



# 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 7<sup>th</sup> February 2013

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2013.
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. Speed bumps in London Road – update
  - d. General Power of Competence – resolution to adopt this new Power
  - e. Assets of Community Value – Councillors to consider which assets to nominate
8. Correspondence (for action)
  1. WSCC Highways & transport Draft Works Programme – the only Ashington project for 2013/14 is the Billingshurst Road VAS, there are no projects for 2014/15 and the A24 is not scheduled for resurfacing in either 2013/14 or 14/15
  2. Sussex Police – draft Police & Crime plan. This is a very 'high level' strategy document.
  3. Invitation to HDC Community Safety Conference 7<sup>th</sup> March 10am-1pm
9. **Public Adjournment**  
Opportunity for members of the public to raise matters of concern
10. Planning  
  
New enforcement allegations: None.  
  
Amendments: None

Applications:

DC/13/0138 Loft conversion with first floor extension over existing flat roof extension – Cleavers, Church Lane

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Approvals:

DC/12/1994 Single storey extension following demolition of garden store/shed and surrounding. Removal of partition between kitchen and cloakroom to create new kitchen area, removal of modern store cupboard, re-positioned sitting room door, adaption of stack pipe route (Listed Building Consent) - The Willows London Road

DC/12/2324 Surgery to 1 x oak tree on land south west of 4 Covert Mead – land north west of Ashington School.

Refusals:

DC/12/2009 Construction of a detached double garage - 7 Warminghurst Close

Withdrawals: None

Appeal decision: None

Appeals: None

11. Finance

Correspondence:

1. Review of Kite & Thomas rent
2. Parish Office – consider an offer of £800pa from ACCT for renting an office
3. Consider a request for a donation towards Steyning Community Minibus to help cover the cost of running the Scheme.
4. HDC – Neighbourhood Warden Costs. The Council has saved £4744 in 2012/13 and the projected cost in 2013/14 is £61,206
5. Quarterly budget report – the Clerk reports that there are two new areas of budgetary overspend at present (due to price rises from HDC)

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 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013, 7.45 pm at Ashington School, Foster Lane, Ashington.

Planning Committee – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013, 7pm at the Parish Office, Sports Pavilion, Church Lane

**PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

Karen Dare, Clerk to Ashington Parish Council 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013.



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### Schedule of payments February 2013

Mark Adsett	Gardeners contract payment	£483.33	
Mrs K. Dare	Clerks expenses (home & telephone)	£17	
	Equipment for Lunch Club	£34.00	
	Stationery	£8.58	
	Total	£	
WSCC	Salary and on costs (January)	£844.93	
Plusnet	Broadband	£17.99	DD
DS Newland (as agreed on 3/1/13)	Play area repairs	£580	
HDC	Warden costs to March 2013	£21,869.00	
Ashington PC	transfer to NS&I	£3,274.25	
SOS Systems	photocopier	£52.22	

## **REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS FEBRUARY 2013**

### **Jayne Jeffrey**

You will most likely be aware but if not Jayne has been off work since early January after sustaining a broken knee cap after falling from a chair at work. She is currently at home recuperating but is likely to be off for some time and unlikely to be back to full strength for a number of months. Due to this it has had some impact on my shifts and level of involvement within certain activities. However I have tried my best to keep business as usual and have been relying on other agencies and colleagues to help support me to keep disruption to a minimum.

### **Youth**

Unfortunately the Youth club has seen their Wednesday night sessions come to an end as the youth leader who was running them has moved on. Equally we haven't been running our Friday sessions for the older group owing to the fact that I have been working on my own. This is something that will continue as soon as further support is found. I am working alongside the youth club committee to try and get the youth club up and running again.

We continue to look towards a more long term solution and will be approaching this on two fronts. Asking Ashington if it is willing to pay for a full time youth worker along with getting different interested parties together to work out what support we can get from them towards providing a youth worker in Ashington.

### **Bad weather / Snow**

With the recent impact of snow in Ashington and across the district with our 4x4 I was able to provide a valuable presence within the village. I was able to get to our vulnerable residents and ensure that they had adequate warmth and supplies. I would have liked to have helped clear the snow / ice more quickly but unfortunately due to a failure of having no grit within the village the best I could offer was to shovel clear some pathways for those most in need. We had several instances of snow balls being thrown at cars and at people, but thankfully nothing too serious and after some strong words many of the young people out and about continued to have fun in a safe and sensible way. Having said that there was a report of a "home made" motorbike or pit bike being used on the rec.

In addition to covering Ashington as part of the emergency planning effort led by Horsham District Councils Community Link Alarm Team I was able to get much needed supplies, medication and support to various residents throughout the district. Something that was done extra to normal working arrangements within Ashington.

We are currently looking into the idea of getting an emergency supply of grit to store in the village and Horsham District council are looking at getting a grit spreader that can be towed by our 4x4 allowing smaller local roads to be gritted.

### **Anti Social / Dangerous Driver**

There was an incident involving a 4x4 Land Rover driving down Turnpike way at speed and then driving onto the pathway that leads down the back of the house behind the play area also down Turnpike Way. This was reported to us via local residents and thanks to their good memory and attention to detail the correct vehicle details were passed to Sussex Police. In addition through local knowledge I am 99% sure I know who the driver is and will be passing on words of advice as soon as I can track the individual down.

We have received a number of other reports this month about poor driving, speeding etc. We too have had cause to report a number of vehicles / drivers through to Operation Crackdown for using their mobile phone while driving or speeding etc. As a result we will be working closely with our Police colleagues

and will be carrying out regular high visibility patrols within the main routes of the village and will report all offences recorded through to the Police.

### **Luckista**

There seems to have been some recent developments regarding Luckista park and after having spoken to some of the residents there it would seem that they are expecting to be served eviction notices soon. The landlord is apparently looking at selling the park and is rumoured to be selling it to the same travellers who owned / ran the Dale Farm site. We are not sure if there is any truth to the rumours or if they are simply meant to cause alarm. Either way we continue to work with the residents of Luckista Caravan Park and are trying to keep aware of issues there.

### **Litter**

This month there has been a noticeable amount of litter around some of the main areas of the village. Not helped by the mixed around rubbish bin collections and some local bins not being emptied on time. We are continuing to monitor those hot spot areas and are keen to clear the rubbish up when spotted. Play areas in particular seem to be suffering.

### **Elderly / Vulnerable Visits**

Obviously with the wintery weather we have been carrying out a good number of regular visits to our elderly and vulnerable residents. We have been keen to ensure that everyone has been warm and cosy and that they had enough provisions to last a few days especially if the weather had continued to stay cold. In addition we have been given a number of aptly titled winter warm packs to give out to those suffering from being cold and worried about heating etc. The winter packs contain a large blanket with arm holes, a woolly hat, woolly socks, gloves, a hot water bottle, some soup, a wind up torch / radio and a thermos style mug. These have all been given away by Horsham District Council. If you think you know someone who might benefit from such a pack please get in touch.

### **Burglary Billingshurst Road**

Between the hours of 11am and 1pm a home in Billingshurst Road was burgled. Many personal items were taken including jewellery watches and a number of electrical items too. If you saw anything suspicious around this time please do get in touch with the police on 101 or report it anonymously via crime stoppers on 0800 555 111

### **New PCSO – Bryony**

We have a brand new shiny PCSO started with us to cover Ashington. Bryony will be taking over from Hannah whom I am sure you all remember. Bryony is a great addition to the local Neighbourhood Policing team and I am sure will become a valuable asset to the village and certainly to us working to keep Ashington Safe.