



SIMPSON AND ASHLAND PARISH COUNCIL

To The Chair and Members of Simpson and Ashland Parish Council

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Full Council to be held on Monday 15th September 2025 at 8:00pm at Simpson Village Hall, when the business set out in the following agenda will be transacted. Members of the public are also invited to attend.

Katherine Harmsworth, Clerk to Simpson & Ashland Parish Council

AGENDA

44) Apologies for Absence

To receive and record apologies from members.

45) Minutes of Last Meeting

To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting of the council held on 7th July 2025.

46) Council Vacancies

- a) To note the Parish Council currently has three vacancies, all in the ward of Ashland and is now free to co-opt.

47) Finance Report and Discussion

- a) To review and approve payments between 1st July 2025 and 31st August 2025.
- b) To review and approve financial summary up until 31st August 2025.
- c) To note the conclusion of audit and any findings.

48) Winter Funding

- a) To review and agree proposals for the £2000 winter funding grant.

49) Highways

- a) To review proposal to recommend removal of the wooden bus shelter opposite St Thomas' Church in Simpson.
- b) To note blocked drains in Simpson.
- c) To note cracked pavement in Langham Way, Ashland.
- d) To review disputed ownership of Abbey Road, Simpson.
- e) To review and agree feedback to consultation on the vehicle related anti-social behaviour public space protection order. To receive an update from the traffic management in Simpson working group and to agree further action, as required.

50) E-Scooters

- a) To review proposed locations of e-scooter and e-bike parking bays in Simpson and Ashland.

51) Planning Applications

- a) To review any planning applications received.

52) Open Space

- a) To receive a report on Open Space.

53) Ashland Lakeside

- a) To review payments and hire income for Ashland Lakeside.
- b) To review proposal for improvement works at Ashland Lakeside.

54) Simpson Village Hall

- a) To review payments and hire income for Simpson Village Hall.
- b) To receive a report on Simpson Village Hall.

55) Young People

- a) To review the summer holiday play sessions.
- b) To review the proposal by the Moorlands family centre to host Robot Reg sessions at Ashland Lakeside.

56) Community Engagement

- a) To receive an update on the street champions.

57) Review of Delegated Decisions**58) To note that the next meeting of the Full Council will be held on a date to be agreed at this meeting.**

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media are excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

59) HR

- a) To discuss and agree pay reviews.

DELEGATED DECISIONS

Period Covered: 1st July – 31st August 2025

Decisions related to the following matters were made under the Council's Scheme of Delegated Powers.

- 1) Locked and Secure were called out to a malfunctioning alarm system at Ashland Lakeside at a cost of £80 + VAT.
- 2) Membership to the SLCC on behalf of the Parish Clerk cost £157.70.
- 3) Website and email hosting for 2025-26 was arranged at a cost of £330 + VAT.
- 4) Plants for the planter at Simpson Village Hall were purchased at a cost of £24.26 + VAT.
- 5) Improvement works to the CCTV cameras at Ashland Lakeside were completed at a cost of £555 + VAT.
- 6) A paper shredder was purchased at a cost of £74.94.
- 7) Maintenance works were carried out at Simpson Village Hall, including re-fixing all the doors and handles and installing a cupboard over the gas and electric metre at a cost of £1310.
- 8) The fire alarm service was completed at Ashland Lakeside at a cost of £75 + VAT.
- 9) The July CAB session was completed at a cost of £190.
- 10) Labels purchased for dog waste bins at a cost of £52.96 + VAT.
- 11) Replacement microwave for SVH purchased at a cost of £61.66 + VAT.