West Ashby Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting for West Ashby Parish Council held on Wednesday 15th July 2026 in West Ashby Village Hall.

Those councillors present were Cllrs C Graves, L Hebden, R Atkin House, G Edwards, T Thomas, N Moore, and A Radcliffe. Also present clerk Mrs K Elliott and D Cllr D Simpson.

The meeting commenced with the public forum at 7.30 pm.

PUBLIC FORUM: Those present discussed the concerns of a resident about dropped kerbs. We also discussed the forthcoming opening of the pub and the capacity of their car park.

Meeting

2026/017 **Chairman's remarks -** Mr Graves welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2026/018 **Apologies** – Have been received from C Cllr Oliver.

2026/019 **Declarations of interest –** There were none.

2026/020 **The notes of the meeting** held on 20th May 2026 were proposed, seconded, voted and RESOLVED as a true and accurate record.

2026/021 **Reports from District & County Councillors:** D Cllr Simpson provided his community grant form and other information on Local Government Reform which will be announced tomorrow. The Local Plan will be influenced by the new Prime Minister and our new Mayor. There is a proposal for a booking in system to go to any recycling centre and this was felt not to be a practical solution. Anglian Water was also discussed, gullies have been emptied recently and will be done more frequently. Members also discussed the situation at Twin Lakes. C Cllr Oliver has sent her apologies.

2026/022 **Clerk's report on matters outstanding and correspondence**

a) **Defib –** the clerk advised that the best priced quote is from AedDonate at £649 plus VAT. It was resolved to place an order with this supplier and also take out a maintenance plan at £99 per year. A grant will be applied for from our District Councillor for £500.

2026/023 **Village Communal Space –** There is no communal space in West Ashby, CG has an idea in mind and explained this to the meeting. To acquire a piece of land, however an approach must be made to a local landowner first. There are grant possibilities for this project and it was resolved to pursue this matter further. For the time being this matter will remain confidential.

2026/024 **Cemetery:**

a) Orchard Trees – There is room for 10 and the clerk will send a google map of the cemetery to the tree provider to show our current layout.

b) Path Improvements – The chairman explained his plans to invest in the cemetery by improving the path at the side and also make a turning area for hearses. The

path can also be extended to reach the orchard where we will install the new bench and also add a central path to make access better. The quote for an in house project of this nature with volunteer time and manpower would be £1,000 and the members were wholly in support of this proposal. The chairman will take action on this project in the autumn.

2026/025 **Highways matters –** All works that LCC Highways said they would do following the parish walk have been done. CG now has copies of the drainage maps for the village.

2026/026 Planning Matters: There are no planning applications currently.

2026/027 Finance Matters, to approve payments and to note income since last meeting. The clerk circulated a document containing all payments and income since the last meeting plus bank balances.

a) **Invoice payments –** as per the circulated list of payments. Payments are to be made for grass cutting £50, clerks expenses £77.93, Mole Traps £24.99 and Sara for plants £72.00
b) Clerk to set up payments and councillors will authorise in the next few days.

RAH, TT, NM and LH left the meeting at 8.10pm.

2026/028 Next Meeting

a) The next parish council meeting will be postponed to Wednesday 7th October 2026.
b) Items for the next newsletter – as soon as possible to RAH please and will include thank you for the personal contributions towards the new defibrillator.
c) Items for the next agenda will include.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Chairman: Date: