MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2026

Present

Councillors Mr S Hoskins (Chair), Mr S Dunn (Vice Chair), Mr G Allwright, Mr J Gallagher and the Clerk, Mr S Marshall.

Cllr Mrs P Hay joined the meeting after her co-option as a Parish Councillor.

Borough Councillors Cllr Bound and Cllr Conquest were also present.

1. **Apologies**

   Apologies had been received from Cllr Wilson-Thomas and Cllr Woodford.

2. **Declaration of interest**

   None.

3. **Minutes of previous meeting for approval**

   The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th October 2026 were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chair as a true record.

4. **Matters arising & Outstanding Action Points**

   Arrangements for the cutting of the communal hedge that runs along the B3051 opposite the Ashford Hill Village Hall and Butler's Garage were planned with the HLM Group for Tuesday 10 November 2026.

   The two laybys on the left-hand side of the B3051 towards Tadley as you leave Ashford Hill had been cleared of litter.

   The Cricket Club had been asked to re-seed the grassed areas of the football goalmouths and an area near to the car park on Ashford Hill recreation ground.

   It had been agreed that the idea of a defibrillator being installed at the Harrow Garage in Hedley woud not be progressed.

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The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the water hydrant leak in Chapel Lane in Ashford Hill again and Southern Water were awaiting payment from the Fire Brigade authority before they would agree to undertake the repair.

5. **Co-option of Parish Councillor**

The Chair introduced Mrs Pragna Hay to the meeting, who he would be proposing to be co-opted as a Parish Councillor, following the discussion of Mrs Hay's candidacy at the October meeting. Cllr Allwright seconded the Chair's proposal which was endorsed by all other Councillors present by a show of hands. Mrs Hay was asked to join the meeting and signed the Acceptance of Office form as requested by the Clerk.

6. **Highways issues**

The Chair reported on recent road traffic accidents on the A339 in Headley.

Discussion ensued regarding vehicular weight limit access restrictions on local roads and the Chair suggested that the matter be raised by Cllr Gallagher with County Councillor Mark Wilson-Thomas when he attended a Parish Council meeting.

There was no further update on a recent school bus accident on the Ashford Hill Road.

7. **Planning Applications**

26/02111/HSE – Willow Cottage, Woodlands Court, Ram Alley, Ashford Hill
- Erection of an ancillary outbuilding

No objection

26/02002/HSE & 26/01999/FUL – Winkworth Farm, Newbury Road, Headley
- Construction of ancillary building incorporating carport, store & gym
- Construction of new access with gate

No objection

26/02120/FUL – Pineapple Sports Field, Little Knowl Hill, Brimpton Common
- Catering unit block, toilet facility block and storage container

No objection

8. **Reports**

County Councillor

Cllr Wilson-Thomas' was recent report had been circulated to Parish Councillors.

Borough Councillors

Cllr Bound's report had been circulated to Councillors. Cllr Conquest reported that the programme of road gully clearance would be starting soon in the parish.

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Chair of the Parish Council

Community Summer Fete Hosted by Cheam School 2027

Cheam School had advised that they are currently looking at a date of Saturday 19th June 2027. Cllr Allwright would be meeting representatives of the school to discuss the involvement of the Parish Council. *

Condition of Chapel Lane, Ashford Hill

The Chair reported that the Parish Council had responded to a representative of some Chapel Lane residents reiterating the Council's offer to consider a financial contribution to the overall cost of road repairs which were supported by a report from a specialist structural engineer. The annual clearance of the car park drain would be taking place together with the clearance of the drainage ditch in order to minimise the rainwater run-off from the car park at the top of Chapel Lane.

AWE LLC Meeting

The Chair had attended the meeting.

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance wreaths had been laid at the local war memorials by the Chair and Cllr Woodford on behalf of the residents of both villages.

The war memorials had received their annual cleaning and maintenance ahead of the remembrance services.

Ashford Hill with Headley Educational Trust

Since the Parish Magazine was no longer being published where the trust advertised the availability of its grants, the trust was looking into the setting up of a basic website. The trust had requested that the Parish Council consider some financial assistance towards funding a website as it is specifically for residents of Ashford Hill and Headley. The Chair proposed a grant of £400 be awarded to the trust to assist in the funding of a website. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Dunn and supported by all other Councillors present by a show of hands.

December 2026 meeting

The Chair's proposal to again offer refreshments after the December meeting was accepted by the Councillors present as a good idea.

Parish Councillors

Cllr Dunn reported on the progress of the planning application for additional car parking spaces in Thornford Road, which had received a revision and had been presented for further public consultation.

Cllr Dunn confirmed that the pest control contractor had reported a significant reduction in the rodent population on the recreation ground in Headley but the situation would be regularly monitored by the contractor.
Cllr Dunn further requested that the results of the tree condition survey for Headley recreation ground be further reviewed in order for additional works to be carried out and that the grounds maintenance contract which was due for review next year included local contractors.

Cllr Allwright reported on the recent operation of the ANPR equipment in Ashford Hill which had proved to be a useful exercise to make drivers aware of the speed restriction in the village and another exercise was planned for later in November.
The Chair reminded Cllr Allwright of the need for volunteers to wear fluorescent 'hi-vis' jackets in order to ensure their safety and visibility. It was discussed if it woud be effective to have a warning sign to inform drivers that a ANPR Speed Watch exercise was in operation and Cllr Gallagher agreed to seek advice from police officers. *

Cllr Allwright confirmed the progress being made on the programme of installation for the MUGA which had been named as the 'Stewart Courts'; named after Mr Graham Stewart who had served as a Parish Councillor for a number of years and who had originally suggested the scheme and was instrumental in managing the Headley Pavilion project on Headley recreation ground. Cllr Allwright confirmed that properties adjacent to the site location would be informed when the start date of the installation was confirmed and any other pertinent information. Cllr Allwright confirmed the engagement of KT Design to assist him with the membership and marketing of the 'Stewart Courts' on Headley recreation ground. Cllr Allwright further confirmed the agreed court fees for non-residents and the agreement to use ClubSpark as the preferred court booking application as used by the Lawn Tennis Association.

9. **Recess**

There were no members of the public present.

10. **Financial statement**

The Lloyds TSB current account of the Parish Council stood at £1,156.61
The Lloyds TSB deposit account of the Parish Council stood at £31,359.19

11. **Payments paid & for approval and payment**

Grave Concerns – Annual maintenance of war memorials – £280.00
EDF – Electricity supply for Headley Pavilion - £122.88
Nature Space Partnership – Headley Car parking project - £2400.00
KT Design – Website management fee – 3 months - £315.00
Scofell Landscapes – Trees and planter watering (6 weeks) - £1774.80
Test Valley Pest Control Ltd – Quarterly service charge for pest control - £288.00
A Miles Services – drainage ditch clearance – Ashford Hill car park - £325.00
Locks International Ltd – Access lock for Stewart Courts - £641.80

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm.