



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 February 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 8th January 2015.
4. Report from the Neighbourhood Wardens & Police
Update on Warden recruitment
Update on Youth Worker project
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. Billingshurst Road Vehicle Activated Sign – update
 - b. ACCT security review
 - c. Parish Elections – 7th May
8. Correspondence (for action) –
 1. Thakeham Neighbourhood Plan pre-submission reports
 2. WSCC Minerals Local Plan update
 3. Future of Rock Common Quarry – workshop Saturday 28th Feb, Washington Memorial Hall 2-4.30pm.

9. Public Adjournment

Opportunity for members of the public to raise matters of concern

10. Planning

Correspondence:

- a. Neighbourhood Plan – update.

New enforcement allegations: None.

Amendments: None

Applications:

DC/14/2761 Proposed two bedroom detached dwelling – Land to the north of Baden House, London Road

Horsham District Council

Approvals:

DC/14/2466 Proposed installation of ground-mounted solar photovoltaic array consisting of 40 solar panels - New House, Broadbridge Farm.

DC/14/2472 Timber garage - 6 Broadbridge Cottages London Road

Refusals: None

Withdrawals: None

Appeal decision: None

Appeals: None

11. Finance

Correspondence:

1. Quarterly bank reconciliation
2. Quarterly budget report
3. Consider quotes for play area repairs at Warminghurst Close
4. Consider a quote for weedkilling services
5. Consider a quote for repairs to verges near the Co-op.

Income:

HDC – S106 grant for floodlights £1670

National Savings Account – annual interest £1,239.17

Donations to First responders £900.00

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 5th March 2015, 7.45 pm at Ashington School, Foster Lane, Ashington.

Planning Committee – Wednesday 18th March 2015, 7.30pm at the Sports Pavilion, Church Lane

PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Karen Dare, Clerk to Ashington Parish Council 29th January 2015.



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Schedule of payments February 2015

Mark Adsett	Gardeners contract payment	£500.00
Mrs K. Dare	Clerks expenses (home & telephone)	£17
	Tea/coffee etc for NHP sessions	£12.29
	Stationery for NHP sessions	£17.49
	Postage	£12.72
	Postage NHP letter	£62.00
	Total	£121.50
WSCC	Salary and on costs (December)	£1127.38
ACCT	Planning committee 17/12/14	£3.80
	Bingo Club (December)	£37.75
Ashington PCC	Youth Worker Jan 2015	£1083.33
Letterbox Logistics	delivery of Neighbourhood Plan letter (Jan)	£90.00
M. Woolley	stationery for NHP sessions	£7.99

APPENDIX 1: REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS **CRIMINAL DAMAGE AND THEFT**

No reports to me of criminal damage or theft this month to me across the village.

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES

I have had a very busy month with numerous suspicious vehicles being reported to me.

Vehicle registration details make and model have been reported to police to investigate further. Thanks to the informants who have taken good details of offending vehicles.

There have been several reports of suspicious vehicles late at night. There is good reason to suspect that they may be poaching in the surrounding fields of the village. I have been doing regular patrols of the rural areas. If anyone sees anything suspicious they need to call the police to report incident.

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

This continues to be an issue across the village.

There have been several reports this month of underage drinking. The main area seems to be around the community centre. I am aware of the youth and have spoken with them. The next step will be to talk with parents. The police have also been updated with the names of youth concerned.

This behaviour is not very pleasant as the youth are leaving all alcohol related litter around the community centre. I also know that one youth after too much alcohol vomited everywhere. This is not nice for the community centre staff to have to clean up. I have spoken with the youth concerned and I will be making him do a litter pick of the area.

I do know that this time the alcohol was taken from some of the youths homes. With or without permission I am not sure.

Drug intelligence is still being passed to police on a regular basis.

YOUTH

I have had a meeting this month with the youth worker to look at ways of working together to get the best provision for the youth of Ashington.

Suggestions were made on using the ball court to provide some diversionary activities for the older groups of youth.

I was also asking how many youth club sessions would be held through the week. I believe that there needs to be two separate evenings for the different age groups of youth attending.

It is my hope that the youth worker can help me deal with shall I say the more challenging group of youth in the village. I shall be passing names to the youth worker of the youth that I think would benefit with some interaction and outreach work.

I also had the conversation with youth worker about the youth fund raising for the youth shelter to have solar lights fitted. The youth need to take ownership of the youth shelter and by working on ways to improve the facility is a way of doing this.

I need to arrange for the grand opening of youth shelter. I will need to speak with youth worker further on this and perhaps get a date set for the opening. Perhaps waiting for the better weather might be a good idea.

I have also spoken with youth worker on working together on trying to arrange the substance misuse sessions with the Substance Misuse officer. Thank you to the parish for funding this valuable service.

He will be delivering a six week programme to those that wish to attend. I do know that he has been working with some of the youth with substance misuse issues already doing one to one sessions.

I am still working with several youth across the village with personal issues they have. I am also working closely with the anti-social behaviour team due to some youth of the village being placed on an anti-social behaviour contract. This is to help the youth concerned make the right choices and correct their behaviour. It is also there to sign

post those to relevant agencies for extra help they may need. I continue to have regular monthly meetings with those concerned. I also have contact on a regular basis with the youth concerned just to help and guide them.

DOGS

Numerous complaints of dog foul this month. Luckily several complainants have given good descriptions of offenders and dogs. I am now doing patrols at regular times to catch offenders. If caught not picking up their dog foul they will receive an on the spot fine of £50.00.

OLD LONDON ROAD ASHINGTON

Over the last few weeks travellers have again parked in the old London road. They have stayed at this location for a couple of weeks before moving on. I have reported the fly tipping that has been left by the travellers to our cleansing department to be removed.

This area is in need of a good litter pick. I have also asked the cleansing department to do this. Luckily some of the residents of this area do try themselves to litter pick on a regular basis.

This area is used by vehicles on a daily basis to sit and have lunch breaks etc. Perhaps a litter bin in the hot spot areas may help with the litter problem.

This problem with traveller's vehicles parking in this area is an ongoing issue and a local resident of the area has asked if there is a solution that we could come up with to prevent this reoccurring problem.

My suggestion and I think others have suggested it to in the past is a height restriction barrier with coded access for service vehicles.

ELDERLY/VULNERABLE

Lots of welfare checks this month within the elderly/vulnerable groups.

I have delivered electric heaters to those that have problems with heating over this last month. Their heating has broken down or is just not adequate to heat the whole property.

The heaters are on loan from Horsham District Council until they sort heating issues. Cold weather packs have been handed out to those that need them.

I have been reminding them to stock up on grocery supplies just in case the weather turns bad so at least they are prepared.

Have safeguarded some within the elderly group to help get them the extra care they require.

I am also supporting others within the younger elderly/vulnerable group to make life changing decisions. Just being there for support and advice helps them.

I am still working closely with the community link alarm manager to ensure that Ashington residents receive all the help that is available to them. Many have been referred to Age UK

One resident requested a key safe for her property which I am pleased to say the community link manager arranged and it was fitted within 24 hours. This gives this resident peace of mind that if she needs help the emergency services can get to her promptly by getting the key from key safe. It has made her feel safer and more independent.

I have been organising trips for the elderly/vulnerable group for the year. The first trip booked for April. We will be going to Bognor then onto Felpham beach café for a fish and chip lunch. This was by popular demand from all that attended last year. They all love this outing.

LUNCH CLUB/VINTAGE TEA

We have had a meeting with the lunch club committee to arrange the next years sessions.

All dates have been booked with the community centre, thanks for their co-operation in this.

Mini bus dates have all been booked for the next year to include free travel to lunch club, vintage tea and bingo. The mini bus has been paid for throughout the year by the

kind donations of residents who attended the warden party and purchased raffle tickets.

I have collated a list of all dates for lunch club/vintage tea and printed out and will give to all residents that attend so they can remember when the dates for each event are. Some were getting confused with times and dates, this should make it easier.

A kind donation from Sussex Police was awarded towards the running of the lunch club. It was for the amount of £150.00. A very big thank you for their generosity and support

Thanks to the members of the Church and Sussex police grant we shall now be able to purchase a better plate warmer to make things easier for Pat to provide nice hot meals to all that attend lunch club.

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

I have had several meetings over the last few months and I can now say very excited that we have volunteers to help across the village within the elderly/vulnerable group. I will be working closely with a co-coordinator from the group to delegate and work with to help the elderly/vulnerable group get the extra help they require. We will have weekly catch ups to see what work has been carried out and who has received visits. They will visit those that require just a little help and just someone to have a chat and a cup of tea with. Basic welfare checks on each visit to make sure the person is coping ok. Any issues that they feel are a concern they will contact me and I will sign post the individual to relevant agencies

Mini bus drivers have been recruited and they will help with the transport to and from the organised clubs within the village. They will also be helping with the organised trips.

I can't thank these volunteers enough as with their help we can provide so much more for the elderly/vulnerable within the village.

They will also be helping at the events providing entertainment for all to enjoy and general help as required.

This I feel is going to be such a valuable service for the village and I hope will become a success and grow in the future.

I would like to say a very big thank you to members of the church for helping to get this project off the ground.

BINGO

All dates have been booked for Bingo for the year.

I am pleased to report that thanks to the donation towards mini bus funding we can now provide free transport to this event for the elderly/vulnerable group.

I am pleased to say that the numbers have increased that attend this bingo evening. Young and old attend and it is lovely to see the interaction between the different age groups.

The youth are still helping me to organise this event on a regular basis.

WARDEN

A new warden has now been recruited. His start date will be the 2nd Feb 2015.

His name is Andy and he comes to us with great enthusiasm for the village. One of his passions is skate boarding and he really would like to start working on a project for the village. He would like to see the skate park used to its full extent. A suggestion he is making is to have professionals visit the skate park to show what can be done on skateboards etc. He has told me he has contacts who will do this free of charge. He also wants to start a skate boarding group.

I have actually worked with Andy before he was appointed as the Part Time Warden. He came to Ashington for two weeks for voluntary work experience.

All I can say was he was a pleasure to work with and his commitment and enthusiasm for the village. The work that we did was mostly within the elderly/vulnerable group and I am pleased to say they all enjoyed his company.

I am sure over the coming year between us we can provide a better Neighbourhood warden service for the village for all residents to benefit from.

We will both be attending many training courses over the next year to improve on our knowledge and understanding of our job role so as to provide an excellent service for all the residents of Ashington.

APPENDIX 2 – Sussex Police

Ashington Parish Council Meeting Update

To follow

APPENDIX 3 – Report on Ashington Youth Centre 2014

To follow

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

First Responders Funds: £3902.98

Bingo Club: £135.64