October*
- e. *To consider ways to better provide a way of sharing information in an emergency, with particular reference to the flooding in the wake of recent storms.*
- f. *Collation of flooding evidence in preparation for investigative works by Suffolk County Council*
- g. *Highways & Footpaths including:*
  - i) *Road Safety Improvements North of the Village*
  - ii) *Improvements to Grove Lane*
  - iii) *Flood Prevention/Recovery*
  - iv) *Request for a review of the weight restrictions imposed in Eye and the subsequent impact on surrounding communities, including Ashfield-cum-Thorpe*
  - v) *Update on fingerpost signs*
- h. *Concerns raised about the living conditions in a council owned properties within the village*
- i. *Consideration of whether to apply for a 'Living Well in Winter' grant*

**11. Finance**

- a. *To review the Financial Statement as supplied by the Clerk*
- b. *To accept NJC recommended pay settlement*
- c. *To finalise and adopt the 2024-2025 Budget*
- d. *To set Precept for 2024-2025*
- e. *To agree payments as detailed on Payment Schedule*
- f. *Re-appointment of Internal Auditor for year 2023-2024*
- g. *To consider application for funding from Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice Bureau*

**12. 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

05/12/2023