



Ashton Parish Council REPORT 2025-26

RESPONSIBILITIES: Playing field maintenance

What has happened during this last year:

The field is rolled in the spring. Mowing, litter picking, and attention to goal nets continue as routine.

The slide was removed owing to damage. It is due to be replaced shortly.

Glass can be a hazard. Please return glasses and bottles to the pub.

Grass cutting will be done by a new contractor from June.

Outstanding issues:

APC Information:

Name: Bernard Day

Date: 5/5/2026





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