



Ashington Parish Council

Members of Ashington Parish Council are summoned to attend a meeting of the Ashington Parish Council that will take place at **Ashington School at 7:45p.m.** on Thursday 6th February 2020.

Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting and speak for a maximum of 5 minutes during the public adjournment at the discretion of the Chairman.

Karen Dare
Clerk to the Parish Council

30th January 2020

A G E N D A

026/20 Apologies for absence

027/20 Councillor recruitment

028/20 Declaration of Interests and notification of change of interests

029/20 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th January 2020

030/20 Neighbourhood Wardens Report (Appendix 1)

031/20 Youth Worker Report (Appendix 2)

032/20 Report from District and County Councillors

033/20 Young Persons Adjournment

034/20 **HDC Local Plan Review & Neighbourhood Plan**
Including a Public Adjournment specifically on this issue

035/20 Public Adjournment

036/20 Action List Update

- a. ACCT working together – review of play area repairs & litter warden issues
- b. Armed Forces Covenant Grant – update
- c. Defibrillator Working Party – update
- d. Hanging baskets – does the PC want hanging baskets next year?
- e. Weedkilling – does the PC want weedkilling done this year?

037/20 Correspondence received for action

- a. Kite & Thomas (Ashington Autos) have given notice on 1st January 2020 to quit 'green shed'.

038/20 Correspondence received for information

- a. Thank You email received from Lee English (ACCT) for the Council's attendance at Village Halls Open Day.
- b. HDC – how Neighbourhood Wardens and new PCSO's are working together
- c. Horsham District Older People's Forum meeting dates 2020
- d. SSALC Strategy Review Survey
- e. HALC Agenda 27/1/20
- f. HDC – 'Discover Horsham District' website
- g. Response from Deborah Urquhart to Amenity Tip issues raised at the last meeting – see Appendix 5
- h. New WSCC Gritting/Ploughing routes – not quite the same as last year

039/20 Meetings attended by Councillors

040/20 Matters raised by Councillors

041/20 Chairman's announcements

Planning

042/20 Minutes of the planning meeting held on 22nd January 2020 – meeting cancelled

043/20 Planning correspondence –

1. Proposed Submission Draft Soft Sand Review of the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan, consultation ends 2nd March 2020. Ham Farm has been allocated as a sand extraction site.

044/20 Neighbourhood Plan update – see 034/20. No further update

045/20 New Enforcement Allegations – none

046/20 Planning Applications

DC/20/0093 The use of Spear Hill Barn as a separate single dwelling house began more than four years before the date of this application (Certificate of Lawful Development - Existing) - Spear Hill Barn, Spear Hill

DC/20/0140 Retrospective application for the installation of a swimming pool within the curtilage - Malthouse Farm, Malthouse Lane

047/20 Horsham District Council Decisions

Approvals -

DC/19/2341 Part conversion of detached garage into habitable living space for the use of an office and erection of a single storey side extension - 4 Greenacres

DC/19/2330 Renewal of unimplemented Woodland Management Works and Reinstatement of Coppicing Regime - Land Parcel at 511759 115155 Muttons Lane

Refusals - none

Withdrawals - none

Appeals - none

Finance

048/20 Correspondence:

1. Quarterly Bank reconciliation

2. Quarterly budget report
3. Cost savings - figures
4. Appointment of Internal Auditor – it is proposed that Peter J. Consultants are re-appointed as the Council’s Internal Auditor for 18/19 accounts.

049/20 Income

Kite & Thomas – rent & roundabout sponsorship £2,077.50

Administrators of Singer & Friedlander bank £382.00 (takes the total recovered to 86.6%)

NS&I £1,365.93 bank interest

050/20 Expenditure (Appendix 3)

051/20 Date of Next meetings

The next Planning Committee meeting is at **7:30pm on Wednesday 19th February 2020** in Committee Room 2, Ashington Community Centre. **These are NOT Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meetings.**

The next Parish Council will be held at **8:15pm on Thursday 5th March 2020** at Ashington School, Foster Lane. This will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.45pm

Confidential Matter – exclusion of Press and Public

None

Members of the public should be aware that being present at a meeting of the Council or one of its Committees will be deemed as the person having given consent to being recorded (photograph, film or audio recording) at the meeting, by any person present.

Appendix 1 – Warden Report

Warden Monthly Report

January 2020 – Ashington

Patrol hours TOTAL:		ASB incidents TOTAL:	
Foot (high visibility)	30.50	Noise	
Vehicle	27	Neighbours	
Notices/warnings TOTAL:		Driving/vehicles	
Fixed Penalty Notice		Bikes	
Yellow card warning		Alcohol/drugs	
Community Protection Warning/Notice		Public order	
Parking alert	5	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	
Police reports TOTAL:		Fly tipping / flyposting	3
Phone (including 101 and 999)	1	Graffiti	
Email		Dog fouling	2
Intelligence report		Litter	
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	2	Drug litter	1
Verbal		Hazards	3
Admin	34	Community events attended	1
Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)	10	School contact/engagement	1
Signposting		Reports to DVLA	
Safeguarding referral	2	Reports to Operation Crackdown	

ASB/crime/criminal damage

We have received a couple of complaints regarding drug dealing within certain areas of the village. We are aware of the problems and are feeding the intelligence into the Police and working on developing this, but we are also encouraging residents to report incidents to the Police. We are finding some residents reporting drug dealing happening in the village but they cannot give any details about times or dates that it was witnessed which makes it harder for us to act on and pass onto the Police.

To report any non-emergency incidents to the police, residents can call on 101 or go online to <https://www.sussex.police.uk/> and follow the reporting link.

Parking/vehicles

We received a complaint of a vehicle not having a valid Mot. This has been reported.

We received a complaint about vehicles being parked on the pavements and over a dropped kerb within a close in the village. We issued five parking alerts to advise on the problems with parking. We also received the question about tax and MOT on vehicles and informed the resident that anyone can check the tax or MOT status of a vehicle using <https://vehicleenquiry.service.gov.uk/> and then report it through the same site.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

We received two reports of fly tipping within the last month. One is actually on private land and the other was up Park Lane which has been reported.

We also noticed one incident of fly posting on the road into the village. We removed the sign.

Community engagement/events/meetings

HDC community safety partnership and Solomon Theatre Company have presented all the local secondary schools across the district with a drama and workshop to focus on awareness of knife crime and gang culture, we had the opportunity to attend a session to see what our young people are being taught.

Village Hall open day was a great success, we had a stand and it gave us the opportunity to meet some new residents in Ashington. It was also a chance for us to engage further with the community and another opportunity for residents to report information to us.

Patrols (foot/visible and car)

We have covered the whole village numerous times across the month, both in vehicle and on foot and different times of the day.

Elderly and youth

We have been working closely with residents regarding the flooding in Mill Lane and looking if there is a way of preventing further damage. This is a long standing problem that has happened numerous times over the year but we are exploring different avenues as to what causes the problem with the parish council.

We are working with a family to help identify a resident with possible signs of dementia and accessing the support that may be needed. This is requiring regular visits to check on their welfare and make sure they are safe.

We have been working with a vulnerable youth in the village and the family to support them with some challenges we have also worked with the youth club to best support this young person.

Licensing

Nothing to report.

Dog related issues

We received a complaint of dog fouling around the village. We are bearing in mind whilst out on foot but we have seen an increase. We are looking at what work we can do around education.

We had a complaint about a possible aggressive dog, we went and met with the dog and owner and from what we witnessed we had no cause for concern so updated the complainant of this. We will continue to monitor.

Cycling

Nothing to report.

Parish specific/other

We reported two large potholes on Park lane and rectory road. We also reported one tree down which was obstructing the public footpath.

We met with Chris Stark (head of WSCC Highways) to discuss the dangerous drifting at the north of the village, we wanted to ascertain if there was anything we were able to do with the road surface and/or layout to deter the drivers from drifting at this site. Unfortunately there are not many options available for this. We also met with the area manager for the BP garage who is looking into putting up CCTV in the area.

We have printed out leaflets around how to report anti- social driving and would encourage residents who witness this to report every incident to www.Operationcrackdown.org or by phone on 101 (non-emergency) or 999 (if it is an emergency).

Appendix 2 – Youth Worker Report

Senior Youth Worker's Report

JANUARY 2020

January Activities

- We ran the following activities throughout January:
- On 13th Jan, we ran a DJ workshop with the kind support of an anonymous donor who funded the event, making it free for the young people. The youth enjoyed having a chance to mix songs, rap into the mic and be a DJ! We are in talks about possibly running ongoing workshops if there is a desire from the youth to do so. Watch this space!
- We held a bingo night, and the youth surprisingly enjoyed getting into the game and the tension when those last few balls were called was electric!! We will run another bingo night soon judging by their positive reaction!
- The youth LOVED making pizzas in a mug (who even knew that was a thing!?) and if nothing else, helped them learn to follow instructions, measure carefully and discover that they can cook!

- We bought a second game for the Nintendo Switch and the youth enjoyed battling against each other.

- We ran a third 'hot potato' night

Youth Club Evenings

- The average attendance has dropped slightly, but we have been blighted with awful weather on most Mondays, which in turn has caused the puddle (the lake) outside the club doors to be a barrier to members and their parents. I'm hoping that we can soon find a way to get the drainage fixed as it is a very unwelcome sight as one arrives to club.

Pastoral

- Sadly, we have had a couple of major incidents regarding one young person. This person is now banned from the club for 2 months. We are working closely with various other agencies to arrange an appropriate way forward to get them back in the club.

- There was a bullying incident at Ashington School that has crossed over into the club - again, we are working with all involved to make sure the club stays safe and welcoming to all.

- The volunteers and I continue to work hard to build relationships with the youth and get alongside them where possible. Many have had great conversations and helped the young people to open up about life.

Other

- We opened for the Ashington Village Halls Open Day on 25th Jan and we were thrilled to welcome lots of guests, many of whom were seeing inside the club for the first time. One new boy signed up and became a member, and one or two adults offered to help in various ways in the future.

- The DVD drop and buy at the Co-op continues to raise money.

- We raised £224 at the Warden's Christmas Party.

Numbers

- Average year 6-7 numbers on a Monday night are 33

- Average year 8-10 numbers on a Thursday night are 6.

Nick Taylor - Senior Youth Worker - nick@ashingtonyouth.co.uk - 07966 985921

Appendix 3 – Expenditure

Karen Dare	Home office (January)	£20.00
Mark Adsett	Landscape Gardening (January)	£533.75
Ashington PCC	Invoice YW-2020-01 (January)	£1,083.33
WSCC	Salaries and Costs (January 2020)	£1,452.51
EcomSolutions	Website hosting & emails	£115.20
		£3,204.79

All to be paid by Bank Transfer

Appendix 4

Funds held by the Parish Council on behalf of others:

Ashington Rangers £ 724.01

Ashington Residents Association £615.85

Appendix 5

Amenity Tip issues

Thank you for your email of 14th January and for taking the time to contact me about a number of issues discussed at the most recent Ashington Parish Council meeting.

The ID checking scheme is not to inconvenience our residents, but to ensure their council tax is being used appropriately and for those sites near to the border, reduced usage will mean less traffic and queues at site. Although initially whilst the

scheme is being implemented, some delays are expected at site, we are committed to providing residents with a high quality service and this will not change.

Residents will become familiar with the changes and have the required information ready. As users from outside of the county are denied access, they will no longer visit and the process will speed up. The changes started in early December when site visits were low to support users understanding the new system.

We currently have no plans to open the Horsham Household Waste Recycling Site more than the current five days allocated, but we keep this option under review to take into account population increases.

Fly-tipping is a national problem, particularly with the increasing costs of legitimate waste disposal. Legitimate householders in the county are very unlikely to fly tip waste, the majority of waste is deposited by rogue traders charging to take waste away illegally and then fly tipping it.

Fly tipping is a criminal offence, punishable by a fine of up to £50,000 or 12 months' imprisonment if convicted in a magistrates' court. The offence can attract an unlimited fine and up to five years' imprisonment if convicted in a Crown Court.

You can report incidents of fly tipping to the district or borough council in which the fly tipping has occurred, they have the power to prosecute offenders where they have the evidence to do so.

Yours sincerely

Deborah Urquhart
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment.