



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 6th February 2014

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 9th January 2014.
 4. Invited Guest James Stobart, Sussex Police – Operation Crackdown
 5. Report from the Neighbourhood Wardens & Police
Update on Warden review & recruitment
Update on Youth Worker project
Update on Youth Shelter
 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. Trees at northern edge of Recreation Ground
 - b. Emergency Plan - review
 9. Correspondence (for action) –
 - a. WSCC Strategic Transport Investment Programme – proposes a project to review low cost safety measures for A24 Ashington to Southwater, including improving efficiency of Buck Barn signals
 10. **Public Adjournment**
Opportunity for members of the public to raise matters of concern
 11. Planning
Correspondence:
 - a. Neighbourhood Plan – update.
 - b. Proposed party wall agreement between Parish Council land and 7 Chanctonbury
- New enforcement allegations: None.
- Amendments: None

Applications:

DC/14/0089 Erection of 15 Dwellings comprising 6 x 3 bed, 3 x 2 bed, 5 x 2 bed flats (Social), 1 x 1 Bed (Social), 26 parking spaces and improvement of existing access pursuant to outline application DC/12/1975 (Approval of Reserved Matters) – Penn Retreat, Rectory Lane

DC/14/0111 Division of one house into two semi-detached houses – 11 Cricketers Close

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Approvals:

DC/13/2197 First floor side extension and garage conversion – 5 Posthorses

DC/13/2232 Two storey rear extension, conservatory, and conversion of double garage to granny annex – The Wickets, London Road

DC/13/2217 Surgery to 3 x Oak trees – The Oaks, 1 Turnpike Way

Refusals:

DC/13/2258 Proposed loft conversion and front and rear two storey extension – Brambles, Church Lane.

Withdrawals:

DC/13/2193 Division of one house into two semi-detached houses – 11 Cricketers Close

Appeal decision: None

Appeals:

DC/13/1759 Consent to display metal sign on metal pole with name of business and directional arrow - Well Adjusted Health The Sports Pavilion Church Lane

12. Finance

Correspondence:

1. It is proposed that Councillors sign a Lloyds Bank Third Party Cheque indemnity form that allows cheques to be paid INTO the Council's bank account in the names of: Ashington First Responders, First Responders, Ashington Lunch Club, Ashington Bingo Club.
2. Approval of quarterly bank reconciliation
3. Quarterly budget report.

Income:

Kite & Thomas – rent & roundabout sponsorship £2077.50

National Savings & Investments – annual interest £1227.00

The invoices shown on the attached schedule are proposed for payment.

13. Meetings attended and reports by Councillors

14. Minor matters raised by Councillors to be referred to the next agenda

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Parish Council - Thursday 6th March 2014, 7.45 pm at Ashington School, Foster Lane, Ashington.

Planning Committee – Wednesday 19th February 2014, 7.30pm at the Sports Pavilion, Church Lane

PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Karen Dare, Clerk to Ashington Parish Council 29th January 2014.



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Schedule of payments February 2014

Mark Adsett	Gardeners contract payment	£491.66
Mrs K. Dare	Clerks expenses (home & telephone)	£17
	Total	£17
WSCC	Salary and on costs (January)	£879.11
ACCT	Planning committee 22/01/14	£7.40
Horsham Matters	youth worker	not yet received
Parker Dann	planning consultant	£776.45

APPENDIX 1

REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS JANUARY 2014

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

There has been an incident in the ball court and around the community centre this month.

The windows of fire exit at community centre have been smeared with ink. Glass bottles had deliberately been smashed in the ball court area. I have viewed CCTV and offenders have been identified. All intelligence has been passed to the police. Large groups of youths are still congregating in this area, mostly after 11pm. I have noticed that some of the youth are not local to the village. There are large amounts of litter in this area most mornings following the night time activity of these youths. It is the older youths at the moment who are causing these issues.

Police have moved youths on confiscating alcohol and having firm words but as soon as they have gone the youth are returning to the area.

I have changed my shifts to try and work closely with the PCSO to organise some high viz patrols particularly late at night. We can't always arrange to work together as the PCSO can be called away at any time if an incident occurs that they are needed to attend.

ANTI SOCIAL DRIVING

I have had several reports this month of some residents speeding around the narrow village roads. Most of the reports are of, shall I say, older residents of the village who should know better. Registration details have been taken and all intelligence has been passed to the police. Just a reminder that if you see someone speeding or driving in an anti-social manner you can go online and make a report to operation crackdown

PARKING ISSUES

There has been a big problem with parking issues all around the village. It is very difficult for me to do anything as there are no parking restrictions in place. I have spoken to some residents explaining the issues they are causing with their parking and hopefully thanks to their co-operation some of the issues have been resolved.

YOUTH WORKER

The PCSO and I have been having meetings with the youth worker to discuss provisions for the youth. We have been looking at ways of opening the youth club more or arranging one off nights for organised events for the youth. We have also discussed with the youth worker relevant projects that will benefit the youth of Ashington. The youth worker is very much organised and a planned timetable for all projects has been prepared. The PCSO and I are trying to attend the youth club on a Thursday on a regular basis. I will try and help the youth worker more. I need to sit down with her and arrange my working shifts. We also hope to do some outreach work together on some evenings in the near future.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

This last month I have been working very closely with the PCSO for the village. We have been working several late shifts together trying to deal with the youth issues. I have been passing lots of intelligence and together we have been targeting the hot spot areas.

We have also been providing a high visibility patrol around the village.

We are hoping to arrange a joint street briefing soon. The location is yet to be decided.

This is a good opportunity for residents to come and speak with us about any concerns they may have.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DISPUTES

There have been several complaints reported to me regarding neighbourhood disputes in the village. If it has been of a criminal nature they have been told to call the police. I have suggested mediation for the minor issues; hopefully the issues can be resolved between themselves.

FLY TIPPING

There have been no reports of fly tipping this month. I have managed to get a no fly tipping sign for the Old London Road from HDC which I hope to get erected this month.

ROAD SIGNAGE DAMAGE

Still awaiting the repair of a lot of the damaged road signs that are around the village. All have been reported to Highways. I have noticed that some of the signs have had a temporary fix, hopefully it won't be long and they should be repaired properly. I will chase highways up on this issue

ELDERLY/VULNERABLE

This month has seen my elderly/vulnerable list getting longer.

Due to the bad weather I have had to deal with a lot of issues with the elderly/vulnerable due to water damage to their properties, power cuts and just them being worried and concerned due to the weather conditions. Luckily I have managed to keep them all calm and have dealt with the situations they have found themselves in. We have managed to sort any issues that had been worrying them.

I have been in contact with social services and other relevant agencies to visit some of the elderly/vulnerable in their own homes to see if they can get any help that they may be entitled to. I have also had the falls prevention team visit some of the elderly/vulnerable just to make sure they are safe when in their own home.

If you know of an elderly/vulnerable person in the village that would benefit from a visit from me on a regular basis please pass on my number to them or let me know their details and I will arrange a visit.

I have been extremely busy with so many issues around the elderly/vulnerable this month but due to confidentiality I am unable to list them. Some of the issues have been very upsetting for those concerned. Many issues are ongoing and I am offering my help and support to them through their difficult time.

FLOODING

Due to the bad weather there have been several issues with flooding in the village. I have delivered sand bags to some residents affected by the wet conditions.

Thanks to a resident of Mill Lane a disaster with the stream flooding was diverted. Two fence panels had fallen into the stream and the water was banking up. We managed to remove the fence panels and the stream started flowing normally again.

WARDEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party for 2014 is already booked. Thank you once again to the community centre for all their support. If anyone has any ideas for entertainment for next year's party please let me know.

ASHINGTON LUNCH CLUB

The club restarts for this year on the 5th February @ 12 noon.

I have applied for a bank account for the club. A constitution has now been written for the club. At the next meeting we will be electing a committee to run the lunch club.

In April we will be extending the hours to include an afternoon club. The times will be 12noon until 4pm.

APPENDIX 2 – Sussex Police
Ashington Parish Council Meeting Update

To follow