



# 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> June 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012.
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. Annual Inspection of Council land - report
8. Correspondence (for action)
  1. WSCC – want to know any minor watercourse/land drainage flooding hotspots. It is proposed that the Clerk send information.
  2. WSCC – Crime & Community Safety Survey. It is proposed that the Clerk complete the Survey
  3. HDC – Member seminar: Future of Youth Service provision in Horsham District Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 6pm
9. **Public Adjournment**  
Opportunity for members of the public to raise matters of concern
10. Planning  
Correspondence: WSCC consultation on their draft Waste Local Plan to 2031 – this does NOT include either Laybrook or Broadbridge Farm as proposed waste sites.

New enforcement allegations: None

Amendments: None

Applications:

DC/12/0819 Retention of the use of the land for the siting of a yurt for business purposes, namely yoga classes and massages - Lambs Barn, Rock Road

DC/12/0897 Removal and replacement of double garage - Downsview Cottage, London Road

DC/12/0959 Surgery to 1 x Holm Oak - Meiros Farm, Rectory Lane

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Approvals:

DC/12/0668 Surgery to 1 x Quercus Robur on land adjacent to 39 Rectory Close - Oakwood Copse, Ivy Lane

Refusals: None

Withdrawals: None

Appeal decision: None

Appeals: None

11. Finance

Correspondence:

1. Contract Review – Parish Clerk
2. The Internal Auditor inspected the accounts and found no areas of concern. Approval of Annual Accounts.
3. Audit Commission – consultation on appointment of external auditor for 2012/13
4. Consider a request for a donation to Queen Alexandra Hospital Home.
5. Councillors to approve a donation of £150 to Ashington Festival for putting up the bunting for the Diamond Jubilee.

Income: None

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 5<sup>th</sup> July 2012, 7.45 pm at Ashington School, Foster Lane, Ashington.

Planning Committee – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012, 7pm at the Parish Office, Sports Pavilion, Church Lane

**PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

Karen Dare, Clerk to Ashington Parish Council 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012.



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### Schedule of payments June 2012

Mark Adsett	Gardeners contract payment	£483.33	
Mrs K. Dare	Clerks expenses (home & telephone)	£17	
	Total	£	
WSCC	Salary and on costs (May)	£816.72	
	Payroll costs	£41.04	
Plusnet	Broadband	£17.99	DD
Ashington School	Meeting cost	£20	
D. Allsopp	Internal Auditor fee	£200	
D. Newland	repairs to skatepark	£60.00	
SLCC	membership	£123	
Ferring Nurseries	hanging baskets	£677.38	
Ferring Country Centre	hanging baskets	£240.00	
Ashington Festival	bunting	£150	

## **REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS JUNE 2012**

### **Anti Social Behaviour**

It has been relatively calm this month with exception of a couple of small areas within the village. In fact we have not seen some of our "usual" young persons out and about for a while now. We continue to patrol and monitor any groups that are out and about and of course are conscious that the summer holidays are fast approaching. We are already prepared with the snack wagon coming back and a few nights of youth workers being out and about. In addition to the snack wagon the Alcohol Intervention Officer for the Horsham District hopes to attend.

### **Anti Social Driving**

We have had several reports regarding anti-social driving through the village as well as on the roundabouts at the North end of the village. We continue to monitor the situation and will report any drivers seen to the police. We would urge anyone who sees anti-social driving to do the same by reporting the vehicles to operation crackdown via [www.operationcrackdown.org](http://www.operationcrackdown.org) or by calling them on 01243 642222 or the Police non-emergency number on 101.

### **Criminal Damage**

Again this month has been a good month as we haven't had many complaints of criminal damage. We still seem to be having a couple of problems with damage at the north end of the village. However on a plus side we have now got a known offender who keeps damaging the dog bin who might also prove to be responsible for the other damage to0.

### **Litter**

With the nice weather recently there has been a notable rise in the amount of litter in communal areas such as the skate park and rec. We continue to work closely where the litter is at its worst and will do our best to keep the impact to a minimum. However if you feel there is an area that is particularly bad please don't hesitate to bring it to our attention.

### **Elderly and vulnerable visits**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> we had our day trip to the New Forest. It was a hot one but despite this we had a fantastic day out. We visited Bucklers Hard where we took in some gorgeous sunshine by the river and everyone enjoyed a 30 minute boat ride too. After this we drove through the forest enjoying the sights of wild horses and even cows to pay a visit to Burley. After sampling some scrumptious ice cream we headed back beating the traffic stopping on Bury hill to enjoy a picnic tea arranged by one of the ladies on the trip. The day out was enjoyed by all!

In addition to the trip we have continued our visits and have been helping to make sense of some of the recent benefit changes ensuring everyone is claiming what they are entitled to. We have helped with the installation of a couple more community link alarms to different households adding a much needed safety line in case of an emergency.

One of our more active residents has recently suffered an accident whilst out and about and as a result we are keen to visit daily to ensure they have everything to make them comfortable.

### **Village Minibus**

We have had the good news that the minibus has been extended for a further 6 months and we continue to help support its weekly use.

### **What the wardens DO Leaflets.**

As a result of a number of questions queries and some misunderstandings we want to help clarify what the Wardens do and can do. We have created a leaflet that helps simplify what the wardens are able to deal with and how to get in touch. We will be delivering these to every household sometime during June. Hopefully this will help clear up any concerns or misunderstandings in the future and help problems / issues to be reported to the correct people. We hope that the leaflets also serve as a reminder that we aren't on duty 24/7.

### **Parking**

This month we have received a number of complaints about parking down Meiros Way. As a result of the Meiros Farm building site getting nearer to completion there is now no parking available for contractors on site. As such contractors are now having to park off site and have migrated to the nearest roads. Meiros Way and Rectory Lane are where the contractors are now parking. As a result this has caused a number of residents to call us to complain. Not only about the parking but also about the degree of littering that seems to have come with contractors taking breaks in their vehicles. Having consulted with the Police the vehicles are not parked illegally and are well within their rights to be parked there. However in reaction to the litter we have spoken to the Site manager who has spoken to all his drivers. In addition we provided the site manager with a supply of portable ash trays for cigarette ends. We continue to monitor this area in case the situation gets worse and will of course fine anyone found to be littering.

### **Dog Noise**

We have received a number of complaints this month about a dog in the Hillcrest Drive / Close area making distressing sounds howling etc during the day. Upon further investigation we have identified the location of the animal and have carried out a home visit. The owners are aware of the problem as are the RSPCA who have recently visited themselves. The RSPCA found no evidence of cruelty and were happy with the condition within which the animal is being kept. The problem seems to be occurring when no-one is home and is suspected to be something along the lines of anxiety. The dog seems to make the noise when separated from its owner. We have continued to receive calls regarding the dog and have again reported to the RSPCA and would advise anyone concerned to do the same by calling 0300 1234 999.

### **Neighbourhood Management Training**

We have recently attended and intensive training session on Neighbourhood Management. This hopefully will serve as useful knowledge and understanding and will arm us with tools to tackle problems in the future. Upon the completion of a lengthy report assignment we should both gain an A-Level equivalent in Neighbourhood Management.

### **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](mailto: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.