



# Ashburton Town Council

Minutes of the Assets Working Group meeting  
held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.30pm  
in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall

**Present:** Cllrs. Distin, Giles, Harper and Wood.

**In attendance:** Town Clerk, Deputy Clerk and ten members of the public.

Cllr. Harper opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

## **01.26AW Apologies.**

The Clerk reported that apologies had been received from Cllrs. Pugh and Turner.

## **02.26AW Declarations of Interest.**

None received.

## **03.26AW To approve the minutes of the previous meeting, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025.**

There being no actions outstanding, Cllr. Giles proposed that these minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting; seconded by Cllr. Distin.

**RESOLVED**

## **04.26AW To discuss and approve Terms of Reference.**

Draft Terms of Reference were presented. Cllr. Giles proposed their acceptance; seconded by Cllr. Wood. All in favour. Discussion took place about the lack of a Teignbridge Councillor being present. It was agreed to invite all three to the next meeting.

**ACTION:** Clerk's office to invite the Teignbridge Councillors to the next meeting.

## **05.26AW To review TDC asset list.**

Each asset on the list was discussed in turn along with an image/map projected.

Initial thoughts were as follows:

002 – Ashburn Close – No

004 – Barnsley Gardens – Maybe. Playparks, collectively, will be discussed at a future meeting. A member of the public suggested that a Trust could be formed to manage the play parks.

005 – Crockerton Cottages – No

006 – Dolbeare Road – Maybe. The suggestion was made to research the cost of resurfacing this area before agreeing to take it on.

007 – Home Park – Maybe. It was noted that there may be services running under the grass verges. It was suggested to ask other local organisations if they wish to take these verges on under the auspices of biodiversity.

008 – Short term car park – Yes.

447 – Public Toilets – Yes. A question was raised – would business rates need to be paid on the toilets?

- 009 – Little Roborough Allotment area – No.
  - 010 – Minors Close play area – Maybe.
  - 011 – North Street play area & Cleder grass area – Maybe though discussion ensued about safety measures and the river.
  - 012 – Holne Cross grass area – No; the trees would be a liability.
  - 013 – Prigg Meadow – Maybe. It was said that Growing Space may like to take on the old toilet block though there may be asbestos in the building. The Clerk’s office were asked to obtain the public liability costs for the rec and play parks from TDC.
  - 014 – Roborough Lane – what does GEA mean?
  - 016 – Westabrook – Maybe.
  - 423 – Market Close car park – Maybe – Income generation from permits.
- ACTION:** Clerk’s office to ascertain whether business rates would be payable on the toilets.

**06.26AW To discuss the open day – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 11am-3pm.**

The Clerk and Cllr. Harper explained the format for the open day and asked those present to advertise the day in any way they feel able. More information on each asset should be available at that time.

**07.26AW Any other business.**

A member of the public asked if the Community Land Trust could take on some of the smaller pieces of land.

Cllr. Harper thanked those present and closed the meeting at 21.06.

Signed ..... (Chair)      Date .....

**Action Points Arising from the Asset Working Group Meeting**

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