



# Ashington Parish Council

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## Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 at 7.45p.m. Ashington Scout Hall, Church Lane

**Present: Councillors:** N. Spiers, P. Kerrey, T. Kearney, T. Moss, S. Ball, G. MacPherson, Paul Linehan, J. Stillwell & T. Watson

**Also present:**

Clerk: Karen Dare

District Councillor: none

County Councillor: Paul Marshall

Invited Guests: Neville Clark - Ashington Youth Club (AYC) Chairman, Steve May - Trustee of AYC - grants and fundraising, Chris Cook - Sussex Clubs for Young People

3 Members of the Public

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The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first physical meeting since the start of the Covid pandemic. He also congratulated Paul Linehan and Paul Marshall on their recent elections as County Councillors.

### 148/21 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from:

Parish Councillors: J. Morris & M. Woolley

District Councillor: John Blackall & Philip Circus

No apologies from District Councillor J Saheid

Neighbourhood Wardens: Bryony Sparks & Christina Arnold

Dan Fairchild – HDC Youth Provision Officer

### 149/21 **Declaration of Interests and notification of change of interest**

The Chairman reminded Councillors that previous declarations still stand (as defined under the Localism Act 2011).

Cllr Moss declared an interest in item 150/21 as he is a Trustee of Ashington Youth Club.

Cllr Moss moved to the public gallery.

### 150/21 **Invited Guests**

Proposal from AYC for the continuation of Youth Services in Ashington.

The Chairman reminded Councillors that no decisions on any proposals could be made at this meeting as the required notice for any proposal had not been received. He suggested that Councillors listen to the presentation, ask questions, reflect on the matter over the next few days and send further questions to the Clerk who will collate them and send them to Neville Clark.

Steve May ran through the presentation.

Questions from Councillors:

1. Notes that AYC is requesting £13k pa over 3 years. Who else is contributing? Will there be grants available? Why not charge youth to attend? Where does the 68p per child figure come from?

The AYC need to have security before grant applications can be submitted. Some kids can't afford £4-5 per session. There are @360 youngsters in the village = 68p each. AYC target is 100 youngsters so it is more like £2.50 per person per week that the PC would be funding.

2. How will AYC link their provision with other youth provision that the village already has? AYC recognises the need to work with others but they don't know who is doing what on which nights. Some members don't do football, Scouts etc. AYC is looking at funding packages that address educational gaps caused by the pandemic and will look to work with MIND on mental health issues.
3. The Scouts are self-funding – each member pays £10 per month and 50% goes to the Scout Association. Why can't AYC self-fund, is it because they want to offer their services cheaply? AYC should know that £13k is 13% of total PC income.
4. How have funds been raised in the past? It looks like £7k was raised in 2019 + £4k in grants. Car wash, jumble sale but most success has been from grant applications. Scouts is a different organisation and their funding model won't work for AYC, it is a very different group of youngsters. Youth work does help to reduce community disorder. The AYC will need more than £13k as there will be other costs eg maintenance of the building but will look at grants/donations plus a lot of work is done by volunteers.
5. Do the youngsters help with fundraising? Where possible but safeguarding can be an issue. If their parents get involved then it is much easier. AYC does try to get youngsters involved in all activities so they can understand how AYC and the village works. Some Scouts do attend AYC. They have done various projects eg served the elderly & vulnerable at cream teas and they want to extend this kind of work. Some elderly & vulnerable did attend AYC as volunteers.
6. The contribution of volunteers is very important. How many are there? Currently 15 but 8 will leave when the Church Partnership ends in July. Only Neville Clark & Helen Lee are trained volunteers. If parents don't volunteer then there won't be enough to run the club. They need 15-20 volunteers to enable them to attend only 1-2 sessions per month. All volunteers need training/vetting.
7. The risk of teenage suicide is very real. How will AYC get numbers attending back up? The Purple Bus will visit, they will develop links with schools. The AYC need to offer what the youngsters want but first need to find out what this is.
8. Chris Cook from SCYP gave a brief overview of their work: they currently work with Steyning, Bramber, Upper Beeding & Storrington. Their job is to build-up voluntary Youth Clubs. Their paid worker can bring in other workers, contacts and they have a wider network of support staff and links to external bodies. Their Youth Worker may need extra time to deal with any bigger issues.
9. The cost of a Youth Club session is currently @£200 and during this past year only 2 older youths have been attending, pre-covid it was 4. This equates to £50 per person. Consideration of value for money, cost/benefit is vital for the Parish Council as it is spending public funds.

The Chairman thanked the guests for attending and asked Councillors to send any further questions to the Clerk.

Cllr Moss returned to the meeting table.

**151/21 Public Adjournment** - Members of the public can ask questions.

1. Expressed concerns about not being able to get an appointment at the Horsham Amenity tip and not being able to dispose of rubbish that he collects on behalf of elderly/vulnerable residents that he assists on a voluntary basis.

**152/21 Reports from District & County Councillors**

District Councillor Philip Circus sent the following report: We continue to agonise over the District Plan which has caused great problems in trying to reach some sort of way forward. Meanwhile, we have a new Leader (Paul Clarke) who has taken over from Ray Dawe. There are a lot of new faces in the new cabinet, but I retain the same role in relation to the environment, waste, recycling etc.

County Councillor Paul Marshall reported:

1. The Chairman alerted him to 161/21(1) regarding the speed tables in London Road causing noise and vibration to nearby homes and asked if WSCC could install some noise/vibration

sensors to measure the problem. Paul Marshall asked the Clerk to send him an email with the issue and he would enquire about potential measuring devices. Upper Beeding had speed bumps removed because of this exact issue.

2. He will enquire as to why residents who support others, on a voluntary basis, can't dispose of rubbish at the tip. He reminded those present that Billingshurst Road tip has no booking system and that a 5 visits per month limit is in place at tips. The traffic problems caused by too many visitors has much improved and appointments are usually available at quite short notice.
3. He had received information from the Clerk about drainage problems in The Close and is looking into it.
4. He congratulated the Parish Council on its success at the Neighbourhood Plan referendum.
5. WSCC did agree some time ago to make some grants available for AYC but he is not sure they claimed all of the money. He will check if any funds are still available.

#### Questions:

1. AYC has had no update from WSCC Highways on their car park flooding issue. Water is flowing off the road and into their car park. Paul Marshall to check.
2. HALC are very concerned that the HDC Local Plan has still not been published. Paul Marshall has no further information but is aware that the Govt. have dropped their proposed algorithm but other parts of their planning reforms are still being considered. This may include the need to delivering infrastructure ahead of housing. He is still concerned about housing being built for locals, being affordable and delivering the right infrastructure.
3. The Wardens have been dealing with a serious sewage issue at Luckista Grove – there are open sewers and raw sewage is flowing under homes. Paul Marshall has looked into this and it seems that HDC Environmental Health and Planning Enforcement need to take action that forces the landowner to put a larger capacity septic tank in the right place. District Councillor John Blackall has been involved. There is some trepidation from residents to get involved perhaps for fear of eviction by the landlord.

The Chairman thanked both Councillors for attending the meeting and they both left.

#### **DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN:**

##### **153/21 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

The minutes of the meeting dated 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Kearney, seconded by Cllr Kerrey and agreed by all.

##### **154/21 The Parish Yard - update**

1. The Clerk has contracted with a commercial survey service and they are scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> July. She has also contacted 2 additional architects to secure fee proposal quotes.
2. A monthly mini-Market started on 8<sup>th</sup> May with visiting stalls. Next one 12<sup>th</sup> June.
3. Other food sellers are still visiting but with Covid restrictions lifting some are going back to their normal lines of business eg events catering
4. Blush & Bramble have not yet paid for March & April visits due to being away in May. The Clerk is in contact about this and new dates. **CFWD**

##### **155/21 Annual Review of ACCT/PC agreement –**

1. ACCT have presented a draft Licence (rather than Lease) for the skatepark and Over 12s play area and Cllrs McPherson & Linehan are in discussions with them about it and will update next month.
2. ACCT still need to transfer ownership of skatepark equipment to PC (by simple letter).
3. Clerk to amend & update gardener's contract (173/21). **CFWD**

##### **156/21 Creation of a Bridleway through Americas Wood**

The Clerk has contacted WSCC PROW and Legal Services teams to open up discussions. Legal Services have contacted PROW to see if they could consider a dedication agreement to upgrade FP2505.

### 157/21 **Flagpole – proposal**

Flagpoles require planning permission unless they are <4.6m high and in the grounds of a building. The cost of planning permission from HDC has been confirmed as £66 (including 50% discount). The Council must decide where it would want the pole installed prior to submitting an application.

Ceremonial flagpoles are normally 6m high (same height as a 2-storey house) and glass fibre construction. Installation on a hinged base allows for the pole to be lowered easily for cleaning & maintenance purposes. Internal ropes make it vandal resistant and are accessed by a locked door on the pole.

Quotes for 6m glass fibre poles with decorative finial & Union flag:

Hampshire Flag Company £694.64 (includes installation cost of £280)

Flagmakers £1,424.03 (includes installation cost of £1,029.25)

South Coast Flags £awaiting quote.

The Council has no specific budget for this but could consider using Contingency budget (£4,000). CIL funds cannot be used for this purpose.

Flagpoles are normally associated with public buildings, which the PC does not have. There is no flagpole on the Church nor ACCT. Cllr Kerrey, who had raised the matter, considered that a flagpole in the memorial garden would make a good area to gather for ceremonies eg Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

After some discussions Councillors agreed not to purchase the flagpole at this stage.

### 158/21 **Seats, signs & noticeboards – replacement/repair**

Cllr Kerrey is renovating the Ashington sign at the southern end of the village and will put it back up shortly.

Cllrs Kearney & Spiers have inspected noticeboards and seats around the village and suggest that 1 seat and 3 noticeboards are needed. Noticeboards outside the Co-op, School & ACCT are beyond repair. Cllr Kearney will circulate information to Councillors.

**CFWD**

### 159/21 **Code of Conduct - new**

HDC formally adopted a new Local Government Association Code of Conduct in April 2021, with some minor grammar and typographical corrections. This was circulated to Parish Councils on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021. It is customary for Parish Councils to review and adopt the Code of their principal authority for clarity & consistency. The Clerk has circulated the document. Councillors agreed to adopt this as the Parish Council's Code of Conduct. Clerk to arrange.

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### 160/21 **Annual Review of Policies**

The Freedom of Information, Social Media and Training Policies are reviewed annually in June. There are no proposed amendments to existing policies. Councillors reviewed and approved the documents.

### 161/21 **Correspondence received for Action –**

1. Letter from a resident – complaining about London Road speed bumps causing noise & vibration to his house. Suggesting that speed bumps are an outdated way to control speed and their construction from granite setts is causing a nuisance. See 152/21 above.
2. HDC – proposed change to the Warden Lease vehicle – switch to hybrid will save on monthly lease and fuel costs but there will be some signwriting costs for the new vehicle. All Wardens vehicles in the District will be changed at the same time. Cannot move to fully electric as the infrastructure of charging points is poor. Agreed.

### 162/21 **Meetings attended by Councillors –**

Cllrs Morris & Moss attended an ACCT meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021. No matters to report.

Cllr Ball attended a Youth Partnership meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

Cllrs Linehan & Morris attended a Wardens Steering Group meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Cllr Linehan reported:

1. He raised the issue of CPD training for Wardens and HDC are looking at possible courses eg First Aid, conflict resolution.
2. They are running a session for teenage girls - this is a multi-agency session and a full Risk Assessment will be undertaken. They are not aiming to take over youth services in the village but enhance the offering.
3. ACCT are planning to install a new CCTV camera for monitoring dog fouling on ACCT land. Concern was expressed by Councillors that Wardens time would be spent watching footage and agreed that this is not good use of Wardens time. ACCT manage the CCTV system so will need to ensure that their actions are legal and enforceable.

Cllr MacPherson reported that he had received a number of verbal complaints from residents about the graffiti that had appeared on the pavement outside the Church. This was from a Church-led youth activity. The Parish Council considers that this sends out the wrong message to others in terms of acceptability of graffiti. Clerk to contact the Rector. **Clerk D**

Downsview Cottage, London Road is undertaking a lot of demolition & building work. There are no recent planning applications. The Council will monitor.

#### **163/21 Matters raised by Councillors**

Speedwatch update from Cllr Kerrey –

During May we managed to maintain a regular presence in Billingshurst Road and recently the London Road. Vehicles exceeding the speed limit still remain at approximately 10% of total volume which has resulted in our successfully recording 95 incidents of excess speed. Fortunately signs of aggression from drivers was minimal and, as usual, ignored by us. We were hampered by the cold wet weather which restricted us a little as trying to synchronise volunteer availability between the frequent forecast showers proved interesting.

Since Ashington Speedwatch was set up we have been working with the original 6 sites. However I have now received notification that a 7th site has been approved at the north end of London Road at Greenacres. I was a little surprised by this as this site was first discussed with the Police co-ordinator 2 years ago when Ashington Speedwatch was being set up. We are planning to christen it on Friday 4th June.

My fellow co-ordinator, Anne Grace is planning a further recruiting drive now that lock down is easing.

Cllr Linehan wishes to step down from the Planning Committee as meetings clash with his duties as a County Councillor. Agreed.

#### **164/21 Chairman's Announcements -**

The Chairman asked that the Parish Council purchase 3 x No Cycling signs for the Public Footpath from the stream Malthouse Lane as he, and others, have had accidents with cyclists. Agreed by all, Clerk to source. **Clerk D**

### **PLANNING**

#### **165/21 Neighbourhood Planning Update**

The Neighbourhood Plan was successful at Referendum with 82.6% in support, 17.4% against and a turnout of 46.3%. It will now be presented to HDC at their next Full Council meeting for approval. The Clerk has communicated this to all interested parties including Steering Group, District & County Councillor, local MP, Planning Consultant, Site Promoters and posted updates on the PC website and Facebook page.

The Clerk had calculated that the total cost of the Neighbourhood Plan is @£55,250 (including staff costs) and grants received were £20,720. Therefore, the PC had paid £34,530 from its own funds via budgeted expenditure (but was still £7k under budget).

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Clerk for completing this monumental task and for her great attention to detail throughout the project. Agreed by all.

**166/21 HDC Local Plan Review Update** – the Local Plan Reg 19 consultation is scheduled to take place in June-July 2021 which means that paperwork should be available shortly.

**167/21 Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**  
Minutes have been circulated. Agreed by all

**168/21 Planning Applications –**

DC/21/0463 Erection of single-storey detached outbuilding to create ancillary annexe to the main Dwelling – Dachs, Spear Hill

Councillors objected on the grounds that:

1. Annexes are usually attached to the main building. The Parish Council considers that this is actually a separate dwelling as it is not reliant upon the main home at all.
2. The location is outside the BUAB in a countryside location and its use is not essential to this location. The site is not identified for development in the Ashington Neighbourhood Plan nor the HDPF/emerging Local Plan.
3. The site is located some distance from village services/facilities and has poor pedestrian links. Use of the private car would be required for all journeys.
4. The proposed 'outbuilding' is very large compared to the main house and it is questionable whether it is subservient in any way.
5. The main house has already recently been extended (presumably under permitted development rights?) so the addition of a large outbuilding raises concerns about overdevelopment.
6. In addition, many mature trees have recently been removed and a close boarded 6ft fence erected adjacent to the highway which have affected the street scene.

DC/21/0682 Infill section of shopfront below canopy. Creation of a palisade compound at the rear of the store with timber framed canopy and polycarbonate plastic roof covering - Co Op Welcome Unit 3 Ashington Centre

DC/21/0548 Replacement of existing timber framed windows (Listed Building Consent) - The Willows, London Road

## **FINANCE**

**169/21 Annual Review of banking arrangements**

There are 3 electronic bank signatories – Cllrs Woolley, Kearney & MacPherson. No changes needed. NS&I – the name on the account needs changing.

**170/21 Council approval of Annual Accounts & annual review of Financial Controls**

Councillors have been provided with a copy of the annual accounts, Accounting Statements and supporting documentation. These were discussed at the Finance Committee meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April and approved by Council on 6<sup>th</sup> May and all Councillors have been provided with a copy of the minutes of the meetings. Agreed by all.

Councillors have undertaken a review of the systems of internal financial control (Financial Regulations) and are satisfied with their effectiveness. Copies of the Council's Financial Regulations document are on the Parish Council website. Agreed by all?

It was proposed that Councillors approve the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the Annual Return) as prepared by the RFO and that the Clerk & Chairman are approved to sign the Annual Governance Statement. Agreed by all.

**171/21 Parish Council Approval of the Annual Return**

It was proposed that Councillors approve the Accounting Statements (Section 2 of the Annual Return) and that the RFO and Chairman sign the Accounting Statement. Agreed by all?

The 'Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Return' has been prepared and will be displayed on the village noticeboards by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021. Agreed by all.

The Clerk will now submit the Annual Return to the External Auditor. Agreed by all.

**172/21 Clerks Contractual Annual Salary Review** – the Clerk’s Contract specifies one job scale increment per annum. Using NALC 20-21 Salary Scales, the current Clerk salary SCP32 increases to SCP33 (from £18.58 to £19.19 per hour = £570.96 additional per annum based on 18 hours per week). Effective from 1st April 2021. No revised scales for 2021-2 have yet been agreed. Councillors approved the increase.

**173/21 Annual Contract Review – Landscape Gardener**

The current contract cost is £7,050. The Gardener works every Friday for 47 days per year, daily rate is £150 which is normal for this kind of work. The Clerk has circulated an amended work list, removing ACCT works (as previously agreed) and adding some minor additional work. The workload removed outweighs that added by about 20 hours pa. Councillors agreed that there were plenty of ad hoc tasks that could make up the 20 hours. Councillors also agreed an annual increase to £7200pa.

**174/21 Correspondence** – none

**175/21 Expenditure (Appendix 3)**

It was resolved that the schedule of invoices for payment totalling £4,346.94 for June 2021 be approved. Agreed by all.

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY:**

**176/21 Neighbourhood Wardens Report (Appendix 1)**

No further information.

**177/21 Youth Worker Report (Appendix 2)**

The last Partnership Group meeting would take place on 28<sup>th</sup> June.

**178/21 Correspondence received for Information –**

1. Minutes of HALC AGM 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021
2. MHCLG Electronic Communications Infrastructure Consultation
3. WSALC Board Meeting: Draft Minutes 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021
4. HDC – information about the new batteries, electrical items & textiles recycling service

**PLANNING**

**179/21 Planning Correspondence** – none

**180/21 New Enforcement Allegations** – none

**181/21 Horsham District Council Decisions**

**Approvals** – none

**Refusals** – none

**Withdrawals** – none

**Prior Notifications** – none

**Appeals –**

DC/19/1752 - APP/Z3825/W/20/3264279 – Proposed new dwelling Malthouse Farm, Malthouse Lane

Appeal Dismissed – not compliant with HDPF, not in a sustainable location that is accessible on foot, cycle and by public transport to local services and facilities.

**FINANCE**

**182/21 Income** –

Parish Yard (April) £442.29

**183/21 Date of Next meetings**

Planning Committee meeting: **7:30pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021, Committee Room 2 ACCT**

Parish Council: **7:45pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021, Scout Hall**

Members of the public were then asked to leave the meeting as Councillors needed to discuss confidential matters: None

**Meeting closed at 9.30pm**

**Signed: ..... Dated: .....**

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# Warden Monthly Report

May – Ashington

<b>Patrol hours TOTAL:</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>ASB incidents TOTAL:</b>	<b>0</b>
Foot (high visibility)	52	Noise	0
Vehicle	25	Neighbours	0
<b>Notices/warnings TOTAL:</b>		Driving/vehicles	0
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Bikes	0
Yellow card warning	0	Alcohol/drugs	0
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Public order	0
Parking alert	0	<b>Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:</b>	0
<b>Police reports TOTAL:</b>		Fly tipping / flyposting	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	0
Email	0	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	2	Litter	0
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	0
Verbal	6	Hazards	0
<b>Admin</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Community events attended</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>School contact/engagement</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Signposting</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Reports to DVLA</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Safeguarding referral</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Reports to Operation Crackdown</b>	<b>1</b>

## ASB/crime/criminal damage

We received reports from the school about golf balls being found on their field. We viewed the CCTV and identified the people responsible for hitting the golf balls. We have spoken to the group involved and if it happens again we will issue a fixed penalty notice.

We have a new group of young people who have been kicking balls around at community buildings. We have started engaging with this new group and have spoken to them about their behaviour. We have advised them it would be best to play football on the recreation ground. We will continue to work with this new group we have.

We are working with the Co-op in regards to a recent shop-lifting. We are working in conjunction with the Police on this matter.

## Parking/vehicles

We are currently working to deal with reports of badly parked vehicles around the village. We will be speaking with owners of vehicles where appropriate and giving our warning cards to advise drivers of the nuisance their parking is causing where warranted.

## Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

We recently supported the youth club with their litter pick. We provided maps of areas for them to cover, as well as the hi-visibility vests to keep them safe. We were amazed at the amount of litter that they collected. We have litter picked around the village this month whilst out on foot patrol. The efforts by the youth club have made all the difference to the amount around.

## Community engagement/events/meetings

We had a meeting with Ashington community centre trust to discuss new areas to cover with CCTV on their property.

## Patrols (foot/visible and car)

We have covered the whole village and numerous different times of day and evenings throughout the month.

## Elderly and youth

We are still continuing with our newsletter to our elderly and vulnerable residents. We are looking at the longer term plans around people meeting up again. We are working in partnership with Age UK, so residents will be able to access the activities at Lavina House, in Horsham. We will update more once we have more information about what we can gain access to etc.

We are arranging a session for young girls. The workshop will be focussing on promoting positive self-image, and self-confidence. We have decided to do this because recently it has come to our attention how much the younger girls are worried about their appearances and not fitting in. This includes them not eating because it's presumed cool to not eat, and self-harming because they are bullied for being different. We want girls in the village to look at themselves positively because no two people are the same. We are looking at having a relatable chef there that the girls can look up to, who can show them some healthy things they can make at home. We are looking at having someone from the fitness and nutrition industry so if girls are wanting to do some exercise they can then look to accessing the youth gym. We are looking at different ways we can approach the subject of self-harm safely and give the girls a chance to speak and gain access to support and help.

## Licensing

Nothing to report.

## Dog related issues

Nothing to report.

## Cycling

Nothing to report.

## Parish specific/other

We are still working with residents at Luckista Grove. This follows on from months of sewage leaking there and lots of work put in by numerous different agencies. We will continue to do all we can to help resolve the issue and continue working with the residents there.

## **Appendix 2 – Youth Worker Report**

Youth Worker's Report - May 2021

May was a fun month to continue regrowing the club, welcoming new young people and experimenting with different ideas on club nights and events.

Firstly, our numbers have shot up since we reopened, on Monday 24th May we were at capacity (15) for our year 6 session! We have also grown from 2 to 7 at the year 7 session and from 0 to 3 at the year 8 session. It's been great to meet new young people and to get to know them.

Overall, everyone has adhered to the Covid restrictions, and the young people have always worn masks, sanitised their hands and eaten tuck outside, except for a very rare occasions where we have had to remind them to put their masks back on.

Our club nights have included Karaoke, Tik Tok Photo Booth and make your own smoothie/milkshake. We also had half a session talking about self-control with the oldest group (years 10/11).

On 8th May, we hosted another littler pick which was another resounding success with over 20 young people, children and parents joining from the club to collect litter around the village with the Chanctonbury Church Youth. We all enjoyed a well-deserved few slices of pizza when we got back! The administrator of the Ashington Community Facebook page praised us online and the general public perception was positive.

We finished editing the assembly and sent it to SGS. We are awaiting reports that it gets shown and hoping it will draw people back to club. I have also spent some time at the bus stop on a Monday promoting the club alongside the church youth team, again, reconnecting with some young people that we hadn't seen since lockdown began.

We had one safeguarding concern raised via a third party which was reported to MASH.

We have had to cancel the bike ride planned for 29th May due to lack of interest.

I hope after 21st June to be able to merge year groups again but await government guidance and committee approval.

We look forward to the car wash fund raiser on Sat 3rd July and helping the Ashington Cougars at their football festival on Sat 26th June.

## **Appendix 3 – Expenditure**

Karen Dare (Clerk)	Home office (May)	£20.00
Mark Adsett	Landscape Gardening (May)	£587.50
Ashington PCC	Invoice YW-2021-05 (May)	£803.76
WSCC	Salaries and Costs (May 2021)	£1,845.62
EON	Monthly Direct Debit Parish Yard - electricity	£20.00
Business Stream	Monthly Direct Debit Parish Yard - water	£20.00
Complete Weed Control	Weedkilling	£540.00
P. Kerrey	Sign maintenance	£82.88
HDC	Litter & Dog bin emptying	£427.18

All to be paid by Bank Transfer

## **Appendix 4**

Funds held by the Parish Council on behalf of others (as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021):

Ashington Rangers £724.01

Ashington Residents Association £615.85

Ashington First Responders £1,247.94