Ashby Herringfleet & Somerleyton Parish Council

Legal Name of the Parish Council

From 1987 when Herringfleet joined the other two parish councils our name was as above but from about 2020 East Suffolk and Suffolk County Councils began referring to us as Somerleyton Ashby and Herringfleet; neither council has been able to offer a reason for the change. As a legal entity the parish council should be known by one name alone and have its bank accounts in that name. At its Annual General Meeting on 14th May 2026 the parish council will determine the name by which it should be known and parishioners are invited to express their opinions.

It is not a straight choice, either/or, as over the years many groups have found it expedient to refer to the parish council as "ASH PC" which has no legal basis. Since 2015 our agendas and minutes have been titled AHS PC but our web and email addresses have been ashvillages since 2016. Changing the web and email addresses will require the purchase of a new domain.

Decision for the AGM – should this parish council be called:
Ashby Herringfleet & Somerleyton
Somerleyton Ashby & Herringfleet
Ashby Somerleyton & Herringfleet (to match the web & email address)
Something else

If you wish to comment on this matter you may do so at the Public Forum at the beginning of the AGM or you may email hello@ashvillages.org.uk

Simon Phillips
Chair
06 May 2026