



# 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 6<sup>th</sup> August 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 2<sup>nd</sup> July 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. Report from District and County Councillors
8. Actions Outstanding:
  - a. Billingshurst Road Vehicle Activated Sign – no further update
  - b. Clerk recruitment - update
9. Correspondence (for action) –
  1. Play area RoSPA inspections – the Clerk has put together an action plan to address the few minor issues that need doing.
  2. Email from resident of Rectory Lane asking for help getting the speed limit along Rectory Lane reduced.
10. **Public Adjournment**  
Opportunity for members of the public to raise matters of concern
11. Planning  
Correspondence:
  1. HDC need a list of infrastructure projects for Ashington.

Neighbourhood Plan – update.

New enforcement allegations: none

Amendments:  
DC/14/1999 Demolition of existing building and erection of 2no. detached and 4no. semi-detached 2 storey houses – Hoots House

Applications:

DC/15/1595 Extension of existing residential accommodation into redundant storage area by way of forming replacement living/dining/kitchen area (Listed Building Consent) – Jinkes Farm, Muttons Lane

DC/15/1557 Replacement conservatory – Broomsticks, Ivy Close

Horsham District Council

Approvals:

DC/15/0385 Surgery to 1x Oak tree - 19 Covert Mead

DC/15/0466 Fell 1 x Oak Tree, and Surgery to 1 x Oak Tree (Tree Preservation Order) - 19 Covert Mead

DC/15/0575 Existing Lawful Development Certificate for Residential Use of Outbuilding - Jinkes Farm Muttons Lane

DC/14/2761 Proposed two-bedroomed detached dwelling – Land north of Baden House, London Road

Refusals:

DC/14/1695 Outline planning application for the erection of up to 40 no. dwellings (Class C3) and new access off London Road with all other matters reserved – land south of Ashington House, London Road

Withdrawals: None

Appeal decision: None

Appeals: None

21. Finance

Correspondence:

1. Skatepark maintenance visit £162.50
2. Quarterly bank reconciliation & budget report

Income:

Donation to Ashington First Responders £115.08

Donation to Bingo Club £50.68

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 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015, 7.45 pm at Ashington School, Foster Lane, Ashington.

Planning Committee – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2015, 7.30pm at the Sports Pavilion, Church Lane

**PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

Karen Dare, Clerk to Ashington Parish Council 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015.



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## Schedule of payments August 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
	Stationery	£14.90
	Parking (HDC planning meeting 2 <sup>nd</sup> July)	£3.30
	Total	£35.20
WSCC	Salary and on costs (July)	£1087.35
ACCT	Planning committee 15 & 29/06/15	£7.60
Ashington PCC	Youth Worker June 2015	£1083.33
Radii Ramps	Skatepark service	£162.50
VM Langfords Ltd (as agreed in April 2015)	Security for Festival	£684.00
Playsafety Ltd	Play area inspections	£234.00
Stocksigns Ltd	No dogs sign for play area	£33.60
DS Newland (as agreed 5/2/15)	play area repainting & repairs	£1182.00

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

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

There have been Lots of issues this month in regards to anti-social behaviour, especially around the recreation ground and the Co-op area. Due to these issues we have been working very closely with the police. Joint patrols have been made of the village and due to this partnership working five stop searches were made by police within the village. This was due to concern about alcohol and substance misuse. Vehicles were searched and a vehicle has been seized. On-going intelligence around drugs supply and usage within the village is being passed to the police. Several undercover police operations have taken place within Ashington over the last month. We will continue to have monthly briefings at Steyning police station. This is to keep all relevant agencies up to date with what's happening in the local area. We did this month have a meeting with all new PCSO'S for this area. Since the meeting we have been having regular catch ups with them meeting at our office. This is good news as we can update them on any issues we are having in the village.

Lots of issues with youth urinating in public places across the village, we have spoken to those concerned when they have been caught. However this is an ongoing issue due to the lack of public toilets within the village. Many of those we have caught have been from outside the village.

Lots of alcohol and snack related litter has been found on the recreation ground, we have spoken to the youth responsible have handed them black dustbin bags and they are now removing their litter upon leaving the recreation ground. They are even coming to ask for more black bin bags when they have used all theirs up.

There has been complaints of litter within the multi-sport court, have spoken to users when we have seen them and explained that the multi-sport court if abused will be locked and the public will not be able to use it for free. This seems to have had an impact as over the past few days there has been no litter within the court. We would really hate to see this facility closed to the public due to the actions of a few users, it is such a valuable facility to the village and is appreciated by the majority of the village that use it.

There has also been an incident at the skate park this month with what seems to be the whole supply of the free papers (The district post) being placed underneath the half pipe, with attempts being made to set it alight. A good couple of hours were spent clearing and cleaning the area, we will be looking at CCTV to identify offenders. This has been reported to the police. We have been speaking on a regular basis to all skate park users about these issues. To make the skate park users more responsible for the area we have been asking them to do litter picks on a more regular basis. The amount of litter being dropped in the last few weeks has been significantly lessened.

Due to the arson attempt, we have asked all skate park users to report any suspicious actions to us. Many of the users were upset about the attempted damage to the area that they enjoy.

We are attending Meetings with the Anti-Social Behaviour Team on a regular basis to discuss offenders that have been identified to us. We are working together to try and come up with ways to deter their behaviour within the local community.

Issues surrounding shoplifting from the Co-op and ongoing anti-social behaviour issues on and outside the premise, we are working with the co-op checking the area on a regular basis, police have dealt with some of the incidents by issuing community resolution orders. Police are still dealing with

all other issues. All intelligence that is being gathered in this area is being passed to the police.

### **The Youth**

Lots of the youth across the village are helping the elderly vulnerable group to arrange and decorate their float for the carnival.

We have been working with the youth club groups to litter pick on a Thursday evening, last litter pick we managed to do the skate park, around the recreation ground and the youth club. We are looking to make this a more regular occurrence over the summer holidays.

Lots of youth this month have been coming to us for advice in relation to substance and alcohol misuse, we have been able to listen to their concerns and where needed pass to the relevant agencies.

Lots of underage drinking across the village at the moment just trying to give advice, we have confiscated some alcohol from underage youth in the last month.

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.

### **Anti-social Driving**

We are aware of one car being seized this month, and also another car being stopped for speeding. There haven't been as many reports this month of anti-social driving.

### **Neighbourhood Disputes**

There are ongoing issues with parking across the whole of the village with people parking inconsiderately towards neighbours and other members of the community. The best way to resolve some of these issues is to speak to the person concerned, and the majority of these disputes have been resolved between neighbours and residents. It is incredibly hard to enforce any parking in the village as there are limited parking restrictions in place throughout the village.

Other neighbourhood disputes have been dealt with across the village, sadly some issues could not be resolved and they are having an effect on the quality of life for some residents. We will continue to look at solutions for these ongoing issues.

### **Fly-Posting**

There has seen an increase in fly-posting this month. Several very large signs have been removed. The worrying thing was how they were staked in the ground. We have removed two iron bars from one sign that had been placed in ground.

### **Neighbourhood Watch.**

We have had a meeting with the neighbourhood watch co-ordinator and ambassador to look at ways of getting the neighbourhood watch across the village. Leaflet drops are being made across the village to ask for residents to come forward as neighbourhood watch co-ordinators. We are at present also assisting them in handing out forms to volunteers. Through this meeting it became apparent that the Co-ordinator and the ambassador are very passionate about neighbourhood watch and the village itself. With their enthusiasm we can see that over the next few months we will have a neighbourhood watch scheme across the village, this is such an important communication system for the village and one which we hope to see thrive. In addition to this during the meeting, the ambassador of neighbourhood watch was very informative in regards to setting up a "Street watch" scheme in Ashington. It is hoped that he may like to take on the starting of such a project. We of course will offer our support and assistance.

As discussed at the meeting there will also be a neighbourhood watch stall at the carnival where it is hoped that we will gain more volunteers.

### **Street Briefings**

We did a street briefing outside of the Co-op it was nice to speak to so many residents, hopefully we were able to help with any issues they may have had. Next street briefing will be September, location to be confirmed. We will be available on festival day if any residents of the village would like to come speak with us.

### **Elderly/Vulnerable**

Sadly due to our minibus being involved in an accident we were unable to go ahead with some of the planned trips, now that the minibus is back we have managed to re-schedule. We will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August visiting Littlehampton in the late afternoon for a fish and chip supper by the river. Then on November the 5<sup>th</sup> we will be visiting the Regis centre located in Bognor for a matinee showing of "Christmas Memories" the musical. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of December it is planned that we will be going out for Christmas lunch.

Lunch club has been very successful over the last few months; thanks go to Pat Webb and her team for such wonderful cooking. A big thank you to all the residents who have donated items to sell on our sales table and raffle also for fresh produce that they have provided for Pat to use when preparing the lunches. We have managed to arrange the entertainment for the lunch club Christmas party.

The Wardens elderly vulnerable party has been booked for the 28<sup>th</sup> of November at the community centre. We have been applying for grants to fund this activity, Entertainment has been booked and invites are in the process of being made. We are also in the process of writing to local business to ask for any contributions towards the raffle on the day. All profits from the day will go towards the annual running of the lunch club and providing free transport for all.

Following the success of the gentleman's club, another outing has been arranged for the 26<sup>th</sup> September to Tangmere RAF museum.

We have been reminding the elderly vulnerable groups of the dangers of the summer weather, we have been reminding them to drink plenty, use sun tan lotion and wear hats when out for an extended period.

### **Minibus**

We have now taken over the running of the Minibus service In Ashington; it has been a particularly difficult month due to the damage that the minibus received at the end of June following an accident. Luckily nobody was hurt, but the minibus was off the road for a couple of weeks, which caused a knock on effect with planned elderly vulnerable trips. The weekly shopping trip was cancelled for two weeks. We were able to borrow a smaller minibus for a short period of time but it was booked out on the days that we really needed it. Thankfully now the minibus is back in the village, it is still slightly damaged but it is purely cosmetic. In the coming months the minibus will be getting fully repaired. This has taken up a lot of our time over the month trying to make arrangements for it to be taken to the garage and organizing replacement transport when we could.

Due to the success of the minibus shopping trips we feel that another day needs to be organised during the week for other residents to use the transport as the first shopping trip day is full. We have had so much interest from residents to use this service.

### **Warden**

This month we have been working on a new advertising poster and leaflet for the warden scheme in the village, this will be an up to date version it is hoped

this will be finished within the next week. Once finished we will be delivering leaflets to all properties across the village, we are also looking at providing fridge magnets with all the appropriate contact details for us on.

**APPENDIX 2 – Sussex Police**

**Ashington Parish Council Meeting Update**

Horsham District Monthly update is on the Parish Council website  
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**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: £3828.34

Bingo Club: £264.19