



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 November 2012

A G E N D A

1. Apologies and reasons for absence
2. Declaration of Interests and notification of changes to members' interests.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 4th October 2012.
4. Report from the Neighbourhood Wardens.
Opportunity for members of the public to ask questions of the wardens.
5. Young Persons Adjournment
Opportunity for young people to speak to the Parish Council.
6. Report from District and County Councillors
7. Actions Outstanding:
 - a. Community Action Plan – update
 - b. Housing Needs Survey – update
 - c. Annual Review of Parish Emergency Plan
 - d. Speed bumps in London Road - discussion
8. Correspondence (for action)
None
9. **Public Adjournment**
Opportunity for members of the public to raise matters of concern
10. Planning
 1. Correspondence: HDC – Planning Framework Preferred Strategy is delayed from October to sometime in the new year.
 2. Owner of 1 Hillcrest Close – copy of letter to Doug Wright, Planning Officer, HDC responding to the Parish Council's objection to his plans for a new house on land at 1 Hillcrest Close.

New enforcement allegations: None.

Amendments: None

Applications: None

Horsham District Council

Approvals:

DC/12/1564 Surgery to 1 x Horse Chestnut and Leylandii trees - Land East Side of The Willows London Road

DC/12/1057 Surgery to 1 x Oak (T1) and 1 x Ash (T2) trees - 10 Warminghurst Close

Refusals:

DC/12/1527 Change of use of building to 1 No. 2- bed dwelling with associated car parking - Post Horses, London Road

Reasons – Category 2 settlement and no evidence of need, loss of a retail unit.

Withdrawals: None

Appeal decision: None

Appeals: None

11. Finance

Correspondence:

1. Consider requests from to the newly established Ashington Monthly Lunch Club and Ashington Bingo for the Parish Council to act as 'banker' until the clubs become established.
2. Consider quotes for removal of dead elm trees in The Sands path.
3. Consider a request for Mark Adsett to purchase materials to create a mesh area for cut vegetation.
4. Update on repairs to the skatepark
5. Approval of £12 for the Clerk to attend a Power of General Competence training course.
6. Quarterly bank reconciliation & budget report.

Income:

Kite & Thomas – rent & roundabout sponsorship £2027.50

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

12. Meetings attended and reports by Councillors

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

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Parish Council - Thursday 6th December November 2012, 7.45 pm at Ashington School, Foster Lane, Ashington.

Planning Committee – Wednesday 14th & 28th November 2012, 7pm at the Parish Office, Sports Pavilion, Church Lane

Finance Committee – Wednesday 14th November, 7.30pm at the Parish Office, Sports Pavilion, Church Lane

PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Karen Dare, Clerk to Ashington Parish Council 25th October 2012.



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Schedule of payments November 2012

Mark Adsett	Gardeners contract payment	£483.33	
Mrs K. Dare	Clerks expenses (home & telephone)	£17	
	Stationery	£23.76	
	Total	£40.76	
WSCC	Salary and on costs (October)	£844.93	
Plusnet	Broadband	£17.99	DD
Mrs K. Dare	Responder equipment	£286.02	
	(The Clerk paid by credit card after the invoice was 'lost in the post' and payment became overdue)		
Radii Ramps	skatepark repairs	£not yet known	
SOS Systems	photocopier	£52.22	

REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS NOVEMBER 2012

Anti Social Behaviour

With the colder nights setting in we have noticed that the youths out and about are seeking shelter where possible. They have been congregating both outside the co-op and outside the community centre. They have chosen these areas as they can find both shelter and light. We have been keen to move the youths on from these areas when we have seen them there but at the same time have sympathised with them that there is really nowhere else that they can go to get out of the weather.

Friday Night Youth Club

In light of the above we have worked with the youth club and Co-Op to enable us to open up on a Friday night. The Co-Op have kindly helped support the club by providing provisions / refreshments for the first couple of weeks. We have had several successful sessions where a good number of the older youths within the village have been using the facility. They come in and play pool, watch tv or listen to music. The atmosphere has been respectful and calm so far. The youths are also keen to support the youth club and respect the fact that they have been given a chance. This has also proven as an excellent informal situation where we can highlight and identify problems / issues at a personal level. Already after only a couple of sessions we have been able to identify two substantial issues and deal with them appropriately. We are currently going through the process of registering the youths as a club so that they can create their own identity and also help support the youth club.

Youth Shelter

Following on from the Friday night youth club sessions one of the key topics that keeps being brought up is the idea of somewhere for the young people to go, meet friends and stay warm and safe. The idea of a youth shelter has been talked about and the older youths are very keen to see if there is any way that one can be provided for them. They are happy to support the idea / project in any way they can offering to help fund raise too. A large group of them have signed a letter and have asked that we present the letter on their behalf.

Anti Social Driving

Since our last report there has been some success regarding anti-social driving at the Billingshurst Road roundabouts. Sussex Police have stopped and seized a vehicle belonging to an individual from Lancing. This hopefully will put out a strong message to anyone else who continues to drive irresponsibly in this area. At the same time we are working with our young drivers in the village to ensure that they know the consequences and dangers of driving dangerously and anti-socially.

Dog Fouling

We have continued to get reports and complaints about the dog fouling in the village particularly in and around the recreation ground. In light of this we are currently exploring the idea of making the recreation ground a "no dogs" area through a dog control order. We are exploring this idea through the community centre with support of the parish steering group. We are also pleased to announce the winner of our dog foul poster competition and hope you will all see her posters around the village soon once they have been made up.

Dangerous Dogs

Whilst outside the front of the Co-op Peter was bitten by a dog that had been tied up on a lead. The owner / person responsible was found and the Police contacted. This issue was dealt with and thankfully no-one else was hurt. It has at the same time highlighted the issue of dogs being tied up right outside the front doors. We are now working with the co-op to ask dog owners to not tie their dogs up right in front of the shop. Hopefully this will help reduce any chance of this happening again.

Halloween / Fireworks / Bonfire Night

We have made sure that our elderly and vulnerable residents have been given "no trick or treat" posters to place in their front window to help reduce the risk of unwanted callers. We have also left a supply of the same posters in the co-op free for anyone to collect. This poster has also been printed in the county times for anyone to use. In partnership with the Police, Anti-social behaviour team and other agencies we took part in a joint operation to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour over this period. This involved working together to target hot spot areas and provide an extra reassuring presence.

Dark Nights / Clocks Changing / Thefts from Vehicles

With the clocks going back an hour and the nights getting darker we are starting our campaign to remind residents to ensure their properties are left safe and secure. It is also an ideal chance and time to check your smoke alarms and outside lights to make sure all are functioning properly. We have had a number of opportunist thefts from vehicles over the last month even during the daytime so please ensure that you leave your vehicle safe and please do not leave anything of value on display. Builders vans have also been targeted so if you have anyone working around your house or property please extend the word to them too.

Luckista Caravan Park

This month we have been working closely with a number of residents from the park. It has come to our attention that there is a lot of negative feeling amongst residents and the landlord there. So as well as helping to deal with individual's needs and problems we have been increasing our patrols to show a reassuring presence.

Emergency Planning Training / Neighbourhood Management Awards

We have recently attended a 1 day emergency planning training session at Brighton and Hove and also were awarded our Neighbourhood Management qualification. This qualification stems from training previously undertaken and the completion of an individual assignment.

Elderly and vulnerable visits

With our party on the 17th not far away we have been working hard with the final arrangements. Invites have gone out and raffle prizes from many organisations and companies have been collected. We would still like to extend an invite to anyone in Ashington over the age of 50 to join us from 3 till 6 on the 17th in case our invites didn't get to you. Please just give us a call to confirm you can attend.

We have now got dates for our first Lunch club which will be on Wednesday 6th of February and our first bingo night on the 22nd February. We would like to voice our thanks to the Parish council for the first 3 months rent to cover both these events.

This month we have had a really successful meeting with Age UK. We are now working together to try and increase the services available to our residents. We are trying to cater for the needs and desires of our elderly and vulnerable residents. Some examples are in the form of Arm Chair Exercises, Chiropodist and trying to get a GP to visit and hold a surgery Ashington on a weekly basis.

In addition to our Christmas party we are trying to organise a Christmas outing and meal with our elderly and vulnerable residents. This is something that they really enjoyed doing last year and we wanted to continue it for this year too.

Youth Club / Provision

To help support the running of the youth club we have changed our shifts on a Wednesday to cover a late. This has resulted in us working more late shifts at present but we find it invaluable to keep the Youth club up and running. We are still keen to support the idea of establishing a youth worker in Ashington and have been working in conjunction with this. Tonight we have Southwater Youth Project here to give an option on how the Parish could proceed.

Reporting Incidents to the Police

The Police can be contacted in a number of ways from the **999** call in an emergency to **101** in a non emergency situation. There too are other ways to get in touch via their website and even text message. They can be emailed via contactcentre@sussex.pnn.police.uk where you can report non emergency problems. If you are a victim of criminal damage for instance this can be emailed through with as much detail and information as possible. You can even send the police a text message on **65999** to alert them of a drunk driver or similar issues.

Without your support in contacting the Police to report instances of crime we can't build up a picture of what is going on in the village and in addition we can't get the support from the Police that we too need.