



# Ashington Parish Council

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## Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.45p.m. Ashington Scout Hall, Church Lane

**Present: Councillors:** N. Spiers, T. Moss, J. Stillwell, J. Morris, M. Woolley, S. Ball, P. Kerrey, T. Kearney, P. Linehan

**Also present:**

Clerk: Karen Dare

Horsham District Councillor: John Blackall

West Sussex County Councillor: Paul Marshall

Invited Guests: Jack Turvey & Michael Birch (Bellway Homes) – Church Farm development site

Members of the Public: 8

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The Chairman reminded members of the public the requirement that they limit their participation to the Public Adjournment section of the meeting. If Members of the Public have questions for Police/Wardens & District/County Councillors, then the Clerk will pass these on if these individuals have left the meeting.

Members of the Public are reminded that Standing Orders allow for 5 minutes maximum participation.

### 103/22 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from:

Parish Councillors: G. MacPherson & T. Watson

District Councillor: J Saheid & Philip Circus

Neighbourhood Wardens: Bryony Sparks & Christina Arnold

### 104/22 **Election of Chairman and signing of declaration of office**

Cllr. Spiers was nominated by Cllr. Kerrey and Seconded by Cllr. Woolley. There being no other nominations Cllr. Spiers was unanimously elected as Chairman and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

### 105/22 **Election of Vice-Chairman and signing of declaration of office**

Cllr. Ball was nominated by Cllr. Spiers and Seconded by Cllr. Kerrey. There being no other nominations Cllr. Ball was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

### 106/22 **Allocation of committees and formation of any new committees as required by the Parish Council.**

New Committee/Working Group allocation:

Finance – Cllrs Woolley, Macpherson, Spiers, Linehan, Moss

Planning – Cllrs Stillwell, Woolley, Spiers, Kearney, Morris

Staffing – Cllrs Spiers, Ball, Watson

Warden Steering Group - Cllr Morris and Cllr Linehan

Youth Partnership Group - Cllr Stillwell and Cllr MacPherson

It was agreed in May 2019 that Councillors should not serve more than 2 years on the Youth & Wardens Steering Groups as it 'is good to get a fresh outlook on these issues on a regular basis'.

The Youth Partnership Group was comprised of Cllrs Spiers & Ball but was replaced mid-year by an AYC Partnership group with Cllrs MacPherson & Stillwell.

No other changes.

#### **107/22 Appointment of representatives to outside bodies**

New situation:

Ashington Community Centre –Cllr Ball is a Trustee

Horsham District Association of Local Councils – Cllr Kearney & Cllr Moss

Ashington Youth Club –Cllr Watson (Cllr Ball to deputise in the event of absence)

WSALC/SSALC – Cllr Moss

No other changes.

#### **108/22 Confirmation of the schedule of meetings for 2022-23**

The schedule of meetings was distributed to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Agreed

#### **109/22 Annual Review of the Code of Conduct**

Some minor amendments to the Model Code of Conduct have been made by HDC. Ashington PC has previously adopted HDC's Model Code of Conduct unchanged. Councillors agreed to adopt the amended Code of Conduct. **Clerk D**

All Councillors to sign the acceptance sheet and approve a Code of Conduct.

#### **110/22 Annual Review and Approval of Standing Orders**

The Clerk advised that NALC have recently issued amended Standing Orders – Section 18 has been updated post-Brexit. The Council agreed to approve amended Standing Orders. **Clerk D**

#### **111/22 Annual Review of the Register of Members Interests**

All Councillors have been emailed a copy of the Register document and were reminded to complete a new Register of Member's interests and return to the Clerk **by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022**. Agreed.

#### **112/22 Annual Review of the Council's Financial Regulations, Financial Risk Assessment documents and Asset Register**

The Financial Regulations & Risk Assessment were reviewed in May 2021 and no changes are considered necessary. Councillors to approve.

The Asset Register is updated regularly as and when assets are purchased or disposed of.

The Chairman suggested purchase of a printer for the Clerk as she is using her own, on hold until the Parish office is in place.

#### **113/22 Annual Review of Councillors' and Chairman's allowances**

Councillors are reminded that the Council does have a scheme of member's allowances. It is noted that this scheme was introduced in April 2008 following a recommendation to all Parishes from HDC's Independent Remuneration Panel. The Scheme has not been amended since then and the Clerk notes that HDC's most recent Independent Remuneration Panel report of August 2015 contains no reference to Parish Councils at all. Councillors are reminded that they can claim all modest expenses incurred on the execution of Parish Council business.

All councillors present declined to take the £430pa allowance.

#### Monthly Parish Council business

##### **114/22 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).

##### **115/22 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

The minutes of the meeting dated 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Stillwell, seconded by Cllr Kerrey and agreed by all.

##### **116/22 Neighbourhood Wardens Report (Appendix 1) & Report from Steering Group**

Update on renewal of the Wardens 3-year agreement with HDC which came to an end on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 – a new agreement had been presented by HDC but the dates were incorrect. New objectives need to be agreed with HDC. Clerk to contact HDC. **Clerk CFWD**

Questions: None.

The Council asked the Clerk to send Thanks to Christina for lone working for the past 3 months.

Cllr Woolley moved to the public gallery.

**117/22 Invited Guests:** Jack Turvey & Michael Birch (Bellway Homes) – initial consultation on Church Farm Neighbourhood Plan allocated site.

Bellway are seeking initial feedback from the PC on ‘high level’ matters – access, quantum of development and sports facilities. More formal consultation with residents will take place prior to any planning application being submitted.

Timetable is likely:

Late summer (August) 2022 – planning application

August 2023 – planning permission & pre-commencement works, construction enabling works (3-4 months), full construction (3 years)

Autumn 2026 – completion

Bellway are looking forward to working with Ashington PC, they have a good local presence on development sites in Thakeham (70 homes), Hassocks (165 homes) and Billingshurst. The Ashington site will be like these.

They have met with HDC and WSCC for early discussions and initial feedback is positive, and their design will evolve as comments are received from all parties.

#### The proposals (Appendix 4)

- 180 units at circa 12 Dwellings Per Hectare (DPH) gross and 32 DPH net – the developable area (brown) approved in the adopted Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is mirrored on Bellway’s layout. In fact, the fringe to the very north is currently shown on our layout as green space in order to retain existing trees and hedges and provide separation between the two site allocations but enable pedestrian links.
- The proposals include two areas of open space / sports (purple) – one being in the northwest, which includes the MUGA, pavilion and significant areas of open space. The second being in the south, which is the 11 a-side grass pitch.
- Land reserved for both the expansion of the school and woodland activities (blue).
- Allotments (green).

- Additional parking for the Church near the site entrance
- Developer financial contributions through CIL.
- Some flats & small homes but the majority are 3 or 4 bed homes, mix of semi and detached.
- Commercial space near the sports pavilion in the north of the site.

#### Initial Comments from Councillors

1. Why are there 180 homes when the ANP specifies 150? This will take Ashington above its fair share of homes?  
Bellway stated that this uplift would take into account increasing targets set by HDC. The Clerk explained that Ashington had already added an uplift in the housing numbers – it had conducted a Housing Needs Assessment as part of the ANP and added 15-20% as advised by the planning consultant and HDC. This additional uplift of 30 homes is not needed.  
Bellway stated that they did start with 150 homes but consider that this is underdevelopment of the site.
2. There is a significant reduction in the amount of open space to be provided compared to the ANP. Bellway reported that some open space shown in the ANP is not available for them to purchase
3. Splitting the football pitches into two sites across the development makes no practical sense. Bellway reported that there isn't enough space in either the north or south of the site to accommodate both pitches.
4. Water Neutrality – how will Bellway achieve this? They are looking to use credits from the Crawley area against water use in Ashington. There was some discussion about whether this would be acceptable, but this is a detail that they will have to work out.
5. Are Bellway aware that they may need to purchase a piece of PC land to deliver the access road to the site? Bellway had met with WSCC that morning and WSCC had indicated that the existing road arrangement is satisfactory in principle (subject to a detailed Transport Assessment & Road Safety Audit). The Clerk informed them that this assessment work was done as part of the ANP and the report recommended a slightly different road design that would require a piece of PC land. Clerk to send information to Bellway Homes. **Clerk**
6. The ANP work identified some important sustainable transport links to help new occupiers of the homes to get around the village on foot, bike etc. Links from this site into the Chanctonbury Nurseries adjacent site are important for this.

There was some discussion about the need for Bellway to comply with the ANP, possibly even if it is somewhat impractical to do so? The ANP is not a detailed planning document, more of a masterplan document but the fine details of development sites need to be ironed out between all parties prior to planning applications. Developments need to be practical in design.

It was agreed that Councillors send their comments to the Clerk and that she collates them into an official response for Bellway Homes.

Cllr Linehan informed those present that the Parish Council should be served with a Certificate B document at the planning application stage, as the landowner of a piece of land at the entrance to the site (if that land is needed for the new road access). **Clerk CFWD**

Cllr Woolley returned to the meeting.

#### **118/22 Reports from District & County Councillors**

County Councillor Paul Marshall reported:

1. The Big Conversation meeting by HDC is on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in Ashington.

2. Penn Gardens meeting 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 was very successful with some issues being resolved and others being progressed.
3. Connected Kerb are looking at putting a rapid charge EV point at ACCT. No information on an EV point at The Parish Yard yet, he will chase up.
4. Water Neutrality is causing many problems and will be expensive to remedy. He has written to Michael Gove (Secretary of State) but not received a response yet. The Govt. has allocated a fund of £100k to help other local authorities with planning embargos (due to nitrates) so WSCC & HDC are looking at getting some money from this fund.

District Councillor John Blackall reported:

1. HDC is no nearer a solution to water neutrality. It is not expected until at least the end of 2022.
2. He does not believe that you can transfer/offset water consumption from site to site.
3. The Bellway Homes development at Thakeham started off as 25 homes (5-bedroom, low density, lots of space) but they couldn't be sold so they applied for 75 homes and got planning permission (he opposed it).
4. The Liberal Democrats in Horsham have put forward proposals to insulate homes to help with the cost-of-living crisis but John thinks we should focus on our natural resources (coal, North Sea gas & oil, fracking) plus nuclear and green to increase our power supplies and drive down the cost. Insulating homes is simple but short-sighted. As a country we should be more self-sufficient and not buy resources from Russia.
5. The waste incinerator at Warnham has been given planning permission so they can generate heat & energy and we can stop paying to send waste abroad.

Questions: None

The Chairman thanked the District & County Councillors for attending and they left the meeting.

**119/22 Public Adjournment** - Members of the public can ask questions.

1. Is the Chanctonbury Nurseries planning application approved yet? Could the road/s be named Alma's Walk?  
The application has not yet been approved. The Council has already thought of Silverson Gardens & Harris Avenue.
2. Will there be a road linking Chanctonbury Nurseries to the Church Farm development?  
No
3. The front wall of Green Hedges is cracked and may fall on a pedestrian.  
Clerk to report to HDC. **Clerk D**

**120/22 The Parish Yard – Tea Room update**

1. The planning application has been validated and consultation is complete. Some near neighbours objected on the grounds of traffic, parking, noise, inadequate power & drainage but the application addresses these. HDC's Economic Development dept. supports the proposal and the benefits it will bring to the village. Determination deadline is 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
2. The S106 application is being considered by HDC (tied to the planning permission).
3. The Clerk is taking steps, with the solicitor, to remove the old Kite & Thomas Lease from the Land Registry Title as any new tenant will want to ensure security of tenure. **CFWD**

**121/22 Queen's Platinum Jubilee –**

1. The Clerk has ordered an Oak tree from HDC. The Clerk has sent examples of plaques to Councillors. Clerk to send pictures of plaques and Councillors to vote. **Clerk D**

2. Events are scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> June at AYC, ACCT & the Recreation Ground.
3. ACCT reversed its decision and asked the Clerk to order a pack of trees. This has been done and the trees are scheduled for delivery in November.
4. HDC has awarded a grant of £200 to the Parish Council to deliver their Jubilee events. **CFWD**

**122/22 Good Citizen Award**

Cllr Watson has arranged a Good Citizen Award (plaque) & presentation to our young charity litter-picker in Assembly at School. **TW D**

**123/22 Correspondence received for Action –**

1. Sussex Green Living are working with Ashington School, Church & AYC on some village initiatives. Councillor Morris is happy to represent the PC. **Clerk D**

**124/22 Correspondence received for Information –**

1. WSCC Access Ranger will be touring the Parish PROW shortly. They do respond to urgent problems very quickly even though the periodic inspection cycle has increased over the years.
2. WestSussBus project – collect views, suggestions & ideas about bus services. Clerk has posted on Facebook.
3. CAGNE Gatwick – April & May Newsletter
4. Horsham shortlisted for UK top business town.
5. HALC – minutes from 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022.
6. Southern Water are making plans to increase treatment capacity at Ashington WTW to reduce the volume of storm water released to the environment and to accommodate flows from future development. They propose to check PC (and others) ponds to see if they are suitable for Great Crested Newts.

**125/22 Meetings attended by Councillors –**

Cllr Morris attended an ACCT meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022. The Clerk has received a copy of the minutes, and these have been circulated to Councillors.

Major points were:

- Part-time clerk appointed commences work in May
- Positive discussions with HDC re: release of s106 monies for planned parking area subject to planning approval.
- Refurbishment of sports pavilion planned once grants secured
- Tree planting back on if free trees can be secured
- ACCT agreed a policy on which 1/3 of its annual surplus would be donated back to worthy village causes
- Review of hire charges-non village to raise by 5%. Rates for village held at present level for 3+ months

Queen's Platinum Jubilee meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> April was attended by Cllrs Kerrey, Morris & Moss.

**126/22 Matters raised by Councillors**

Speedwatch update from Cllr Kerrey – We have managed to maintain a constant presence in the Billingshurst Road throughout April with 97 drivers reported for exceeding the limit out of 857 passing vehicles maintaining the 10% average.

I have received information regarding the company that installed the electronic speed signs in Wiston, which they thoroughly recommend. I have learned that the company, Elancity, handle all the necessary paperwork involved and all that is required is to choose the type and style of equipment best suited for the chosen location. Prices range from £1600 for a sign using a local

power source, a lamppost for instance, or £2200 for a solar powered unit. There are a selection of speeds and messages to select included in the package.

This is information purely for discussion at present although installation of this sort of device would offer a 24/7 reminder of the speed limit. Cllr Kerrey to circulate. **PK CFWD**

Ashington Survey update – Cllrs Linehan & Moss will meet with the Wardens to discuss the results before bringing to the PC. **CFWD**

Defibrillators – Cllr Watson reported by email: we are applying for a £500 grant for defibrillators from Sussex Police with the help of Brian Jacobs (Neighbourhood Watch) but might need to set Ashington First Responders up as a charity. He will seek help from Cllr Tony Moss.

Cllr Stillwell is concerned that waste is possibly being imported onto the Green Hedges site. Clerk to report to HDC. **Clerk D**

Cllr Stillwell asked what is happening about the unauthorised extensions at 13 Turnpike Way. Clerk to check with HDC. **Clerk D**

Cllr Kerrey reported that at the recent Jubilee meeting Helen Lee of AYC expressed concern that the commercial gym (RH20) is looking to expand onto the stage area of the Youth Club. AYC has spent money rewiring this area for AYC computers and refurbished it as a break-out area. This will result in a reduced capacity at AYC by 10 children. Whilst this is not a PC issue it does affect the ability of AYC to meet its obligations in the AYC-PC agreement. It was suggested that AYC talk to ACCT to make them aware of the impact of this. Cllr Ball will raise this at the next ACCT meeting. **SB D**

Cllr Spiers reported that he had come across the original Horticultural Society accounts book from 1982 onwards. Interestingly it showed that the Society used to run Ashington Festival. The first Festival Car Boot sale was 1991.

127/22 **Chairman's Announcements** – none

## **PLANNING**

128/22 **Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022**

Minutes have been circulated and Councillors were asked to approve. Agreed.

129/22 **Planning Correspondence** – none

130/22 **HDC Local Plan Review Update** – a 'Big Conversation' meeting where HDC Leader & Councillors talk to residents takes place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 6-7.30pm in the Community Centre. Residents need to register to attend and submit any questions in advance of the meeting. The Clerk & Cllrs Spiers & Moss have registered to attend.

131/22 **Planning Applications** –

DC/22/0533 Erection of a single storey rear extension - 1 Greenacres

The Council has no objections.

Cllr Woolley moved to the public gallery.

DC/22/0780 Part-Retrospective application for the retention of an agricultural barn for the mixed use of agricultural storage of plant and machinery and use as a personal training gym for a temporary period of two years – Springfield, Spring Gardens

PC comments from previous application DC/21/2349 - The Parish Council discussed the application at its meeting on 4th November 2021 and raised no objections but is concerned that there is no demonstrated need and that, if permitted, conditions are imposed such that the new barn should not be sold as a separate residential unit nor used by the owner as a residential or commercial unit.

The Parish Council raised no objections to DC/21/2349 as it was unaware that there was no agricultural storage taking place and that the building was being actively used as a commercial gym. The Parish Council has no Objections to an agricultural barn and small personal gym, however, the Parish Council Objects to the barn being used for any commercial gym business, however temporary, as this is not a use essential to the countryside. Temporary permission simply establishes a use that would not normally be allowed and makes it difficult to remove the permission. Two years is an arbitrary figure, not based on any business case. No cessation plan has been submitted. The barn is not designed particularly well for agricultural use, so it is difficult to see how any agricultural use would be anything other than minimal. The Parish Council objects to the current application.

Cllr Woolley returned to the meeting.

DC/22/0776 Erection of a single storey rear extension and replacement of door with window to side - New House, Broadbridge Farm  
The Council has no objections.

DC/22/0714 Conversion and alterations to existing conservatory to form habitable living space including replacement of existing glazed roof with flat roof incorporating roof lanterns – Welbourne, Well House Road  
The Council has no objections.

Cllr Woolley moved to the public gallery.

DC/22/0578 Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 4no terraced dwellings with front and rear gardens and parking area to the rear - Green Hedges, Church Lane  
The Parish Council Objects to the application on the grounds of:

1. Cycle and bin stores are proposed for the front 'gardens' of the homes. This will affect the street scene. They would be better placed in rear gardens. Cycles would be more secure in rear gardens.
2. There is no access from the back of the homes through the back gardens and to the parking area in the rear of the site. This makes no practical sense. Why not put a gate in the rear fence of each home?
3. Overdevelopment - 4 homes on site, each the same size of the one that was demolished. That's 4 x more built development.
4. The build form is very large in the street scene and completely dwarfs the adjacent bungalow. The proposed homes are forward of the original building line, much closer to the adjacent bungalow, and will appear overbearing from the bungalow's front (east) window. The previous house sat centrally within the plot, set further back from the road and there was a large, landscaped buffer between the house and the bungalow. Perhaps the building line should have been drawn from the adjacent garage to the front east corner of the bungalow rather than the front west corner of the bungalow?
5. Ecology - no ecological assessment has been submitted. The site was rich with flora & fauna, the old buildings most likely provided a habitat for bats. Little consideration for biodiversity appears to have been taken when the diggers moved in and cleared the site. There is no demonstration of biodiversity gain from the development, and it is hard to assess the baseline biodiversity when it has all been removed.
6. There is a large parking area to the rear of the site, taking up almost half of the land available and yet the amenity space for each plot is minimal. A different design with 2 front parking spaces per

property and removal of the side access would result in much larger amenity spaces for future occupiers. Larger amenity space would create the opportunity for some biodiversity gain.

7. The application proposes that rainwater harvesting is installed, and rainwater will be used to flush toilets and run the washing machines. On paper this achieves the figures needed for water neutrality. But how practical is this and will measures be put in place to prevent this being removed by future occupiers? What happens if rainwater runs out, will residents just fill up the rainwater tanks from the Mains supply? Is there to be one large rainwater tank under the parking area or one per property?

8. With south facing roofs there is the opportunity for solar or PV panels to be installed.

Cllr Woolley returned to the meeting.

#### **132/22 New Enforcement Allegations –**

EN/22/0166 Alleged: installation of large summerhouse in rear garden – I Gardener Cottages, Rectory Lane

EN/22/0176 Alleged: stationing of mobile home and shipping containers for use as accommodation and office space at - Holly Gate, Billingshurst Road

#### **133/22 Horsham District Council Decisions**

**Approvals** – none

**Refusals** – none

**Withdrawals** - none

**Prior Notifications** – none

**Appeals** – none

#### **FINANCE**

##### **134/22 Correspondence –**

The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting dated 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 were approved as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Woolley, seconded by Cllr Spiers and agreed by all. The Clerk will meet the Internal Auditor on 10<sup>th</sup> May.

The Council will undertake the annual review of Financial Controls, accounts, and the Annual Return at the June meeting so that the Chairman can sign everything prior to sending to the External Examiner by the deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

##### **135/22 Income –**

Parish Yard (April) £189.20

HDC Precept £51,492

HDC Jubilee Grant £200

VAT reclaim £3,046.26

##### **136/22 Expenditure (Appendix 2)**

It was resolved that the schedule of invoices for payment totalling £5,820.72 for May 2022 be approved. Agreed by all.

##### **137/22 Date of Next meetings**

Planning Committee meetings: **7:30pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May & 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022, Scout Hall**  
Parish Council: **7:45pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022, Scout Hall**

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

**Meeting closed at 9.20pm**

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

*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

April 2022 Ashington

<b>Patrol hours TOTAL:</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>ASB incidents TOTAL:</b>	<b>9</b>
Foot (high visibility)	26	Noise	0
Vehicle	24	Neighbours	2
<b>Notices/warnings TOTAL:</b>	<b>0</b>	Driving/vehicles	0
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Bikes	0
Yellow card warning	0	Alcohol/drugs	0
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Public order	7
Parking alert	0	<b>Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Police reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>7</b>	Fly tipping / flyposting	1
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	0
Email	5	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	0	Litter	2
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	0
Verbal	2	Hazards	0
<b>Media reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Community events attended</b>	<b>0</b>
Press release / Community magazines	0	<b>Reports to Operation Crackdown</b>	<b>1</b>
Social Media	0	<b>Safeguarding referral</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Admin</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>School contact</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Youth engagement</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Signposting</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Reports to DVLA</b>	<b>0</b>

## ASB/crime/criminal damage

We received a number of complaints from residents around properties being egged, we have asked for all residents who have been victim or know any information on this to pass it on to the police on 101. We have been informed their videos of the incident and are working with the police to share information and identify the individuals.

We are working with Moat housing to support residents in an ongoing neighbour dispute, other agencies are also involved in trying to resolve the matter.

We have recently received complaints around a group of young people kicking peoples doors and running off, we have been able to identify those involved and are working with the police to resolve the matter. There will be an increase of patrols in the areas we have been receiving complaints to try to tackle this issue.

## Parking/vehicles

This month we have reported a vehicle for no road tax, we also reported it to Op Crackdown for parking on double yellow lines. For any anti-social driving and abandoned vehicles please report them to Sussex Police at [www.operationcrackdown.org](http://www.operationcrackdown.org)

## Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

We have received one report of fly tipping this month, which was removed promptly.

This month we have done litter picks around the village when out on patrol, collecting mostly plastic bags and glass bottles, for the safety of all in our village please ensure you use the bins around the village or take rubbish home. Well done and thank you to all those who have been helping to pick up litter, if you would like to borrow litter picking equipment please contact us or look up Horsham District Councils 'Adopt a street' scheme.

## Community engagement/events/meetings

This month we have visited youth club to engage with the young people but also discuss plans for summer activities and what activities we could run together for the parish.

## Patrols (foot/visible and car)

We have patrolled the whole village on foot and vehicle at various times of the day throughout the month. During our patrols we keep a focus on areas of specific complaint. This month we have also patrolled the village with PCSO Beasley.

## Elderly and youth

We continue to work with Age UK running the 'Cuppa and chat' session at the Red Lion. We are always welcoming new faces. We are discussing the possibilities of finding volunteers to take over the running of these sessions.

Whilst on school patrol we have engaged with children and parents coming out of school and given words advice around staying safe around the car parks.

## Licensing

Nothing to report

## Dog related issues

Nothing to report

## Cycling

Nothing to report.

## Parish specific/other

Following concerns raised at Penn Gardens we have been ensuring that we regularly patrol, it was raised that there were concerns specifically around fly tipping. We have reported at two fallen branches on the path approaching Penn Gardens and continue to watch the area.

Working with Councillor Linehan and Councillor Moss we have collected and collated the results from the parish survey and are looking to meet to discuss the results going forward.

### **Appendix 2 – Expenditure**

Karen Dare (Clerk)	Home office (April)	£20.00
	GiffGaff	£6.00
	Amazon.co.uk (print cartridges)	£57.99
Mark Adsett	Landscape Gardening (April)	£600.00
WSSC	Salaries and Costs (April 2022)	£1,951.90

EON	Monthly Direct Debit Parish Yard - electricity	£11.00
Business Stream	Monthly Direct Debit Parish Yard - water	£20.00
Radikls	Quarterly website & email hosting	£115.20
Surrey Hills Solicitors	Lease preparation for Parish Yard	£171.00
Ashington Youth Club	Partnership agreement	£2,867.63

All to be paid by Bank Transfer

**Appendix 3**

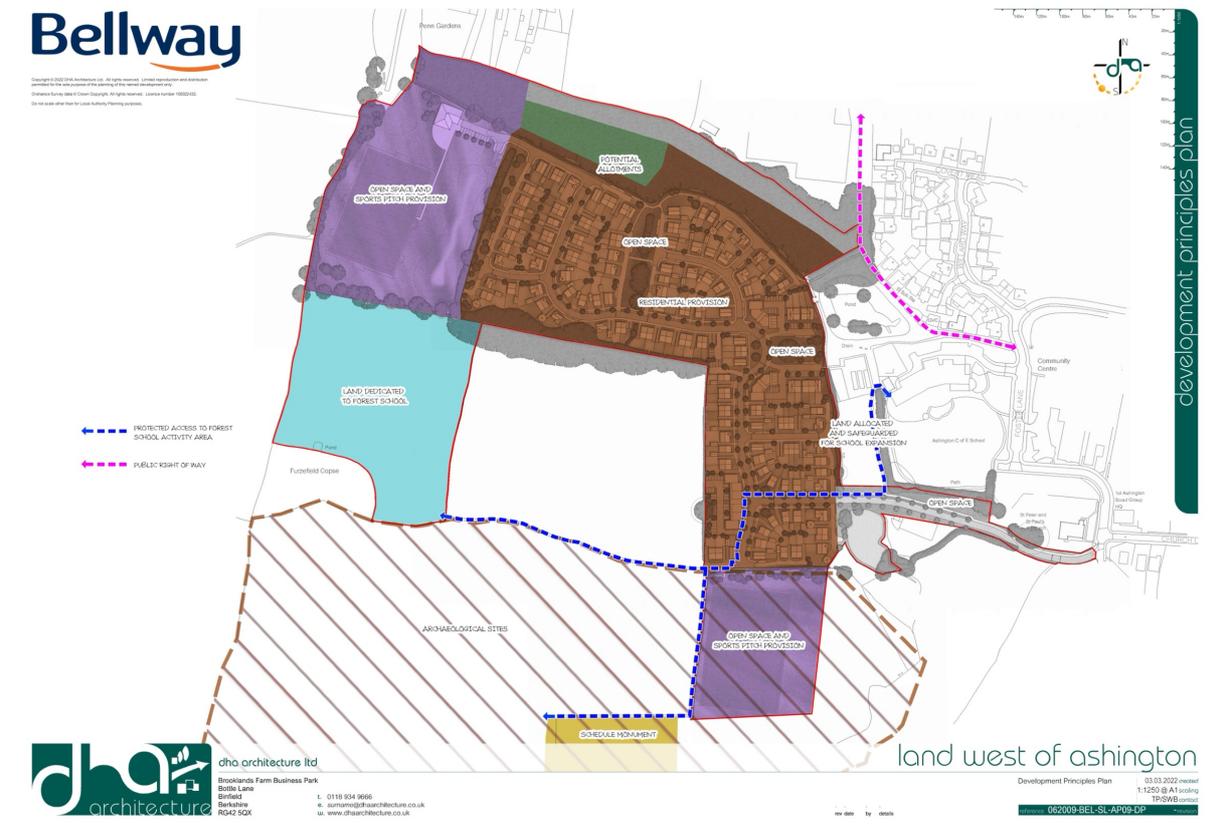
Funds held by the Parish Council on behalf of others (as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022):

Ashington Rangers £724.01

Ashington Residents Association £615.85

Ashington First Responders £1,247.94

**Appendix 4**



**Figure 8.2: Key principles for development of land west of Ashington School**

