



# 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 5<sup>th</sup> March 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 5<sup>th</sup> February 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 – no further update
    - b. ACCT security review – set date for meeting
    - c. Parish Elections – 7<sup>th</sup> May
  8. Correspondence (for action) –
    1. WSCC Minerals Local Plan update
    2. Invitation for the Chairman to attend a lunch at WSCC with the Chairman of WSCC.
  9. **Public Adjournment**  
Opportunity for members of the public to raise matters of concern
  10. Planning  
Correspondence:
    - a. Future of Rock Common Quarry
    - b. Neighbourhood Plan – update.
- New enforcement allegations: None.
- Amendments: None
- Applications:

DC/15/0332 Demolition of existing single story lean-to to side elevation.  
Erection of new single story extension to side and rear elevations – Cradle  
Bridge, Mill Lane

DC/15/0341 Rear and side single storey extension front and rear roof dormer  
windows added – Camwood, Mill Lane

DC/15/0339 Infill sections between brick columns – Co-op, Turnpike Way

DC/15/0385 Surgery to 1 oak tree – 19 Covert Mead

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#### **Approvals:**

DC/14/2263 Proposed formation of access and track for agricultural purposes  
- Land West of Penn Retreat, Rectory Lane

DC/15/0172 Install electronic communications apparatus/development  
ancillary to radio equipment housing on behalf of EE - Orange Personal  
Communications Services Ltd Mast Spring Gardens Nursery Spring Gardens  
(Prior Approval Not Required)

DC/14/2732 Proposed single storey rear extension -14 Linfield Lane

Refusals: None

Withdrawals: None

Appeal decision: None

Appeals: None

#### 11. Finance

##### Correspondence:

1. Removal of dangerous trees to the rear of Church Close @£500
2. Appointment of Internal Auditor
3. Consider a quote for hanging baskets £1,038.55

##### Income:

Donations to First responders £100.00

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 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015, 7.45 pm at Ashington School,  
Foster Lane, Ashington.

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

### **PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

Karen Dare, Clerk to Ashington Parish Council 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015.



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### Schedule of payments March 2015

Mark Adsett	Gardeners contract payment	£500.00
Mrs K. Dare	Clerks expenses (home & telephone)	£17
	Stationery	£16.45
	Total	£33.45
WSCC	Salary and on costs (January)	£1078.30
ACCT	Planning committee 21/01/15	£3.80
	Hall hire for NHP meetings	£113.25
Ashington PCC	Youth Worker Feb 2015	£1083.33

## **APPENDIX 1: REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS**

### **BURGLARY**

There have been two reports of burglary this month in the village. A reassurance visit has been made to one resident who was burgled, following a phone call to update me on the incident that occurred. Segment timers were left with the resident concerned to use to time lights coming on and off in the property.

I have been reminding residents when leaving their properties to make sure they are secure and if possible to leave lights on. A good idea is to install security lights that work on a sensor.

Any resident spotting any suspicious activity no matter how small should phone through to the police on 101 non-emergencies number, but if it is an emergency phone 999

Any suspicious person or persons and vehicles, get as much detail descriptions of vehicle and registrations.

### **SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES**

Thanks to residents in the village this month has seen a lot of reports of suspicious vehicles again. All intelligence has been passed to the police.

### **COLD CALLERS**

Whilst on duty this month I have dealt with several cold callers selling their wares at resident's doors. On checking their I.D. it became apparent that they have no authority or necessary licences to be selling. I have asked them to stop what they have been doing. Residents really need to be mindful of dealing with cold callers. It became apparent to me that several residents had purchased items from these sellers. Once you have purchased an item with them they will keep returning. One of the cold callers became quite aggressive with me when I asked them to stop. If this happens with any resident they must call it through to the police. If possible it is best if residents do not encourage these door to door sales.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME**

I am now in the process of starting up a new neighbourhood watch scheme within the village. I will be working closely with Sussex Police and Horsham District Council on this project.

Hopefully over the next few months we will have this valuable service in place. It is an excellent platform for getting information across the village. If anyone would like to volunteer as a neighbourhood coordinator they can contact me directly.

### **STREET BRIEFINGS**

We will be holding street briefings over the next few months across the village.

The first location will be Penn Gardens. This will be an ideal time for residents in this area to approach us with any issues that may be concerning them. Hopefully we will be able to help or at least direct them to relevant agencies that can deal with any issues they may have. Please come along and meet with us even if it's just to have a chat.

The date for this event will be 10<sup>th</sup> April @ 6pm-7pm location entrance to Penn Gardens.

### **DRUGS AND ALCOHOL**

On my return to work from attending several training courses I have managed to identify the youth who had caused problems at the ball court and surrounding areas of community centre following reports of ASB this month. I have spoken with the anti-social behaviour team and several names have been passed to them. They will be arranging to meet with the youth concerned. Other youth I have given words of advice on their ASB and have suggested that they come and spend a couple of hours with me to litter pick the area where their anti-social behaviour took place. Several youth have agreed to this and I will be arranging the litter pick over the next few weeks.

Other youth I will refer to relevant agencies to get them the help they may require regarding drug/alcohol abuse. I am aware that several purchases of alcohol have been made by over 18s and then given to underage youth. I will be passing names to the police regarding this matter. If caught they will face a hefty fine. I will be speaking

with the CO OP just to make them aware of the proxy sales going on. More issues with youth which I cannot discuss in this report are being dealt with by partner agencies.

### **ELDERLY/VULNERABLE**

The first trip to Storrington on the first Friday of the month was a success. Eight elderly/vulnerable used the mini bus. I continue to do welfare checks on those elderly/vulnerable residents that have requested me to do so. Some need weekly/monthly visits others need daily.

Thanks to the church volunteers who have offered to visit elderly/vulnerable in the village this will make things easier for me as regards my allocated working hours and trying to fit in all the visits needed by the elderly/vulnerable. The volunteers will visit anyone in the village who may need some company, someone to have a chat with on a regular basis. If anyone knows of any elderly/vulnerable in the village who with their permission need a visit could you please get them to call me? I must just remind you that I am only able to visit those residents that agree to me visiting. Two more community link alarms fitted this month to local residents. I have referred some within the elderly/vulnerable group who have financial difficulties too relevant agencies to help deal with their issues. Food parcels have been arranged for those that require them.

### **LUNCH CLUB/VINTAGE TEA**

After applying for a grant with Saxon Weald Housing Association I can now say we were successful in receiving a grant for £1000 towards the cost of new cookers. The cookers will replace the old ones at community centre. Thank you to the community centre for letting us replace old cookers, new cookers will make it easier for Pat to serve the lovely home cooked food piping hot for all to enjoy who attend the monthly lunch club and other events that she prepares food for. It will also be better for all who use the community centre to have nice new cookers for functions they have arranged. I have to say once again a very big thank you to SAXON WEALD for their support and generosity to fund our groups within Ashington.

Entertainment for next lunch club will be a visit from a representative at Horsham District Council who arranges games sessions. I think we will be playing skittles, bowls and curling amongst other games she may bring. I feel it will be an exciting afternoon.

Since starting the Lunch club attendance levels have increased with 34 attending last month.

This is such a valuable event for all residents including the elderly/vulnerable group to come together on a monthly basis and have a good old chat and just socialise with people who perhaps they would not meet if it wasn't for lunch club.

### **CHURCH VOLUNTEERS**

I am still liaising with the church volunteers regarding new projects to start with in the village. One at present that is being worked on is a monthly club for gentleman of the village to attend.

### **BINGO**

First bingo session of the month was very popular. We had a couple of new residents attend. In all I think 24 attended. Transport was provided for those that needed it. We play for co-op vouchers, and as it is nearly spring, we were also playing for pots of spring bulbs and other nice plants. Next bingo session we will be playing for Easter eggs and lots of other goodies.

I applied to Saxon Weald Housing Association for a grant for £150:00 towards buying bingo books and pens for the year. I am pleased to say the grant was successful. With the generosity of Saxon Weald we are now in a good financial position to keep the bingo club running for another year. I am working closely with the Neighbourhood Wardens from STEYNING/BRAMBER/UPPERBEEDING to see if they can arrange transport for some of their elderly/vulnerable to attend bingo. It became evident from the Wardens Christmas party when speaking to some of the residents from this area

that they wanted to attend bingo. This gives an opportunity for our residents that attend to meet new people.

### **WARDEN**

Over the last few weeks the new Warden Andy Webster and I have attended several training courses. This is to bring us up to speed on our relevant powers that we can exercise through our job as Accredited Neighbourhood Wardens. With two wardens now working more evening cover will be provided. Horsham District Council will be updating warden information posters now that Andy has joined us. I hope to have these in the next few weeks.

### **APPENDIX 2 – Sussex Police**

#### **Ashington Parish Council Meeting Update**

To follow

### **APPENDIX 3 –Report on Ashington Youth Centre 2014**

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

First Responders Funds: £4002.98

Bingo Club: £135.64