



# 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> December 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 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012.
4. Report from the Neighbourhood Wardens.  
Opportunity for members of the public to ask questions of the wardens.
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. Community Action Plan – update
  - b. Housing Needs Survey – update
  - c. Annual Review of Freedom of Information document
  - d. Speed bumps in London Road - discussion
8. Correspondence (for action)
  1. Shipley Parish Design Statement – draft for consultation
  2. Pulborough Parish Design statement – draft for consultation
  3. HDC – draft Housing Strategies and Policies consultation
9. **Public Adjournment**  
Opportunity for members of the public to raise matters of concern
10. Planning
  1. WSCC Publication of the Proposed Submission (Reg.19) Draft West Sussex Waste Local Plan. The Council had responded to the draft document some time ago and there appears to be little change in this proposed submission.
  2. Post Horses, London Road – Councillors opinions on what should be done with this property. Planning permission to convert to a house was recently refused.
  3. Hoots House – the owner's agent wishes to discuss housing options for this site.

New enforcement allegations: None.

Amendments: None

Applications: None

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Approvals:

DC/12/1675 Proposed first floor extension above existing structure - Prospect Cottage Rectory Lane

Refusals: None

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 13/14
4. Review of Kite & Thomas Rent
5. Possible office move – update
6. Consider a request for a grant to the Youth Club to fund a youth worker for the 15+ club Friday sessions.

Income: None

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 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2013, 7.45 pm at Ashington School, Foster Lane, Ashington.

Planning Committee – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013, 7pm at the Parish Office, Sports Pavilion, Church Lane

**PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

Karen Dare, Clerk to Ashington Parish Council 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012.



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### Schedule of payments December 2012

Mark Adsett	Gardeners contract payment	£483.33	
Mrs K. Dare	Clerks expenses (home & telephone)	£17	
	Travel	£7.68	
	Materials for fence repairs/mesh area	£146.45	
	Total	£171.13	
WSCC	Salary and on costs (November)	£844.93	
Plusnet	Broadband	£17.99	DD
Broker Network Ltd	Annual insurance	£2057.89	
Information Commissioner	data protection	£35	
SLCC	Clerks General Power of Competence Submission for marking	£20	
S. Fenn	Responder expenses	£31.20	
HDC	litter & dog bin emptying	£286.00	

## **REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS DECEMBER 2012**

### **Anti Social Behaviour**

November has been a very quiet month with regards to Anti Social behaviour. We keep coming across the youth taking shelter outside the co-op and community centre and are keen to move them on.

### **Friday Night Youth Club**

We have continued to open the youth club on a Friday night, now directly after the younger session also on a Friday night. The youth club have secured a new youth worker to run their sessions for them. We are keen to take advantage of this worker and have applied to the parish council to try and secure a grant to enable us to use the youth worker in our "older" sessions too.

### **Youth Shelter**

We have visited a couple of youth shelters across the district and came to the conclusion that the one we liked the most was the one based at Sullington (Storrington). This was for several reasons, its vandal resistant open plan design for one. Also the fact that it blended in well with the surroundings and is made of recycled environmentally friendly materials. We are currently looking at costings involved and also at possible sources for funding should we go ahead. If we do go ahead one of the key issues will be its location which is something to be decided. We are keen to push this idea forward as we feel there is a need for somewhere for the youth to call their own where we can direct them to instead of constantly badgering them to move on from areas where they shouldn't be.

### **Youth Provision**

At present we are currently working on a short term solution within the youth club environment, hopefully enabling at least one club session a week split into two different age group sessions. Looking more long term we are still also working on this but are gathering more information at this time.

### **Anti Social Driving**

This still continues to be an issue especially at the northern end of the village. We continue to monitor the area and continue to educate any drivers that we come into contact with. We cannot stress the importance for your support in reporting such drivers through to the police on the operation crackdown website or by calling 101.

### **Dog Fouling**

Jayne attended an ACCT meeting where she discussed the issues around dog fouling in the village especially on the rec. Options explored were putting up more signage, new rules to keep dogs on leads or the possibility of banning dogs entirely from the rec. The last two are being investigated further with regards to the feasibility of their implication. New signs have already been placed at the entrances to the rec designed by one the young residents in the village.

### **Fly Posting**

With many events and Christmas approaching we have seen a big increase in the number of fly posting instances throughout the village. Particularly focused on the London road / co-op areas. If anyone sees posters or signs that should not be there please do get in touch with us so we can remove them. It is an offence to attach any signs, poster etc to street furniture without permission.

### **Card cloning Co-op cash point.**

We have had several reports that residents have been defrauded of money and have had their credit / debit cards cloned when using the cash point at the co-op. We advise anyone who uses that cash point regularly to check their statements and if they have any concerns to contact their bank ASAP. Any instances of fraud or theft should be reported to Sussex police also using the non emergency number 101.

### **Elderly and vulnerable visits**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> we had our Christmas Party which was a real fun afternoon and very much a success. We had almost 100 guests who joined us for an afternoon of festive food and sing song. The raffle was very popular and we wanted to express again our thanks to the very generous donors of prizes. It was lovely to see everyone there including a couple of parish council representatives, Joe the manager of the co-op, Adrian from Cubitt and West and Jan from Age uk who was there to show her support. It was lovely to have their support for the event and showed that local organisations and businesses do take an interest in their community. A special thanks needs also to be given to the youngsters that we had helping us at the party. Without them we couldn't have managed. They all volunteered willingly to help us and enjoyed mixing with everyone. Finally we need to say thank you to the ACCT for their help and support towards and on the day.

In addition to the Christmas Party we also took a small group to see Fiddler on the Roof performed by the seniors at Christ's Hospital School theatre. This proved to be very popular and everyone was impressed at the performance. Some even built up an appetite and had to stop at Macdonalds on the way home.

We have applied for grants from the Festival Grants to go towards equipment for both our new lunch club and bingo club starting next year.

We continue to build strong links with Age Uk. We are working together to try and increase the services available to our residents. Age UK are keen to invest time within Ashington to increase what is on offer to its 50+ residents. We hope this will provide some new services in the new year. One new activity already set up is that of Arm Chair exercises which will be on offer at Storrington leisure centre each week followed by a light bite. We are also looking at the idea of setting up a quarterly Tea Dance in the village.

To help aid our Elderly vulnerable residents Jayne has been training on how to install, use and advise on the community link alarms offered by Horsham district council. This service is extremely valuable to many residents already and with the extra knowledge we will be able to offer the same to all residents. The link alarms are particularly good for residents living on their own and we are keen to know about anyone who feels they might need one, or if they know of anyone who lives alone that might benefit from having one installed.

We are still finding new people in Ashington to add to our elderly and vulnerable list. Still finding people living on their own that we didn't know anything about. Because of this we are keen to again ask people that if they know of someone who might benefit from regular contact from us to get in touch. Even if it is to simply say that you think someone is living alone we don't mind just knocking on their door and seeing if they are all ok. We rely on

information from neighbours, relatives and other residents all the time and are keen not to miss anyone. We can offer support in many different ways, some like the fact that we simply pop round once every so often, others take advantage of our advice experience and ability to sign post them to relevant agencies that can help them out.

### **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](mailto: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.