



# 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 8.00 p.m.** on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 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 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014.
4. Report from the Neighbourhood Wardens & Police  
Update on Warden recruitment  
Update on Youth Worker project  
Update on Youth Shelter
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. Trees at northern edge of Recreation Ground
8. Correspondence (for action) –
  - a. HDC – any suggestions for projects for the Scrutiny & Overview Committee?
  - b. HDC – does the Council want any floral meadow seed in commemoration of WW1? Where to sow it? Volunteers?
  - c. Storrington, Sullington & Washington Neighbourhood Plan – invitation to nominate a representative to be involved in the preparation of the Plan
9. **Public Adjournment**  
Opportunity for members of the public to raise matters of concern
10. Planning  
Correspondence:
  - a. Neighbourhood Plan – update.

New enforcement allegations: None.

Amendments: DC/14/0011 Single storey extension to southern aspect of dwelling to create new open plan kitchen, dining and living room – 20 Hillcrest Drive

Applications:

DC/14/0162 Outline planning application for the construction of up to four dwellings on undeveloped land to the north of Ashington and immediately adjacent to the eastern edge of the defined built up area boundary – Yew Tree Cottage, Billingshurst Road

DC/14/0219 Redevelopment of existing house and site to provide 3 new homes and a replacement Dwelling – Four Acres, Rectory Lane

DC/14/0286 Demolition of existing conservatory to rear of property and erection of replacement single storey orangery – 11 Posthorses

Horsham District Council

Approvals:

DC/13/2384 Construction of a two storey side extension and front porch – 20 Fairfield Road

DC/13/2377 Single storey side extension with brick built garden walls – 7 Chanctonbury

Refusals: None

Withdrawals: None

Appeal decision: None

Appeals: None

12. Finance

Correspondence:

1. Consider a request from Ashington Festival – that the Parish Council pay for the security guards at the Ashington Festival 2014. The cost is the same as 2013 = £745.80 exc VAT. This would be met from the grants budget (£1000 set).
2. Consider a quote for the hanging baskets – Councillors had previously agreed to have them all planted by Ferring Nurseries this year because of the superior quality.
3. Councillors to approve appointment of the Internal Auditor

Income: None

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 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014, 7.45 pm at Ashington School, Foster Lane, Ashington.

Planning Committee – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014, 7.30pm at the Sports Pavilion, Church Lane

**PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

Karen Dare, Clerk to Ashington Parish Council 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014.



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### Schedule of payments March 2014

|                 |  |         |
|-----------------|--|---------|
| Mark Adsett     | Gardeners contract payment                 | £491.66 |
| Mrs K. Dare     | Clerks expenses (home & telephone)         | £17     |
|                 | Stationery                                 | £62.47  |
|                 | Wooden posts (nature trail)                | £28.32  |
|                 | Total                                      | £107.79 |
| WSCC            | Salary and on costs (February)             | £879.11 |
| ACCT            | Planning committee 19/02/14                | £7.40   |
|                 | Bingo Club (January)                       | £37.00  |
|                 | Planning Committee 21/8/13                 | £7.40   |
|                 | (cancelled previous cheque 1430 for £8.84) |         |
| Horsham Matters | youth worker                               | £       |

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS FEBRUARY 2014**

#### **CRIMINAL DAMAGE**

There have been reports across the village of bottles being smashed in resident's gardens and driveways. I am aware of offenders and have spoken with them regarding this issue.

A report of a large amount of glass bottles smashed in the ball court area of community centre has also been reported to me. Offenders have been identified and this intelligence has been passed to the police.

All residents that were affected by this were told to phone 101 non-emergency police number if any damage had occurred to their property.

The community centre continues to be a problem with the youth gathering until the early hours of the morning. I have been monitoring the CCTV on a regular basis to try and identify the youth concerned. Letters have been sent to several youth from the Anti-Social behaviour team highlighting their anti-social behaviour and explaining what could happen if this kind of behaviour continues. Several home visits are planned over the next few weeks to discuss the issues with the parents of the youth causing the anti-social behaviour.

I continue to work closely with PCSO Sparks in dealing with these youth issues.

#### **ANTI SOCIAL DRIVING**

No reports of any anti-social driving this month.

#### **YOUTH WORKER**

I am trying to attend the youth club on a Thursday evening when my shift pattern allows. The youth worker and I are in conversation as regards some outreach work and more open evenings of the youth club.

Once again the main issue with the youth around the village is that we have nowhere to direct them to that they can identify as some where they can meet their friends. The proposed youth shelter would give us this facility to direct them to when causing a nuisance for residents of the village when they are gathering in areas that they are causing noise and litter issues for residents.

The problem at the moment I am just moving the youths on from one area to another there is nowhere for them to congregate. The group of youths at the moment in the village is between ten and fifteen, weekends this figure can reach twenty plus.

#### **LITTER**

I have been litter picking hot spot areas. The litter this month has been quite bad but I think a lot of this is due to the wind blowing rubbish from bins etc.

I have been monitoring all the bins as I have noticed signage saying if this bin is full phone this number. A couple of the bins were full so I phoned and they were emptied the next day.

#### **LOST AND FOUND DOGS**

This month I have received a large amount of calls regarding lost or found dogs. Most of these dogs that have gone missing or have been found have had no identity collars. I feel that I need to organise a campaign within the village to just remind dog owners of their responsibilities regarding letting their dog stray. I would also like to say if a dog is taken to the kennels it is very expensive to reclaim your dog.

#### **DOG FOUL**

I have been doing high viz patrols across the hot spot areas for dog foul. Several dog owners have been reminded that it is their responsibility to pick up their dog foul. All dog walkers that I spoke with picked up their dog foul. I did stress that if they didn't they would receive an on the spot fine of £50.00. It is an offence to not pick up your dog foul.

#### **CO OP**

There have been several calls this month regarding youth being anti-social outside the Co-op I am aware that a new manager has now been appointed for the store. Over the

next few weeks I will try and arrange a meeting with the resident's local to the Co-op and the new manager to discuss ongoing problems and issues.

Once again I must remind residents to call 101 if any of these issues are affecting them.

It is not the job of the shop assistants to go out and tell the youth to move on. If they are causing issues for the co-op and then in which case they will also need to call 101 to report any anti-social behaviour. For resident's calling 101 they have to witness for themselves the anti-social behaviour.

### **ELDERLY/VULNERABLE**

My elderly/vulnerable list is still growing. I have welcomed two new residents this month.

I have been reminding all the elderly/vulnerable to be prepared in case of power cuts. I have also been checking they all have torches that work, if not I have been giving them new rechargeable ones. Most of the elderly/vulnerable are now prepared for any bad weather we may experience. Their food cupboards are well stocked, their torches all working and their cold weather kits at the ready.

I have also been reminding them of home security, making sure they keep their doors locked and to use the door chain if opening door. Most are aware not to talk to people they do not know. They all will not get involved with any door knocker salesman or builders touting for business.

Due to a very sad event for one of my elderly/vulnerable persons I was so pleased to see the community come together and help out. Some of my elderly/vulnerable made cakes donated food and made a financial contribution to help out a vulnerable person in need. I can't thank them enough for all their kind support and help.

I have also noticed the long winter months many of the residents I visit are lonely and are very pleased to know that I will be calling on them on a regular basis. They say it makes them feel safe in their own homes. They know that they can call on me if they have a problem.

Due to confidentiality I cannot list all work carried out within this group but it is taking a lot of my working hours to deal with them. I am continually signposting to relevant agencies for the help they may need.

There is a still lots of family intervention work going on across the village.

I have organised an elderly/vulnerable trip on the 31st March 2014. We will hopefully be going on a shopping trip to Barnham followed by Bognor then onto Felpham for a fish and chip lunch. This trip has been organised as a request from the elderly/vulnerable as they so enjoyed the last outing that we visited these places.

### **ASHINGTON LUNCH CLUB**

I have been organising the afternoon following the lunch club on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month. The first Afternoon tea club will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014.

There will hopefully be an afternoon of armchair exercises organised by Horsham District Council. Once they have been exhausted by all that exercise they will be given a light afternoon tea. There will also be a raffle. The members have given me lots of ideas for future meetings. The club will start at two and finish at four.

Transport will be provided for those unable to get to community centre on their own steam.

**APPENDIX 2 – Sussex Police**  
**Ashington Parish Council Meeting Update**