



## Ashton Parish Council REPORT 2025-26

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Playground and CAN Champions Group

**What has happened during this last year:**

Playground: one slide had to be removed and is awaiting replacement to be fitted (due to be done imminently). Hopscotch was installed.

CAN (Climate and Nature) Champions Group: Set up during the year and first two meetings of the group held. More can be found out here - [Climate and Nature Champion Scheme | My Website](#) and here is the presentation from the launch event which explains a bit more - [29952](#)

**Outstanding issues:**

Playground: slide replacement (unless done since I was down there last week).

APC Information:

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**Date:** 11 May 2026





# **NCALC TRAINING** – Please ask Clerk to book for you

## **Foundation**

Below are the courses you need to complete to reach Foundation

- [Off to a Flying Start](#) (training)
- [Finance for Councillors](#) (training)
- [Code of Conduct in Practice](#) (training)
- [The Good Councillors Guide](#) (reading)
- [The Good Councillors Guide to Finance and Transparency](#) (reading)
- [The Good Councillors Guide to Being a Good Employer](#) (reading)

**Suggested timeframe:** within first 12 months of becoming a Councillor

## **Core**

Below are the courses you need to complete to reach Core

- [Planning Nuts and Bolts](#) (training)
- [An intro to employment law](#) (training)

**Suggested timeframe:** within first 24 months of becoming a Councillor

## **Leader**

Running alongside these stages is **Leader**. You don't need to complete **Foundation, Core and Advanced** before attempting to reach **Leader** (although it may help if you are new to the sector).

Below are the courses you are recommended to complete for **Leader**:

- [Chairperson and Leadership Training](#) (training)
- [Leadership in the Community](#) (training)
- [An introduction to Leadership and Management](#) (e-learning)



## Advanced

Once you have reached **Foundation and Core**, and for those Councillors who are really keen, you can specialise in areas of training to reach **Advanced**. You can complete as many or, as little, of the various courses under the **Advanced** stages as you wish and there's no timeframe for completion.

The following is not an exhaustive list:

### Finance

- Internal controls
- Internal and external audits
- An intro to VAT
- Contracts and Procurement

### Planning

- Community infrastructure Levy (CIL) and S106
- Neighbourhood Planning
- [The Good Councillor's Guide to Neighbourhood Planning](#)
- Community Emergency Plan Workshop

### Employment Law

- Appraisal training
- Disciplinary/ grievance handling

### Regulatory

- GDPR
- FOI
- Transparency code
- [The Good Councillors Guide to Cyber Security](#)

### Other

- Common Land and Village Greens
- Parish Mapping
- [The Good Councillors guide to Transport Planning](#)
- [The Good Councillors guide to Community Business](#)
- Allotment Management
- Playground Management and Inspection
- Risk Assessment