



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 5th December 2013

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 7th November 2013.
4. Report from the Neighbourhood Wardens & Police
Update on Warden review & recruitment
Update on Youth Worker project
Update on Youth Shelter
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. Trees at northern edge of Recreation Ground
 - b. Proposal to remove tree and make repairs to nature trail footpath
 - c. Freedom of Information - review
8. Correspondence (for action) - None
9. **Public Adjournment**
Opportunity for members of the public to raise matters of concern
10. Planning
Correspondence: Neighbourhood Plan – update.

New enforcement allegations: None.

Amendments: None

Applications:
DC/13/2193 Division of one house into 2 x semi-detached houses – 11 Cricketers Close

DC/13/2197 First floor side extension and garage conversion – 5 Posthorses

DC/13/2217 Surgery to 3 x Oak trees – The Oaks, 1 Turnpike Way

DC/13/2232 Two storey rear extension, conservatory, and conversion of double garage to granny annex – The Wickets, London Road

DC/13/2258 Proposed loft conversion and front and rear two storey extension – Brambles, Church Lane

Horsham District Council

Approvals:

DC/13/1446 Fell 3 ash trees and re- coppice one hazel bush – Woods Cottage, Muttons Lane

DC/13/1873 Surgery to 1 oak tree – 14 Covert Mead

Refusals:

DC/13/1648 Fell 1 x Horse Chestnut tree – 6 Woelfs Close

Withdrawals: None

Appeal decision: None

Appeals: None

11. Finance

Correspondence:

1. Annual Review of Financial Controls and Internal Audit
2. Annual Review of Assets and Insurance Cover
3. Budget & Precept 14/15
4. Consider replacement of half pipe – proposal to budget £11,500 and the Clerk reach agreement with ACCT over details
5. Consider a request for a grant from West Sussex Rural Mobile Youth Trust (the Purple Bus)

Income:

First Responders donation £100

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 9th January 2014, 7.45 pm at Ashington School, Foster Lane, Ashington.

Planning Committee – Wednesday 18th December 2013, 7.30pm at the Sports Pavilion, Church Lane

PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Karen Dare, Clerk to Ashington Parish Council 28th November 2013.



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Schedule of payments December 2013

Mark Adsett	Gardeners contract payment	£491.66
Mrs K. Dare	Clerks expenses (home & telephone)	£17
	Total	£17
WSCC	Salary and on costs (November)	£879.11
ACCT	Lunch club hall hire	£59.20
	Bingo club hall hire	£37.00
	Planning committee 16/10/13	£7.40
P. Webb	lunch club purchases	£
Horsham Matters	youth worker	£
Information Commissioner	data protection registration	£35.00
Radii Ramps	urgent skatepark repair	£540.00
Sussex Manures	deposit grit bags in village	£60.00

APPENDIX 1

REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS NOVEMBER 2013

Criminal Damage

Over the last month there have been no reports of criminal damage around the village and community centre. If youths are congregating around the community centre when I have seen them I have been moving them on.

I am working with the community centre to find ways to deter the youth from congregating around in this area.

A community resolution order was issued to a youth who was guilty of criminal damage to the community centre. This meant that he had to write a letter of apology to the community centre committee.

The youth has also agreed to go on an acceptable behaviour contract and has also completed a morning's litter pick with myself around the community centre and other hot spot areas in the village.

Since this incident occurred the youths have been compliant with my wishes to move them on. They are also trying to pick up their litter and use bins provided.

ANTI SOCIAL DRIVING

Intelligence has been passed to police regarding this issue.

I will be passing registration details to police of any vehicles driving dangerously in the village. I will also be educating them on the dangers and consequences of this behaviour.

ILLEGAL DRUGS

I am working to pass any relevant intelligence to the police on any information I receive regarding drug usage in Ashington.

YOUTH SHELTER

I attended a community centre meeting to discuss permission and location for proposed youth shelter. It was decided to postpone any decisions until a proper presentation of what is planned for the youth shelter. A position for the shelter was suggested and this would be near the path entrance to recreation ground adjacent to skate park. We have met with Monster play to discuss designs of youth shelter and we are waiting for them to email details. I will prepare a presentation to present at the next community centre meeting.

The youth are very excited about the youth shelter and have been offering to raise the monies themselves by fund raising. They have all stated it will be so good for somewhere to go that is dry, has lighting and that they won't be moved on continually.

YOUTH WORKER

I have met with the youth worker and the local PCSO to discuss what projects we can all work on with the youth of Ashington. I will continue to meet with the youth worker on a regular basis to discuss any issues I may be having with the youth in the village.

I have been trying to attend youth club nights when my shifts allow.

CO OP

I have received emails and verbal complaints regarding anti-social behaviour in and around the co-op area.

I have spoken with the Manager regarding these issues and have stated if at any time the anti-social behaviour is bothering them they must phone the police.

All residents in this area upon witnessing this anti-social behaviour must phone it through to the police on 101 non-emergency or 999 if it is an emergency. Each time a call is made to the police, information is logged. This will then highlight to the police that there is an issue with anti-social behaviour in this area.

I have myself identified the youths concerned in recent issues outside the co-op and Turnpike Way area, and I have been doing education work with them regarding their unacceptable behaviour.

Names have been identified and they will be sent to the Anti-social behaviour team to start building on acceptable behaviour contracts for them.

I have also passed relevant intelligence onto the police myself when I have witnessed anti-social behaviour from this group.

I, when my patrols allow, will be a high visible presence in this area.

I have also requested assistance from our local PCSO to do the same.

DOG FOUL

Words of advice have been given to a person who was identified to me as not picking up after their dog has fouled. As I did not witness this for myself I could only give a verbal warning and remind them of the consequences of what will happen if they are caught.

FLY POSTING

This seems to be an ongoing issue in the village. I am removing as I see them.

It would be very helpful if any resident sees anyone fly posting to take description of person or persons doing it, and then pass any information to me.

FLY TIPPING

Due to the fact that this area is very overgrown, there have been three separate incidents of fly tipping on the Old London Road.

I have reported to Hop Oast cleansing department for removal.

The issue of fly tipping seems to be getting worse in this area in the last couple of months. This might be due to the overgrown trees and bushes and is looking quite unkempt. I will ask the West Sussex Highways if they could clear some of the overgrowth and generally have a tidy up of this Road.

I will ask Horsham District council to put up warning notices regarding fly tipping in this area.

I will be making regular patrols of this area.

ROAD SIGNAGE DAMAGE

Two members of the youth in Ashington have offered to walk the village checking and photographing pictures of damaged road signs etc. When they have finished they will send me pictures so I can report to West Sussex Highways for repair.

They will also high light other areas of damage and let me know so I can take relevant action to sort problems.

A big thank you to them for volunteering.

ELDERLY/VULNERABLE

The fire service on my request have visited several elderly/vulnerable homes and have replaced existing fire alarms with new ten year battery life ones.

Community Link Alarm advisor has visited two vulnerable residents in village when their life line alarms were not working. They were replaced and up and running within a few hours of my call to them.

There have been numerous issues this month some serious for some of my vulnerable persons in the village.

A lot of family intervention work has taken place. Partnership working with the police has also helped to deal with some of the more serious issues.

These issues for these elderly/vulnerable are ongoing and I will be following all problems up over the next few months

I am trying to arrange a Christmas shopping trip for the elderly/vulnerable on the 16th Dec 2013.

Age UK representative is meeting with me on a regular basis to help and move forward services within the village for the elderly/vulnerable.

WARDEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party will take place at the Ashington community centre on the 14th December 2013, 3-6 pm.

Invitations have now been sent out and there has been a good response from across the village. Hopefully we will see some new faces attending this year. I look forward to welcoming them all. Once again a very big thank you to all the local businesses support with them donating raffle prizes for this event.

Catering has all been organised and I am expecting 100 plus to attend.

I have also had offers of help from a lot of the youths within the village. At past warden parties their input has been very valuable in making the day run smoothly.

ASHINGTON LUNCH CLUB

I can't believe the club has nearly been running a year. This club has proved very popular with the elderly/vulnerable within the village. It is a lovely meal that is served and a very nice atmosphere for all to enjoy.

Due to its success we have extended the hours to include following on from the lunch to an afternoon tea club. This will start in February 2014.

Due to the Age UK grant we can secure the rental for the premises that we hold the lunch club and the afternoon tea club for the coming year.

If the afternoon tea club become popular we will look into running this every fortnight.

I am pleased to say that the first Christmas lunch club will take place on the 4th December 2013. I am aware that the elderly/vulnerable are very excited about this event.

BINGO CLUB

It was the Christmas themed Bingo Night and it was a great success.

A fun evening was had by all with a large raffle, many prizes donated by the bingo members and also local businesses in Ashington.

A few more members have joined us and will continue to come in the New Year. Some of the new members are younger persons from the village.

Dates will be booked and it is hoped we can keep this popular club going for the coming year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

APPENDIX 2 – Sussex Police
Ashington Parish Council Meeting Update

To follow