



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 July 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 7th June 2012.
 4. Report from the Neighbourhood Wardens.
Opportunity for members of the public to ask questions of the wardens.
 5. Invited Guests from HDC Senior Persons Council
 6. Young Persons Adjournment
Opportunity for young people to speak to the Parish Council.
 7. Report from District and County Councillors
 8. Actions Outstanding:
 - a. Community Action Plan – update
 - b. Housing Needs Survey - update
 - c. Annual Inspection of Council land – update
 - d. New Code of Conduct for adoption
 9. Correspondence (for action)
 1. Letter of complaint from Ashington resident. The Clerk has already responded as many issues raised were not PC issues.
 2. WSCC – request for Tourist Signs for Warminghurst Church
 3. Invitation to Ashington School Summer Production
 4. Temporary gas exploration at Broadford Bridge
 5. HDC Crime & Community Safety Survey 2012
 6. HDC Consultation on Housing Allocations Policy
 - 7.
 10. **Public Adjournment**
Opportunity for members of the public to raise matters of concern
 11. Planning
Correspondence: None
- New enforcement allegations: Possible unauthorised advertisement signs – Ashington Centre and Ashington Nursery.

Amendments: None

Applications:

DC/12/0857 Fell 1 x Pine tree - 16 Linfield Lane

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

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Approvals:

DC/12/0733 Two storey side extension - 32 Fairfield Road

DC/12/0897 Replacement of double garage - Downsview Cottage, London Road

Refusals:

DC/12/0880 Change of use of building to 1 x 2- bedroom dwelling with associated car parking - Post Horses, London Road.

DC/12/0819 Retention of the use of the land for the siting of a yurt for business purposes, namely yoga classes and massages - Lambs Barn Rock Road

Withdrawals:

DC/12/0850 To remove partition wall between kitchen and downstairs toilet to enlarge existing kitchen and relocate door to sitting room to bottom of stairs (Listed Building Consent) - The Willows London Road

Appeal decision: The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for the erection of an oak framed agricultural barn to house hay and agricultural products and small farm office at Mitchborne Farm, Malthouse Lane, in accordance with the terms of the application, Ref DC/11/2373

Appeals: None

11. Finance

Correspondence:

1. Ashington School has agreed a 10% reduction in costs for hiring the hall if the Council pay in advance for the year
2. Copy of ACCT accounts to 31st March 2012
3. Play area repairs, village seat & noticeboard re-painting
4. Consider requests for grants from:
 - a. Age UK Horsham District
 - b. Lifecentre – supporting men, women & child survivors of sexual abuse and rape.

Income:

Kite & Thomas – rent & roundabout sponsorship £2027.50

Recovered from S&F Administrators £10,914.15. This takes the total recovered to 73%

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 2nd August 2012, 7.45 pm at Ashington School,
Foster Lane, Ashington.

Planning Committee – Wednesday 18th July 2012, 7pm at the Parish Office,
Sports Pavilion, Church Lane

PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Karen Dare, Clerk to Ashington Parish Council 29th June 2012.



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Schedule of payments July 2012

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| Mark Adsett | Gardeners contract payment | £483.33 | |
| | Hanging basket watering (4 weeks) | £260.00 | |
| Mrs K. Dare | Clerks expenses (home & telephone) | £17 | |
| | Postage | £1.85 | |
| | Stationery | £84.56 | |
| | Refreshments for bunting volunteers | £4.94 | |
| | Total | £108.35 | |
| WSCC | Salary and on costs (June) | £816.72 | |
| Plusnet | Broadband | £17.99 | DD |
| M. Woolley | travel expenses | £12.20 | |
| HDC | litter bin emptying | £171.60 | |
| | Dog bin emptying | £114.40 | |
| Ashington PC | transfer to NS&I | £10,914.15 | |
| D. Newland | repairs & painting | £1755 | |
| Public Works Loan | repayment | £3110.12 | |

REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS JULY 2012

Anti Social Behaviour

This month we have had a number of high profile evenings where we have confiscated alcohol and reported a number of young people to the ASB team in Horsham. This has resulted in a number of letters being generated and sent to those young people's parents. In turn this has resulted in several parents getting in contact wanting to discuss further the issues at hand. Having said this there has also been a notable change in some of the "older" young persons who seem to have moved on from substance misuse and other negative things.

We have had the snack wagon back over the last few weeks and with that have come 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. This is something that we are lucky to have and hope to retain in the future.

Anti Social Driving

Having witnessed a number of questionable displays of driving among some of the young adults within the village we have taken the time to speak to the drivers and issue words of advice. This seems to have sunk in and we hope that next time they will think before they drive anti socially.

We do continue to monitor the situation and will report any drivers seen to the police. 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

Whilst out on foot patrol we have come across a broken gate down the footpath alongside what was the Methodist church. We have reported this and hope that it will be fixed in the near future. In addition we seem to have been suffering from repeat damage to some of the for sale boards in the village. We do however believe that we now know who is behind this and are in the process of challenging them on it.

Having been damaged consistently over the last couple of months Horsham are going to move the dog bin from the top end of London road to a hopefully more public area with the hope it won't be damaged again.

Litter

Once again we have been picking those areas that we have either had reported as hot spots or that we have come across whilst out on foot patrol. 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. In addition to the litter picking we have been trying to educate hoping that people will make better use of the rubbish bins in the village.

We are also in early stages of planning a "love the area you live" day where we intend to get volunteers and do an en mass tidy up and litter pick of the village. More details to follow soon.

Elderly and vulnerable visits

Over the last month we have been trying to get a feel for exactly how much time we are spending working with the elderly and vulnerable residents of the village. We have been making a note where possible of the time that we have spent on visits helping out and dealing with associated issues. The needs of these residents vary so we find ourselves spending time doing a varied amount of tasks. Sometimes this can be a quick process other visits can take a lot longer. In addition to the actual visits themselves we are also carrying out work behind the scenes contacting other agencies as well as preparing for trips and other associated activities. So just looking at the month of June we have both spent on average 16 hours each week working with the elderly and vulnerable residents. This equates to well over 1/3 of our time. Obviously this time fluctuates dependant on needs, problems and circumstances. Also with full days out planned this only adds to the average.

We feel strongly about carrying out this work and have found that most of the residents come to rely on our visits. Through our visits, intergenerational events and our trips out we are providing a much loved service to the elderly and vulnerable residents. They enjoy them very much and if for any reason we have to delay or postpone our visits we are very much missed. We see it as an important service enabling some residents to engage with their community which at the same time improves their quality of life.

Having invested a great deal of time to build up trusting relationships with some of the residents we often hear how good it is to have us around and how much safer those residents feel knowing that they can call on us to help with anything that may arise. They feel less isolated and more included. Also as we have gotten to gain trust some residents have opened up more and have allowed us to help with other more personal problems that have arisen. We feel that without this consistent relationship that some problems / issues would have been potentially embarrassing and would have remained hidden.

This month has seen us working closely with some difficult life changing personal circumstances that have required us to spend a good deal of time with certain individuals. Having worked with these residents for some time now we have built up a clear picture of their circumstances and previous experiences and feel without our support that they would have no-one else to turn to.

Parking

Again this month we have received further complaints about the parking down at the Meiros way building site. More recently this has been relating to parking on the pavements down towards Penn gardens and has caused obstruction to any pedestrians using the pavement. We have contacted David Wilson homes asking that they try and sort it. In addition we have contacted Sussex police reporting the obstructions. At the same time we have asked any residents affected to do the same. We continue to monitor and patrol in the area and will try our best to help reduce these obstructions.

Fly Posting

We have been active on this over the last few weeks. We have issued a number of warnings giving those responsible for the fly posting 48hours to remove it. Thankfully after issuing the warnings said fly posting has been promptly removed. We continue to monitor the area for any further fly posting and will treat them the same if any found.

Travellers London Road

We had a report earlier this month that Travellers had moved into the old London road area at the top of the village. As soon as this came to our attention we were on site with the Police talking to the travellers. They were friendly and happy to co-operate where possible accepting some bin bags to put any rubbish in. They explained that they would only be there on a temporary basis and were seeking a more permanent site. Just in case we reported this issue to West Sussex County Council as they were on a public high way. True to their word after only a few days the Travellers moved on leaving no obvious signs that they had been there.

CO-OP Manager

We have had a very positive brief introduction to the new manager at the co-op. We had a good conversation agreeing to let him get established and then we would have a more formal meeting to discuss any issues and problems that there might be. He seemed very keen to support us and want our support too. In addition he seemed very keen to be part of the community wanting to take time to attend parish meetings etc.

Office Move

All being well it looks like the office move will be going ahead. We hope to get moved early in July and will be holding an open evening at the new office to welcome residents to our new location and to act as an informal drop in for anyone should they wish to attend. A big thank you to the community centre for their help in making this possible.

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.