



Ashington Parish Council

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Members of Ashington Parish Council are summoned to a meeting of the Ashington Parish Council at **Ashington School at 7.45 p.m.** on Thursday 1st May 2014

A G E N D A

1. Apologies and reasons for absence
2. Election of Chairman and signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office
3. Election of Vice Chairman and signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office
4. Allocation of Committees and formation of any new Committees as required by the Parish Council
Present Committee Allocation:
Finance - Cllr Norton, Cllr Carver, Cllr Brennan, Cllr Woolley, Cllr Clark
Planning Committee –Cllr Norton, Cllr Carver, Cllr Wood, Cllr Kearney, Cllr Woolley, Cllr Harbour
5. Appointment of Representatives to serve on Outside Bodies
Present Appointment of Representatives:
Ashington Community Centre Observer- Cllrs Clark & Gichovi-Elias
Horsham District Association of Local Councils - Cllr Clark
BTCV (Tree Warden) – Cllr Wood
Ashington Youth Club – Cllr Clark
Ashington Residents Association – Cllr Norton
6. To confirm schedule of meetings for 2014-2015 – see attached
7. Annual Review & Approval of Code of Conduct – Councillors to make sure they are familiar with the Code
8. Annual Review & Approval of Standing Orders – Councillors to make sure they are familiar with the Standing Orders
9. Review of Register of Members Interests – Councillors are asked to review their interests and declare any new interests
10. Review of Council's Risk Assessment documents
11. Review of Councillors Allowances and Chairman's Allowance
- Monthly Parish Council business
12. Declaration of Interests and notification of changes to members' interests.

13. Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 3rd April 2014.

14. Report from the Neighbourhood Wardens & Police
Update on Warden recruitment
Update on Youth Worker project
Update on Youth Shelter
Reappointment of temporary Youth Worker

15. Young Persons Adjournment
Opportunity for young people to speak to the Parish Council.

16. Report from District and County Councillors

17. Actions Outstanding:
a. Trees at northern edge of Recreation Ground
b. Multi-sports court

18. Correspondence (for action) –
1. HDC – Economic Development Seminar 7th May 6-8pm
2. HDC – Invitation to Annual Reception 21st May 7pm
3. Consultation on proposals for a second runway at Gatwick Airport.

19. **Public Adjournment**

Opportunity for members of the public to raise matters of concern

20. Planning

Correspondence:

- a. Neighbourhood Plan – update.
- b. HDC Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment update

New enforcement allegations: None.

Amendments: None

Applications: None

Horsham District Council

Approvals:

DC/14/0286 Demolition of existing conservatory to rear of property and erection of replacement single storey orangery – 11 Posthorses

DC/14/0362 Conversion of garage into study/hobby room and change of garage door into a window. Construction of timber shed with flat roof between the house and boundary wall - 6 Cricketers Close

Refusals:

DC/14/0219 Redevelopment of existing house and site to provide 3 new homes and a replacement Dwelling – Four Acres, Rectory Lane

Withdrawals: None

Appeal decision: None

Appeals: None

21. Finance

Financial Reviews – review the salary of the Parish Clerk and the contract cost of the landscape gardener.

Correspondence:

1. Internal Auditor's report
2. Update on new half pipe installation – the ramp is complete. There is additional expense of £875 for the groundwork necessary to get a level surface.
3. WSCC Pensions – update of contribution rates from 2014.
4. HDC – Environmental Cleansing Grant has increased from £3403.39 to £3498.69. This is very slightly higher than the predicted budget figure. No details of cost increases for emptying of dog and litter bins yet.

Income:

Precept £45,478

Council Tax support grant £1,953

The invoices shown on the attached schedule are proposed for payment.

22. Meetings attended and reports by Councillors

23. Minor matters raised by Councillors to be referred to the next agenda

24. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Parish Council - Thursday 5th June 2014, 7.45 pm at Ashington School, Foster Lane, Ashington.

Planning Committee – Wednesday 14th & 28th May 2014, 7.30pm at the Sports Pavilion, Church Lane

PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Karen Dare, Clerk to Ashington Parish Council 24th April 2014.



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Schedule of payments May 2014

Mark Adsett	Gardeners contract payment	£491.66
Mrs K. Dare	Clerks expenses (home & telephone)	£17
	Total	£
WSCC	Salary and on costs (April)	£879.11
ACCT	Planning committee 19/03/14	£7.40
	Bingo Club (March)	£37.00
	Lunch Club (March)	£59.20
Radii Ramps	additional groundworks at skatepark	£1050.00
Ashington School	hall hire 2014/15	£216.00

APPENDIX 1

REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS MARCH 2014

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APPENDIX 2 – Sussex Police
Ashington Parish Council Meeting Update

To follow

**APPENDIX 3 – March 2014 Report on Ashington Youth Centre - Spring
Term 2014 - Kris Page (youth leader)**
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