



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 November 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 2nd October 2014.
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. Multi-sports court – lighting update
 - b. Reporting issues to local authorities
 - c. Village Newsletter – proposal from a resident that they wish to produce a Newsletter
8. Correspondence (for action) –
 1. West Sussex Local Access Forum – looking for volunteers to get involved in public rights of way issues in their local area
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/14/1420 DC/14/1420 | Proposed new service area (operating between the hours of 6am to 10pm) development comprising of petrol filling station (sui generis use) and ancillary shop (A1 use), forecourt canopy, 5 no. pump islands, automatic car wash and associated service facilities (ATM, air/water point, jet wash etc) Restaurant with Drive-Thru facility (A3 and A5 uses) and

associated sewage treatment plant - Land South East of Martins Farm London Road

Applications:

DC/14/2339 Surgery to 1 x oak tree – Linfield Lane

DC/14/2323 Surgery to 1 x oak tree – The New House, Mill Lane

Horsham District Council

Approvals:

DC/14/1333 Fell 1 Yew Tree (T1 within G1) and surgery to 5 Yew Trees - 19 Blakiston Close

DC/14/1725 Prior approval for the conversion of A1 Retail shop to residential use (Prior Notification) - Post Horses London Road

Refusals: None

Withdrawals: None

Appeal decision: None

Appeals: None

11. Finance

Correspondence:

1. Quarterly bank reconciliation.
2. The Clerk reports that there is one area of budgetary overspend:
 - a. Grants budget was £1045, actual spend £1226 (Ashington Festival £866, Air Ambulance £200, Storrington Area Help Scheme £200). The contingency budget will cover the overspend.
3. Request from the Warden for a donation of £50 towards the cost of the Wardens Xmas party sherry.

Income:

Kite & Thomas – rent & roundabout sponsorship £2077.50

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 4th December 2014, 7.45 pm at Ashington School, Foster Lane, Ashington.

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

Finance Committee - Wednesday 19th November 2014, 8.00pm at the Sports Pavilion, Church Lane

PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
Karen Dare, Clerk to Ashington Parish Council 30th October 2014.



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Schedule of payments November 2014

Mark Adsett	Gardeners contract payment	£500.00
	Hanging basket watering 2 weeks	£130.00
Mrs K. Dare	Clerks expenses (home & telephone)	£17
	Postage (NH Plan)	£6.36
	Stationery	£45.41
	Total	
WSCC	Salary and on costs (October)	£1078.30
ACCT	Planning committee 17/09/14	£3.80
	Bingo Club (September)	£37.75
	Skatepark insurance	£189.82
Horsham Matters	youth worker (August)	£234.00
Broker Network	Youth Shelter insurance	£25.00

APPENDIX 1: REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS
SHORT REPORT DUE TO ME HAVING ONE WEEKS HOLIDAY IN
OCTOBER 2014

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

There have been several reports of criminal damage this month across the village. Damage to vehicles, wing mirror broken and wiper blades snapped off. There has been Theft of items from gardens. All incidents have been reported to the police. I have been reminding all residents of the village to make sure all their property is secure.

Light sensors on the community centre building have been vandalised. CCTV cameras have been checked to see if offenders can be identified. All information has been passed to the police who will be viewing the CCTV.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DISPUTES

I am still dealing with numerous incidents of neighbourhood disputes.

There have been some positive outcomes due to mediation and generally the people concerned dealing with the issues themselves. I will continue to support those that are still experiencing problems.

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Confiscation of drug paraphernalia has been done by police this month. Alcohol has also been seized. Some youths have had home visits and some are being dealt with by the police.

Lots of intelligence is being phoned through to the police by local residents on a regular basis.

Vehicle registrations are being taken of any vehicle acting suspiciously and all information is being collated and passed to the police.

There have been some incidents this month with youth and underage drinking. Some of the incidents are being dealt with by the relevant agencies concerned.

Due to confidentiality I am unable to go fully into events that have taken place.

LITTER

A big thank you to a local resident this month who has improved the appearance of the skate park and surrounding areas due to his kindness of offering to litter pick in his own free time.

The skate park has never looked so clean and free of litter. I am sure he won't mind me mentioning his name Tommy. Thank you once again for all your hard work. He has now offered to litter pick other hot spot areas across the village.

The youth are also still helping with litter picks on a regular basis.

FLY TIPPING

The fly tipping has been removed from Old London Road along with all the rubbish left by the travellers. The trailer has now also been removed.

Now need to get the overgrowth of trees and bushes cut back.

A thorough litter pick of the area has been made by Hop Oast cleansing dept.

There have been no reports of fresh fly tipping in this area this month.

YOUTH

I am still waiting to speak with new youth worker regarding the official opening of the youth shelter. Sussex police are waiting to present the cheque that they have towards the youth shelter. It would be nice if they could present this at the opening of the shelter.

There have been several reports this month of youth being anti-social. I am aware of names of youth involved and will be speaking to them regarding the issues.

I am still trying to work with the youth worker on a regular Thursday evening.

It is good to see that the attendance at youth club from the younger group as well as the older youth has increased.

I continue to interact and work with the youth that I come across in the village.

Several of them have been helping me with the elderly/vulnerable groups in the

village. They have also volunteered to help at the upcoming warden Christmas party. Their help and support is very much appreciated. The elderly group enjoy the interaction with the youth.

Several youth are now attending the Bingo night on a regular basis.

Working closely with some youth to try and get them the support they require. I am referring to agencies that are appropriate for their needs.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Turnpike play area has been a hot spot for me this month. Regular patrols are being made. If youth are in the play area I am moving them onto the youth shelter.

The skate park area under the ramps there has been evidence of burning of litter. I have checked CCTV and have recognised offender. I will pass intelligence to police. I have also been educating the youth on the dangers of starting fires etc. I have also highlighted that arson is a criminal offence. All the youth that I have spoken to will let me know if they see anyone committing arson in this area.

The youth have begun to congregate again at the side of community centre. They use the alcove by doors to keep cover from the rain.. When on duty I have been moving them on from this area.

ANTI SOCIAL DRIVING

Anti-social driving is happening again on round a bout at top of village. I have had several calls from residents. I have asked that if possible to get registration details and descriptions of offending cars. All this information they gather must then be phoned through to the police.

The latest news on this thanks to vigilant residents two cars have been caught by police and will be dealt with accordingly. This is a good result as it sends a message out that their anti-social driving will not be tolerated in this area and that they will be reported if seen.

HALLOWEEN

I have been handing out leaflets for doors saying please do not knock door if residents do not wish to take part in Halloween trick or treat. I have also left several large piles of leaflets at the Co-op and Church café.

ELDERLY/VULNERABLE

I am still working closely with the church to find volunteers to help with the minibus and events planned in the village for the elderly/vulnerable group. We are all trying to work on getting more drivers for the volunteer driver group that assists the elderly/vulnerable in getting to hospital appointments etc.

I would just like to say a personal thank you to the members of the church and community for all their offers of help.

Several fire alarms that work via the community link alarm have been fitted by the fire service this month for some of our elderly/ vulnerable group.

I have been reminding all elderly/vulnerable on my list to stock up with supplies just in case the weather gets bad. I think I can say now we are all ready for anything, we have torches at the ready, plenty of supplies, fire alarms have been checked, and that due to dark nights following clocks going back it is best that they leave a light on after dark and make sure property is secure when leaving it.

A Christmas shopping trip has been arranged for the 14th November 2014. We will be visiting Bognor. This is an easy town for all elderly/vulnerable to enjoy as the shops are all close and in a pedestrianized area. Those that have sight and mobility issues feel safe doing their shopping here. There will be ten of us going on the trip. If anyone else is interested within the elderly/vulnerable group I will organise another day. I am limited to ten on the mini bus.

Christmas lunch to a local restaurant will be arranged for the 10th December 2014. We will be visiting local garden centres first and then on for a full Christmas dinner with all the trimmings.

VINTAGE TEA CLUB

The first vintage tea afternoon that took place on the 19th October 2014 was a success it was lovely to see so many people attend this event and now thanks to the community centre we have been able to book the third Wednesday of every month for this event.

I think this is a good event for the elderly/vulnerable to attend in the winter months as it gets them out chatting to others and provides a lovely homemade tea of finger sandwiches and a selection of homemade cakes. All served on beautiful china. A raffle was held on the day which helps raise funds for the event. A charge of three pounds was made to all who attended. The event timings are 2pm – 4pm with transport provided to those that need it.

LUNCH CLUB

Once again a very good attendance for the October lunch club. A lovely meal was provided again by Pat, followed by entertainment provided by members of the church. It was very much enjoyed by everyone.

November lunch club we will be having someone entertain us with a craft afternoon. A very big thank you to the church café for their donation to the lunch club who now have a much needed plate warmer. This will make it easier for the cook to keep things warm before serving lunch. It will be kept in the kitchen at community centre. Thank you to the committee of community centre for agreeing to let lunch club keep it there. Residents have been phoning me to see if they can attend the lunch club. This is really good as it provides a focal point for all to meet up. I will be providing transport for two new members to lunch club this month. Attendance figures at the moment are approx. 26 -35 increasing on a monthly basis.

I have been doing the accounts for lunch club ready for end of year. It looks good we have managed to pay all outgoing and will start the New Year with a small surplus. A donation from the rotary club has been made via Pat towards the cost of Christmas lunch club. A very big thank you to them for all their support for this event..

Entertainment has been booked for the Christmas lunch club. We will be having a group of singers who will entertain us with Christmas carols as well as some favourite old tunes that we all know.

Christmas lunch will be amazing this year so if anyone would like to attend we will need to know so as we can cater for the amount that will be attending. The cost of the Christmas lunch will be £5.00 to non-members. If you wish to attend could you please contact me on Mob: 07764146367 by the 22nd November to book your space? I will then pass this information onto the person who will be arranging the Christmas lunch.

WARDEN PARTY

I have been very busy this month visiting local businesses to see if they would support the raffle at the warden's party on the 29th November 2014. I am pleased to report that many have been very generous in donating to this event. A list of all these kind businesses will be available on the day so everyone can see who has been helping to support this event. All I can say it's going to be a big raffle on the day with some exciting raffle prizes.

I have supplied the caterers with what they need to provide all the lovely home cooked food for the day.

Invites will be going out the beginning of November 2014 to all properties in Ashington.

A very big thank you to Margaret for helping in getting these invites delivered across the village. This is very much appreciated.

Entertainment has been arranged for the warden party. It looks like it will be a very jolly festivity party for all to enjoy.

Lots of the local youth have offered to help on the day.

BINGO

It was nice to see this month that we had three new members that attended Bingo Night.

Two of these were from the elderly/vulnerable group and were highly excited to be out in the evening. Transport was provided and I made sure they were returned home safely.

I desperately need a volunteer to drive the minibus or provide transport on this evening on a regular basis.

I have been arranging the Christmas bingo. We will be playing for prizes and will have Christmas themed refreshments on the evening. Thanks to members who will be providing the food.

Warden

I have had the pleasure of a volunteer this month working with me. He has been working on work experience through Horsham District Council. With his help I have managed to get lots done over the last few weeks. Office has been completely sorted, shed organised, loads of help with the lunch club, vintage tea club, litter picking, playground inspections to name but a few things that we have been doing.

We have also been replacing old and damaged dog foul signage across the village with nice new signage.

I am hoping over the next few weeks to do an audit of all road signage across village. I will report all broken and damaged signage again to Highways. Lots of the road signage is in need of a good clean. I will also report this. With the help from the work experience person I am able to get more done.

I have just completed and gained my Level two in Mental Health Awareness, and I have also attended a Dementia Friends Training course.

APPENDIX 2 – Sussex Police

Ashington Parish Council Meeting Update

To follow

**APPENDIX 3 –Report on Ashington Youth Centre - Summer Holidays
2014**

To follow

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

First Responders Funds: £3286.54

Bingo Club: £248.89