



## Ashton Parish Council REPORT 2025-26

**RESPONSIBILITIES: Vice Chairman, Footpath Warden, Speed Signs Warden, Street Lights Warden**

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

#### **Vice Chairman**

As Vice Chairman I had only a single meeting to deputise as cover for the Chairman.

I worked with the chairman, Clerk, and other council members to facilitate the progress of business and ensure clear communication in the decision making process.

I carried out banking authorisations when requested.

#### **Footpath Warden**

To ensure all right of way within the Parish are accessible and passable.

Some fields take a long time for ROW path to be reinstated. I work with the ROW officer for West Northants to communicate problems to the landowners/farmers.

I use my own grass/weeds strimmer and hedge cutting strimmer to maintain access where possible.

#### **Speed Sign Warden**

Check speed signs are working. With two speed signs the locations are moved between the 5 pre-set locations. However this is proving to be risky and burdensome task. A 3<sup>rd</sup> speed sign will be purchased and located on the new street light number 33 at the entrance to the village along Hartwell Road.

Speed data is downloaded and analysed to see if any action is required to make the roads safer.

20mph Advisory signs have been placed around the village.

#### **Street Lights Warden**

Two new street lights erected at entrance to village along Hartwell Road.

LED lights proving very reliable with very few faults reported by Carl Johnson, who helps with monitoring and reporting. One fault due to Photocells not connected properly.

Street Lights inventory checked and mapped in Parish Online.

### **Outstanding issues:**

Purchase new speed sign. Select final position of 3 speed signs so repositioning no longer required.

Introduce traffic calming signs for Little Ashton railway bridge.

Street lights number decals require renewing and correcting.

### **APC Information:**

National Grid have stated that we need a new Transformer to allow new build housing development, car charging and reducing power drop-outs. New transformer now planned to be sited on memorial green subject to final approvals.

APC & WNC Grit bins location added to Parish Online and filled status noted.

Carry out monthly safety checks.

Liaise with Chairman for Ashton Village News Content.

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