



# Ashington Parish Council

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**Members of Ashington Parish Council are summoned to** attend a meeting of the Ashington Parish Council that will take place at **Ashington School at 8:00p.m.** on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

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  
Acting Clerk to the Parish Council

1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

## **A G E N D A**

- 049/19 Apologies for absence
- 050/19 Declaration of Interests and notification of change of interests
- 051/19 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019
- 052/19 Neighbourhood Wardens Report (Appendix 1)
- 053/19 Youth Worker Report (Appendix 2)
- 054/19 Report from District and County Councillors
- 055/19 Public Adjournment
- 056/19 Young Persons Adjournment
- 057/19 Action List Update
  - a) ACCT working together – update
  - b) Clerk's contract – new contract for approval
  - c) Armed Forces Covenant Grant – proposal to purchase a memorial bench
- 058/19 Correspondence received for action
  - a) Wiston PC – support for reduction of speed limit on Hole Street
- 059/19 Correspondence received for information
- 060/19 Meetings attended by Councillors
- 061/19 Matters raised by Councillors

062/19 Chairman's announcements

**Planning**

063/19 Minutes of the planning meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019

064/19 Planning correspondence - none

065/19 Neighbourhood Plan update

066/19 New Enforcement Allegations - none

067/19 **Planning applications**

DC/19/0397 Erection of a single storey side and rear extension – 2 Magnolia, London Road

DC/19/0463 Demolition of existing single storey side extension and erection of a two storey side Extension – 18 Fairfield Road

068/19 **Horsham District Council Decisions**

Approvals

DC/18/2701 Erection of a single storey rear extension – Stoneleigh, Mill Lane

Refusals

None

Withdrawals

None

Appeals

None

**Finance**

069/19 Correspondence:

1. HDC has provided the Parish Council with:
  - a. Warden cost for 2018/19 is £31,127 (budget was £50,000). This is because HDC have part-funded sickness absence pay. This arrangement will not continue beyond March 2019.
  - b. Projected budget for 19/20 is £55,550 (budget was set in December 2018 at £52,500)
  - c. Partnership Agreement document – circulated to Councillors for scrutiny
2. Approval of Clerk's overtime for February - ? hours
3. Consider a quote for this years' hanging baskets of £1,124.32

070/19 Income - none

071/19 Expenditure (Appendix 3)

**072/19 Date of Next meetings**

The next Planning Committee meeting is at **7:30pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019** in Committee Room 2, Ashington Community Centre.

The next Parish Council will be held at **7:45pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019** at Ashington School, Foster Lane

## 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**

This update has been collated by Sharon Cadman, Community Safety Officer at HDC.

#### **Reports / updates from wardens providing cover**

- On-going regular foot and vehicle patrols in the parish.
- One warden arrived on a shift to find the Community Centre car park strewn with litter and a few broken beer bottles. She cleared it up but was disappointed as this happened after she spoke to the young people about not leaving litter!
- Litter pick of the play area.
- Engagement with some young people playing football on a school inset day.
- Positive engagement with dog walkers.
- Reported a number of incidents of fly-tipping on London Road.
- Cleared some tree branches that had fallen onto a road due to adverse weather (early Feb).
- Regular checks on a local woman with safeguarding issues.
- 2 vehicles reported to Op Crackdown.
- 2 vehicle owners issued with Yellow Card Warning Notices.
- Engaged with young people in the car park.
- Engaged with young people outside the co-op.
- 1 pothole reported to WSCC.
- 1 obscured sign reported to WSCC.
- Discussions with 7 people about inconsiderate parking. All moved on.
- On-going patrols of a known burglary hot spot.

- Received feedback from a resident that fly-tipping has now 'significantly reduced' due to increased patrols in the area.
- The HDC Community Link Alarm team have shared the list of their Ashington clients with the wardens providing cover, so they can now make regular welfare checks on these 24 residents and carry out checks on their Link Alarms. This will happen in March.

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

### February Activities

- We ran the following activities throughout February:

- Laminating fun - during the parent's evening we had volunteers run a laminating evening where young people could make stained glass windows and bookmarks. This wasn't well liked but was easy to run alongside the parents night where I was needed there instead of 'on the floor'.

- Decorate a T-shirt - we experimented with sharpies, ironing transfers and alcohol rub patterns to decorate t-shirts. We discovered that the DIY iron-on transfers didn't work at all, but we had great results with the alcohol rub! The youth then hacked away at their t-shirts to create crop-tops and stylish vests! I ended up charging only £2 per t-shirt because the young people initially complained about the cost.

- Nutella Night - to celebrate the annual Nutella Night we gave away free Nutella on toast, Nutella on pancakes and sold banana-Nutella wraps and Nutella milkshakes.

### Youth Club Evenings

- Attendance has been up and down, with a record-breaking evening of 35 on the t-shirt night!

- Parent's Information Evening - we had 4 parents turn up and although they all seemed very keen to help, none of them have offered anything concrete. I am at a crossroads wondering what to do next. One idea is to put all parents on a compulsory rota asking them to commit to one evening every 30 or so weeks (assuming we have 30 different parents on the rota).

### Thoughts?

- I am meeting with Steph from Sussex Clubs for Young People on Thursday 7th to finalise getting the youth achievement award off the ground. We have managed to secure a grant of £200 from Storrington Rotary Club towards the cost of the young people doing the award.

- We are starting to think about Ashington Festival and the AYC Committee has proposed a theme for the float and I will start talking about this with the young people during the month to gauge interest.

### Pastoral

- Behaviour has been good with regards to name-calling but there are two boys whose parents I need to pursue a conversation with. They are regularly rude and disrespecting towards volunteers and not treating the club well. They are good at hiding away and not being caught so I will pursue this over the next month and see what happens.

### Other

- I have signed up and started to build a website. You can see it at [www.ashingtonyouth.co.uk](http://www.ashingtonyouth.co.uk) - constructive feedback is very welcome!

- I have signed up to run a half-marathon in September to raise funds for the youth club.

### Numbers

- Average year 6-7 numbers on a Monday night are 30.

- Average year 8-9 numbers on a Thursday night 6.

- We've stopped opening for older youth drop-in sessions, as we haven't seen a single older youth since December. I will speak with Bryony once she is back from maternity leave to plan ways to engage with them again.

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

### **Appendix 3 – Expenditure**

Mrs Karen Dare	Home Office (February)	£20.00	2065
	Postage (Online banking registration)	£1.01	2065
	Postage (HR Services)	£2.36	2065
	Travel (HDC Neighbourhood Plan meeting 8th February 2019)	£9.00	2065
	Parking (HDC Neighbourhood Plan meeting 8th February 2019)	£3.60	2065
Mark Adsett	Landscape Gardening - February 2019	£533.75	2066
Ashington PCC	Invoice YW-201902 (February 2019)	£1,083.33	2067
Kenads Printers	Neighbourhood Plan posters	£117.60	2068
Came & Company	Skatepark insurance premium	£282.12	2069
WSSC	Salaries and Costs (February 2019)	£3,431.50	2070
Horsham District Council	Neighbourhood Wardens 2018/19	£31,127.00	2071
	<b>March 2019 Total expenditure</b>	<b>£36,611.27</b>	

### **Appendix 4**

#### **Funds held by the Parish Council on behalf of others:**

Ashington Rangers £ 724.01

Ashington Residents Association £615.85