



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 2nd August 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 5th July 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
8. Correspondence (for action)
 1. Pride of Place by Age UK
 2. WSCC – draft local distinctiveness Guidance – invitation to comment
 3. HDC – new Scrutiny & Overview Working Group – Southern Rail's performance in severe weather.
 4. Road closures for Ashington Carnival – any comments?

9. Public Adjournment

Opportunity for members of the public to raise matters of concern

10. Planning

Correspondence: HDC Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Preferred Options Consultation Document

New enforcement allegations: None.

Amendments: None

Applications:

DC/12/1276 Demolition of existing buildings, provision of second access and formation of an equine hospital and associated facilities - Westlands Farm, Billingshurst Road

Horsham District Council

Approvals:

DC/12/1072 Fell 1 x Scots Pine (Tree B) and surgery to 1 x Lime tree (Tree A)
- 15 Linfield Lane

DC/12/0827 Surgery to 1 x Oak tree on land to rear of 34 Rectory Close -
Oakwood Copse Ivy Lane

DC/12/0959 Surgery to 1 x Holm Oak – Meiros Farm

Refusals: None

Withdrawals: None

Appeal decision: None

Appeals: None

11. Finance

Correspondence:

1. Letter from Puckamuck offering snow clearance services for £35 per hour

Income: None

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 September 2012, 7.45 pm at Ashington School,
Foster Lane, Ashington.

Planning Committee – Wednesday 15th & 29th August 2012, 7pm at the Parish
Office, Sports Pavilion, Church Lane

PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Karen Dare, Clerk to Ashington Parish Council 26th July 2012.



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Schedule of payments August 2012

Mark Adsett	Gardeners contract payment	£483.33	
	Hanging basket watering (4 weeks)	£260.00	
Mrs K. Dare	Clerks expenses (home & telephone)	£17	
	Total	£	
WSCC	Salary and on costs (July)	£	
Plusnet	Broadband	£17.99	DD
M. Woolley	travel expenses	£12.20	
R. Brennan	travel expenses	£26.00	
ACCT	leaflet delivery	£25.00	
Playsafety Ltd.	Safety inspections	£226.80	
SOS Systems	photocopier	£52.22	
AiRS	subscription	£50.00	

REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS AUGUST 2012

Anti Social Behaviour

With the end of the school term we have been keen to keep a high level of visibility around the village. Working with the co-op and Sussex police we have interacted with several groups of youths around the village.

Again this month we have had the snack wagon in the village along with both the substance misuse worker and alcohol intervention officer. This is obviously a clear benefit for the village and gives a safe environment for young people to talk about issues / problems.

Anti Social Driving

We have had a couple of reports of anti social driving at the top end of the village. We continue to patrol the area and have spoken to some of the local residents regarding the problems there. We have been paying particular attention to this issue during our late shift and will continue to monitor the situation reporting any drivers seen to the police. Once again we would urge anyone who sees anti social driving to do the same by reporting the vehicles to operation crackdown via www.operationcrackdown.org or by calling them on 01243 642222 or the Police non emergency on 101.

Criminal Damage

This month we have come across several instances of graffiti. In the play park at Turnpike Way and on the side of the Scout Hall. Both were successfully removed but we are keen to remove any that is spotted quickly.

We have had a success this month by identifying who has been damaging Cubitt and West's for sale boards. We have challenged the individual about it and they have admitted that they have been causing the damage. The individual concerned has been to Cubitt and West and has apologised.

Skate Park

We have had numerous young people come to us this month talking about the skate park. They are asking when it will be fixed or if there are any improvements going to be made soon? We are very keen to get the skate park back up to scratch and would like to breathe a bit of colour into the area at the very least with some posters against littering and other associated problems. We are keen to get the young people involved and would like their input as to how we can improve the area.

Pot Holes

This month we have noticed a number of large potholes in various locations around the village. We have reported them to highways and will continue to chase them until something is done. We also had cause to call highways out to a rather dangerous missing manhole cover down Rectory lane near Penn Gardens.

Cold Calling

There have been numerous incidents relating to cold calling across the village. We have been patrolling and responding to reports and approaching them where necessary. We are keen to know if and when this is occurring around the village and would like to try and identify any associated people / organisations. We would appeal to residents to help us with this by recording any registration numbers of vehicles used or company details. We are working on getting some relevant information and stickers for doors to warn off cold

callers. We are also exploring the idea of making the village a “no cold calling” Zone.

Litter

We are still picking litter up in the hotspot areas of the village and paying particular attention to the play parks. As we have said before we do appreciate that there are still some areas that aren't being found as quick and ask for your help in reporting this ASAP. As well as hot spot litter picking we also have been trying to educate hoping that people will make better use of the rubbish bins in the village. We have noticed on several occasions that some of the rubbish bins have been full or nearly full and will keep an eye on the situation and where necessary will chase up Horsham to ensure they are emptied promptly.

Elderly and vulnerable visits

This month has seen us spending a large amount of time working closely with a vulnerable family in the village. We have been focusing on them dealing with some long term problems that have needed extra support every step of the way. The last few weeks have been frustrating as we have had to fight quite hard to get other agencies involved with them but are finally getting there.

We have continued to carry out our home visits. This month has seen several bereavements and has seen us carrying out extra visits offering support as and where we can. In addition to bereavements we have a number of residents who are particularly vulnerable due to ill health who we have been keen to support and work with through this particularly tough period.

We have also got a trip planned early next month down to Bognor boathouse for a slap up fish supper as well as visiting a few garden centres etc. We once again feel the need to hire a coach rather than a minibus as it is proving extremely popular. In addition to our planned trip we continue to support the weekly shopping trips agreeing to help out by running the trip occasionally in the next few weeks.

We are currently working on an action plan relating to both the elderly and vulnerable residents and youth of the village. We are keen to improve community development and cohesion and are looking at ways to do this. We are working closely with the parish council and other agencies where needed.

Theft from Van

This month we have had an instance of vehicle crime where a van was broken into and things were taken from the front seating area. This occurred whilst parked outside someone's house during daylight hours. One of the contributing factors relating to this was the fact that there were a number of tempting things on display. We are keen to remind drivers not to leave anything of value on display for opportunists or would be thieves. We are going to start a campaign “ON DISPLAY EASY PREY” where we will be highlighting vehicles around the village parked with valuables on display. In addition we are going to be getting some stickers for vans and other vehicles stating “no valuables are left in the vehicle”.

Office Move

We have now moved our office and are in a much more accessible location on the corner of the community centre. We have already benefited from a more public location with people popping in and reporting problems etc. We would

like to say a big thanks to all involved in the move including some of the young people of the village who helped us move things physically.

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.