



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 3rd September 2015

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 6th August 2015.
4. Report from the Neighbourhood Wardens, Police & Youth Worker
5. Young Persons Adjournment
Opportunity for young people to speak to the Parish Council.
6. Invited Guest Richard Murray – Murray Planning Associates – Spear Hill Solar Farm
7. Report from District and County Councillors
8. Actions Outstanding:
 - a. Billingshurst Road Vehicle Activated Sign – update
 - b. Clerk recruitment – update
 - c. WSCC Winter grit arrangements
9. Correspondence (for action) –
 1. Premises Application LI/15/0301/PREM for SF Connect, London Road (new petrol station) for:
 - a. Sale and supply of alcohol by retail for consumption on the premises Monday to Sunday, 06:00hrs till 22:00hrs
 - b. Premises open to the public Monday to Sunday, 24 hours each and every day
10. **Public Adjournment**
Opportunity for members of the public to raise matters of concern
11. Planning
Correspondence:
 1. Neighbourhood Plan – update.
 - New enforcement allegations:

EN/15/0380 Alleged breach of Condition 6 of DC/10/0864 (need to replace trees that have died within 5 years of being planted) – Blakiston Close

Amendments:

Applications:

DC/15/1824 Change of Use from Agricultural Land to car park – agricultural land to the rear of Hoots House, London Road

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Approvals:

DC/15/0954 Use of 1 No. building known as 'Chanctonbury Lodge' as accommodation in breach of an Agricultural Occupancy Condition attached to planning application ref: : AS/56/86/ (Lawful Development Certificate - Existing) – Chanctonbury Lodge, Rectory Lane

DC/15/1063 Foul water treatment facility - Unit 2 Wiston Business Park

DC/15/1291 Proposed two storey side extension including first floor extension over the existing garage - 22 Warminghurst Close

DC/15/1427 Change of use building from a beauty salon (sui generis) to Use Class A1/A2 - Cherub Beauty Salon London Road

DC/15/1312 Proposed Two storey side extension - 5 Fairfield Road

Refusals:

DC/15/1393 Demolition of existing dwelling house formerly 2 No. Flats and the erection of 2 No. Five bedroom houses with new vehicle accesses – Sunbeams, London Road

Withdrawals: None

Appeal decision: None

Appeals: None

21. Finance

Correspondence:

1. Consider a quote to replace 3 perspex windows in the Co-op noticeboard that are opaque with age £110.00. The Council has an earmarked reserve that will cover this cost.
2. Proposal for the PC to hold and administer ARA funds.
3. Approval of Annual Return

Income:

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 1st October 2015, 7.45 pm at Ashington School,
Foster Lane, Ashington.

Planning Committee – Wednesday 16th September 2015, 7.30pm at the
Sports Pavilion, Church Lane

PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Karen Dare, Clerk to Ashington Parish Council 13th August 2015.



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Schedule of payments September 2015

Mark Adsett	Gardeners contract payment	£508.33
	Hanging basket watering (4 weeks x £65, for 16 weeks)	£260.00
Mrs K. Dare	Clerks expenses (home & telephone)	£17
	Jobstoday	£118.80
	McVeigh Parker (postfix)	£10.30
	Total	£
WSCC	Salary and on costs (August)	£1087.35
ACCT	Planning committee 19/08/15	£3.80
Ashington PCC	Youth Worker August 2015	£1083.33
LanGuard Ltd	Weedkilling	£138.00
PKF Littlejohn	Annual Audit	£480.00

APPENDIX 1: REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

THEFT

Three reports of theft this month.

- The storm drain cover from a drain in Hill Crest Close has disappeared. Due to the danger to pedestrians in this area we called the emergency Highways number. They came and cordoned off the area and made safe for all members of the public.
- A mobile phone was stolen from youth using the skate park area. They had left it laying on skate ramp and it just disappeared. It has been reported as stolen to the police. We were unable to see anything regarding the theft on the CCTV.
- The bin that we had put next to the ball court has disappeared. This is really annoying as the youth were using this bin to place all their litter in. This had taken quite a lot of months to get them to dispose of the litter correctly. Even the youth are upset by the disappearance of this bin. I have looked across the village but can't seem to find it. This is the third bin to go missing across the village over the last few months.
- Items belonging to a resident stolen from rear of their garden.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

There have been several reports of ASB this month around the village. Most have been reported to the police and they are dealing with the incidents. An incident of graffiti on the scout hut was reported to us. CCTV cameras were viewed and offenders were identified. Local residents removed the offending words of the graffiti and when we started our shift we worked with the offenders to remove the rest of the graffiti. Police have been informed of this incident.

CO OP issues regarding recent ASB are being dealt with by the police. We continue to support victims of the ASB and patrol this area on a regular basis.

There have been several reports this month of ASB toward residents of Ashington. The offender has been verbally abusive and has made the victims feel very scared and worried for their safety. All reports have been passed to the police.

There is evidence of arson, small fires being started over by the balancing pond behind the school. We are still trying to identify offenders.

There have been reports of two offenders across the village shining torches and looking into properties late at night. All intelligence has been passed to police. We have also been working with those affected by these issues to reassure them and have suggested home security ideas for them to do to make their property safe and secure.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

A report of criminal damage has been made to us this month. Drain pipes at the community centre have been damaged. They have been broken off from brackets. We will check CCTV. All evidence that we get from CCTV will be passed to police.

BONFIRES

There have been lots of complaints regarding residents having bonfires. Damage to neighbours property from ash etc. and smoke entering their properties. We have suggested to those that have been affected by these issues to talk directly with the neighbour concerned who is having the bonfire.

Following this suggestion most of the issues were dealt with in a friendly manner. Those with the bonfires were unaware of the problem it was causing.

THE YOUTH

Have been doing lots of interaction and educational work with the youth this summer.

It has been really good fun working closely with them and it has led to a change in their behaviour around the village. Not so many complaints received of ASB.

Most of them have been bored and are always looking for things to do. Some have volunteered to help litter pick and anything else we need a helping hand with.

We feel that they would have benefited with the youth club perhaps being open more in the school holidays over the summer period

Lots of youth have approached us about doing a mini-bus trip out of the village on a regular basis. We will speak to the youth worker about this possibility, as we believe that it would be something that would work well as a diversionary activity. This is still a topic we need to raise with the youth worker as the youth still asking about this service.

ANTI SOCIAL DRIVING

There have been several incidents of anti-social driving across the whole village this month, some driving very dangerous. We have reported all details of cars, description of drivers and incidents they have been involved in to Operation Crack down.

CARNIVAL

What a fantastic and busy day for the village. What amazing fireworks.

The atmosphere throughout the day was brilliant. It was lovely to see the community coming together to enjoy this very popular day.

We dealt with three incidents of underage drinking on carnival day; all youth were collected by parents.

We did not have to deal with any incidents that required the police to attend.

ELDERLY/VULNERABLE

How very proud are we of our Fifty Shades of Grey older residents of Ashington.

Following their success in winning first place in the carnival float parade little did we know the impact it would have with the media? There was a write up in the County Times which caused an interest with the national papers. Over the next few days The Fifty Shades of Grey group had appeared in the Daily Sun, Mirror, Mail and the Express and numerous websites. They were even all interviewed by a local reporter to give their view on how the float and the day went joining in with the Ashington Carnival. They were even tweeted a congratulations personally to them all from the Author of the book Fifty Shades of Grey.

We have to say a big Thank you to all the community that helped make this possible for the elderly/vulnerable group to take part. It was lovely to see the youth and older residents in this event.

Due to winning first place in the carnival the group won £100. This money was used for an afternoon/evening trip to Littlehampton. We had a stroll around the town followed by a visit to the amusement arcade. We then had a lovely stroll along the river then onto the restaurant for a fish and chip supper by the river. This was paid for with the winnings.

Some elderly/vulnerable have needed some extra help this month due to health and personal issues they may be dealing with. Some residents have sadly been admitted to hospital following health issues. We will remain to support them.

Three safeguarding referrals have been made this month to social services to get those vulnerable residents the help they need.

Two more community link alarms have been fitted this month to elderly/vulnerable residents in the village.

The mini bus that we use in the village has now gone for repair following the damage it received. It is hoped it will be back in service in the next two weeks.

We have use of a spare minibus at the moment

WARDEN

It has been an extremely busy month attending numerous meetings with agencies to try and find solutions too issues we are having with in Ashington. Once the new information leaflet regarding wardens has been proof read by the steering group it will be printed and delivered to all houses within Ashington.

We are working at increasing the partnership working with relevant agencies.

APPENDIX 2 – Sussex Police

Ashington Parish Council Meeting Update

Horsham District Monthly update is on the Parish Council website
www.ashingtonpc.org.uk

APPENDIX 3 –Report on Ashington Youth Centre 2015

To follow

APPENDIX 4 – Funds held by the Parish Council on behalf of others:

First Responders Funds: £to follow

Bingo Club: £to follow