



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 September 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 2nd August 2012.
4. Invited Guests – District Councillor Sue Rogers & Clare Ebelewicz. Youth Services in Horsham District
5. Report from the Neighbourhood Wardens.
Opportunity for members of the public to ask questions of the wardens.
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. Community Action Plan – update
 - b. Housing Needs Survey - update
9. Correspondence (for action)
 1. HDC – Community Engagement. The PC is asked to identify its priorities.
 2. WSCC – consultation on Future of WSCC owned Gypsy & Traveller sites. WSCC is looking to sell their sites to an organisation that can run the site. The sites will continue to be used as Gypsy/Traveller sites.
 3. Horsham Football Club – does Ashington want to have an 'Ashington Village Day' at Horsham Football Club on match day?
 4. Proposal for Vodafone to re-locate from Hole Street sub-station to the mast at Spring Gardens.
 5. Gatwick Airport – proposal to refine existing aircraft departure routes and change to improved navigational capabilities (P-RNAV).
10. **Public Adjournment**
Opportunity for members of the public to raise matters of concern
11. Planning
Correspondence: HDC Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Preferred Options Consultation Document

New enforcement allegations: None.

Amendments: None

Applications:

DC/12/1276 Demolition of existing buildings, provision of second access and formation of an equine hospital and associated facilities - Westlands Farm, Billingshurst Road. Update

DC/12/1527 Change of use of building to 1 No. 2-bed dwelling with associated car parking – Post Horses, London Road (Re-submission of DC/12/0880)

DC/12/1057 Surgery to 1 x Oak (T1) and 1 x Ash (T2) trees – 10 Warminghurst Close

DC/12/1564 Surgery to 1 x Horse Chestnut and Leylandii trees - Land East Side of The Willows London Road

Horsham District Council

Approvals:

DC/12/0857 Fell 1 x Pine tree – 16 Linfield Lane

Refusals: None

Withdrawals:

DC/11/1038 Subdivision of dwelling into 2 separate dwellings - The Well House, London Road. Withdrawn as the owner did not complete the s106 agreement.

Appeal decision: None

Appeals: None

12. Finance

Correspondence:

1. Proposed office move – update
2. Letters of support from 2 residents for the proposed Equine Hospital
3. HDC – Amended TPO no 1426, Meiros Farm
4. WSCC draft Sustainability Appraisal of the West Sussex Waste Local Plan – consultation.

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 4th October 2012, 7.45 pm at Ashington School, Foster Lane, Ashington.

Planning Committee – Wednesday 19th September 2012, 7pm at the Parish Office, Sports Pavilion, Church Lane

PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
Karen Dare, Clerk to Ashington Parish Council 24th August 2012.



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Schedule of payments September 2012

Mark Adsett	Gardeners contract payment	£483.33
	Hanging basket watering (4 weeks)	£260.00
Mrs K. Dare	Clerks expenses (home & telephone)	£17
	Total	£17
WSCC	Salary and on costs (August)	£844.93
Plusnet	Broadband	£17.99
M. Woolley	travel expenses	£12.20
R. Brennan	travel expenses	£13.00
E. Greenfield	Responder expenses	£624.14
S. Fenn	Responder expenses	£17.25

REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS SEPTEMBER 2012

Festival

This year we both felt the Festival had a much better feel and atmosphere with a lot more people centred on the stage area. The weather was glorious and the new carnival route worked well with road closures in place and stopping traffic for only a very limited amount of time. Also with the road management company in place it meant parking around the village was a lot better and didn't cause us any problems. The night passed off with only a few minor incidents. One person was arrested however this was a separate issue from the festival.

Stolen Vehicle

After being tipped off by a resident about a car that had been parked up in rectory lane and hadn't moved for several days we were able to, with help from Sussex police, identify that the vehicle was in fact one that had been stolen earlier in the month from the Barns Green area. This was then recovered by the police pending further investigations.

Environmental Audit

This month we started the process carrying out an audit of each street in the village identifying areas that are in disrepair or in need of tlc. This has included cutting back overgrowth so signs can be seen and noting where signs need to be replaced etc.

Street Representatives

We are looking to get together a group of volunteers to act as street representatives who can work with us to help tackle local issues / problems to them. Ideally we are looking for 1 or 2 people per street dependant on size etc. We are hoping that this group could enable us to get important messages out to residents within the village as well as have an important means of communicating problems back to us. Ultimately we want to work together with residents to help improve their quality of life, to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

Phone Box

After having tried numerous times to get BT to fix the phone box at the junction of Rectory Close and Rectory Lane we have finally managed to get them to do it. The phone works and they have even replaced the missing glass window.

Skate Park

This month we have had a good number of complaints from youngsters using the skate park who have noticed that it is in need of repair. They have themselves said that they feel unsafe on some of the ramps etc. We have told them that we would again raise it as an issue that needs attention but also said that if it does become too dangerous that the skate park would have to be closed for everyone's safety. We have also suggested to some of the older people using the skate park that they might like to form a skate park committee and have a voice that can be heard. Especially by themselves attending the parish council meetings.

Cold Calling

Again this month we have noticed a rise in cold calling and doorstep selling with numerous reports of some unsavoury characters around and about the village. We are working on raising the profile of these issues within the village

and are working with trading standards to explore methods of tackling these problems. We are in the process of obtaining some cold calling packs that include stickers that can be placed on front doors deterring people from cold calling. In addition to people on doorsteps there are often phone calls and unsolicited mail that can cause concerns. Trading standards were keen to push the website – www.stayprivate.org where people can put a stop to junk mail and unwanted phone calls. Alternatively residents can call trading standard help desk on 08454 040506.

Graffiti

Further to a recent spate of graffiti we have had a couple of other occurrences. One noticeable one is in the bus stop near the Indian restaurant on London road. We are working to get them cleaned up as soon as possible. However some are too stubborn even for our graffiti kits.

Anti Social Behaviour

Dare we say it but the summer holidays have been a relatively quiet period for Anti Social Behaviour. There have been a few instances but we have been able to act quick enough to nip them in the bud.

Anti Social Driving

We continue to have reports of anti social driving. Once again we would urge anyone who sees anti social driving to do the same by reporting the vehicles to operation crackdown via www.operationcrackdown.org or by calling them on 01243 642222 or the Police non emergency on 101.

Elderly and vulnerable visits

Yet again this month we have spent a large amount of time working closely with a vulnerable family in the village. We have been helping them to deal with some long term problems that have needed extra support every step of the way. We have been working hard to get them the support from other services that they need and finally we seem to have made a good amount of ground with some support put in place where needed. It hasn't been easy and have proven that there does seem to be a need for someone to champion problems like this and get individuals the support they need. With a lot of services cutting back and front line services being reduced it has only helped to highlight the importance of our home visits.

We had our trip down to Bognor to the boathouse restaurant where we were able to take a group to enjoy fish and chips and have a little stroll along the prom. Also on the way we made a stop at Roundstone garden centre. Our next planned event is our "Christmas" party which will be at the end of November. We are putting the details together and will advertise this when complete.

We have been talking to the elderly and vulnerable residents and have identified the desire to have a regular monthly club. We are exploring the idea of resurrecting the monthly lunch club as well as other ideas.

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 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.