



MEETING OF CAMPSEA ASHE PARISH COUNCIL, Tuesday 17th March 2026, 19.00 at Station House

PRESENT/ Participants: SCC Cllr Alexander Nicoll (AN); Clare Reid (CR), Felicity Gillott (FG), Michele Dawson (MD); Nicola Snell (SN); Klaus Fortmann, clerk (KF) and members of the public

26.62 Apologies;), ESC Cllr Sally Noble (SN), Nigel Pringle (NP), John Jeffrey (JJ);

25.63 Declarations of interest none

25.64 To consider requests for dispensation on agenda items - none

25.65 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 20st Jan 2026

Notes approved as an accurate record and signed by CR;

25.66 Public Participation

Members of public attending participated in discussion re 25.68

Cllr AN made a farewell presentation to the PC. The PC expressed gratitude for his engagement with Campsea Ashe, especially his support of Station House and his crucial involvement in the Joint Parish Traffic Initiative, which would not have been possible without his support. The JPTI model is now being copied by other PC's to try and further their diminished influence with the local District & County councils.

25.67 Highways

1) Clerk reported on the SzC Southern Transport Forum meeting, which he attended together with MD. The issues of damaged verges/kerbs on local lanes, due to the recent Melton diversions and increased 'alternative routes' traffic were brought to the attention of SzC. This was a repeated issue, with many other PC's reporting similar – and utterly predicted – damages to our rural lanes. Whilst initially refusing to accept liability, it was pointed out that the Melton level crossing closure and its diversion route had clearly been identified as the main reason for damages in our parish. SzC agreed to look into this together with SCC Highways Steve Merry. Parishes to report damages on the SCC website. Clerk will sent an email to SCC Highways Steve merry.

Cllr AN also brought up the raising of the HGV upper limit, which SzC argued was linked to increases of bus transport to the site. AN thought this being a rather cynical cover of predictable increases used to accommodate mor HGV movements.

AN suggested to attend SzC community Forum 19th March, which clerk stated he would try to attend if diary allowed.

2) Clerk reported on footpath idea (via JPTI) through the valley to Wickham. The loosely proposed route through the Haywards Farm is not suitable, due to it being through active fields, and that the other route over the weirs is the only option. Clerk to communicate with ESC and WM PC in the matter.

25.68 Planning Matters

1/ Clerk reported on no further new info from Beauly. CR reiterated to residents who raised concerns that the PC will communicate any new info to residents if/when available. The PC will attend the coming residents meeting and will organise a Residents/Developer meeting, once the Planning Application is live

2/DC/26/0815LBC; Ash Abbey Hse, Ash Abbey, Loudham Rd; external flood resilience & internal repairs from flood damage; PC has no objection.



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25.69 Play Area / Recreation ground

1/ CR reported a resident concern re gates to play area. Clerk to look into possible improvements.

25.70 Village Hall

1) VH looking into designs to build extension, avoiding building on PC owned land and therefore invoking costly issues with the deeds. Easement –solicitor is progressing with the VH part of the proposal.

25.71 Clerks Report

1 The PC reviewed & adopted Statutory Documents 2025/26 (Red Folder)
Standing Order & Financial Regulations;
Code of Conduct; Transparency Code; Asset Register (unchanged from Sept24);
Risk Assessment general & financial;
Review of Internal Control – chair;
CIL Statement year ending 31/03/2026 (2025 statement published by 31/12/26)
2 to confirm ROI of members are up to date
3 The PC resolved for the clerk’s salary to change in line with his contract to SCP 13 from April 1st. Clerk pointed out that a proper review process should be put in place for future decisions. Cllr SCC AN also pointed out that such discussions should be done by members only, without clerk present.
4 The PC resolved to re-appoint Heelis Lodge as external auditor
5 The PC resolved to postpone the discussion re work of PC over next 12 month (Infrastructure Plan, etc), as not all members were present.

25.72 RFO Report

1 RFO has produced the following statement
RFO warned of uncomfortable low funds, which should be rectified shortly with the easement fund coming through.

Payments received	£ 200.00 Vlarke & Simpson for WAC activities (Earmarked)
	£ 480.00 ECB grant Village Voice (4 issues)
	£ 519.00 ECB grant ESC for Walking/Cycling leaflet
	£ 1780.60 VAT refund payment

Balance on 27/02/26	£ 10724.78 in Community Account (Current)
	£ 3829.45 in Business Savings Account
	£ 13583.63

Expenditure to be approved

E26/34 Station House Room Hire	£ 90.00
E26/35 RM Phoenix Village Voice 8	£ 120.00
E26/36 IT Serv. CAS / web & email	£ 81.50
E26/37 Heritage group	£ 200.00
E26/38 Squircle (walk leaflet)	£ 519.00
E26/39 Salary Clerk	£ 741.00
E26/40 RM Phoenix (VV9, just going into print)	£ 120.00
Total	£1871.50

Expenditure Yr to date (= approved payments) £ 11766.45
Balance after approved & uncashed chqs £ 128022.73
2 PC agreed to accept the quote for grass cutting received (£882 for 14 cuts)



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25.73 Correspondence received

- all relevant communication passed on to PC members

Date of next meeting to be held: The PC, AMP & AMC meetings will be held on Tuesday 19 th May 2026, from 19.00 in Village Hall.

Bold red initialled (xx) points refer to specific actions to be undertaken

Klaus Fortmann, Clerk

24/03/2026