



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 9th January 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 5th December 2013.
4. Report from the Neighbourhood Wardens & Police
Update on Warden review & 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. Presentation from the Planning Agent acting on behalf of the owners of Chanctonbury Nurseries.
7. Report from District and County Councillors
8. Actions Outstanding:
 - a. Trees at northern edge of Recreation Ground
 - b. Nature trail footpath - update
 - c. Emergency Plan - review
9. Correspondence (for action) –
 - a. Request from CSM UK Ltd of Unit 3, Wiston Business Park for lighting at the A24 'Kate's Cakes junction'
 - b. Invitation to Attend an HDC Community Safety Briefing Session - 29/01/14
10. **Public Adjournment**
Opportunity for members of the public to raise matters of concern
11. Planning
Correspondence: Neighbourhood Plan – update.

New enforcement allegations: None.

Amendments: None

Applications:

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

Horsham District Council

Approvals:

DC/13/2030 Removal of internal wall within kitchen and the installation of a new kitchen window on the ground floor easterly elevation (Listed Building Consent)- The Mill House, Mill Lane

DC/13/1857 Reduce 6 x Beech Trees – 29 Rectory Close

DC/13/2063 Part garage conversion to provide playroom and office above with 2 x windows to front elevation to match existing style and small dormer above – Tollgate Cottage, London Road

Refusals:

DC/13/1759 Consent to display metal sign on metal pole with name of business and directional arrow - Well Adjusted Health The Sports Pavilion Church Lane

Withdrawals:

DC/13/1796 Ground and first floor extension to the front of the property to create new attached garage with accommodation above and minor alterations internally to ground floor. Proposed new vehicular access onto Rectory Lane - 37 Meiros Way

Appeal decision: None

Appeals:

APP/Z3825/A/13/2208890 (DC/13/0475) Variation of Condition 1 of planning permission AS/26/97 (the 21 seasonal caravans stationed on the site shall only be occupied from 1st March to 31st October inclusive) to allow the residential occupancy of 10 mobile homes - Luckista Caravan Site, Billingshurst Road

12. Finance

Correspondence:

1. Budget & Precept 14/15
2. Replacement of half pipe –update on agreement with ACCT over details
3. Newsletter – can no longer be produced FOC, discussion.

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 6th February 2014, 7.45 pm at Ashington School, Foster Lane, Ashington.

Planning Committee – Wednesday 22nd January 2014, 7.30pm at the Sports Pavilion, Church Lane

PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
Karen Dare, Clerk to Ashington Parish Council 3rd January 2014.



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Schedule of payments January 2014

Mark Adsett	Gardeners contract payment	£491.66
	Removal of tree (minute 008/14)	£210.00
Mrs K. Dare	Clerks expenses (home & telephone)	£17
	Postage	£14.40
	Total	£
WSSC	Salary and on costs (December)	£879.11
ACCT	Lunch club hall hire	£59.20
	Bingo club hall hire	£37.00
	Planning committee 18/12/13	£7.40
	Skatepark insurance	£196.09
Horsham Matters	youth worker	£
P. Webb	lunch club purchases	£132.23
Public Works Loan	repayment	£3110.12

APPENDIX 1

REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS DECEMBER 2013

Criminal Damage

There have been a few incidents of criminal damage across the village this month. Christmas lights have been tampered with on a resident's property. There has been damage made to a parked vehicle in Church Lane and also a case of arson in the same area. All reports of these incidents have been passed to the police. Following reports there has been an arrest for one of the incidents.

Youth are still congregating around community centre but there have been no reports of damage.

I am working very closely with the PCSO for our area.

Education work and interaction with the youth is ongoing.

This month has seen a youth do his community resolution by helping me to litter pick hot spots in the village. We collected several bin bags full of litter from around the village.

ANTI SOCIAL DRIVING

I continue to monitor and collate intelligence to pass to police regarding anti-social driving in Ashington

I am looking to see if Sussex Safer Roads are still doing a speed awareness course for the young drivers to attend. If so I have a few names I can put forward to do the course.

ILLEGAL DRUGS

I am still working towards passing any relevant intelligence to the police on any information I receive regarding drug usage in Ashington.

YOUTH SHELTER

I have attended another meeting with the community centre to discuss the proposed youth shelter idea. It was agreed that a youth shelter would be a possibility but discussions would need to be had regarding positioning of shelter. It was also requested, who would be responsible for insurance and maintenance of the youth shelter. Once these questions had been answered the community centre would be happy with the youth shelter proposal.

The youth are still very excited about the prospect of the shelter. This would give them an area in the village that they could be signposted to if they are found in areas in the village that we do not want them congregating.

YOUTH WORKER

The youth worker has been delivering a lot of project work with the youth educating them on the consequences of their behaviour and the effects it has on residents of the village.

Hopefully this work will continue in the New Year.

We just need to look at increasing the hours spent with the youth club being open in the week for the youth to attend.

CO OP

I have spoken with the Manager regarding issues with the anti-social behaviour outside the co-op. I have decided in the New Year that a meeting needs to be called with local residents and the co-op to discuss any concerns. Hopefully with the residents and co-op working together a lot of the issues can be resolved.

DOG FOUL

This work is ongoing with the dog foul problems. I will continue to patrol and observe hot spot areas.

I have had reports this month that the rec area is not so bad. Hopefully the message is getting through to the offending dog owners who do not pick up their dogs foul.

I still think it would be a good idea in the summer months to make the rec a dog on lead area. This would make it better for the sporting clubs that use this field for their sports activities.

FLY POSTING

This is still an ongoing problem in the village. I am removing signage and reporting to offenders that they are committing an offence and that they will be fined. I am giving them 48 hours to remove offending signage.

FLY TIPPING

There have been no reports of fly tipping this month. I am still looking into the possibility of signage being placed in hot spot areas stating if caught the penalties they would face.

ROAD SIGNAGE DAMAGE

Lots of road sign damage in and around village. I have been reporting to highways when found.

ELDERLY/VULNERABLE

Once again I have had a Very busy month with elderly/vulnerable issues. Two safe guarding reports have been made to social services regarding elderly/vulnerable in the village. This will hopefully get them the care and help they require.

One issue that has come to light is the difficulties some of the elderly residents have in visiting the doctor's surgery. I will be visiting with the practice managers in the new year to discuss possibilities of a doctor holding a surgery once a week in the village. If this is not possible I would like to discuss with them the chances of the very elderly/vulnerable being visited in their own homes. Not sure if anything will come of these requests but it is worth a try.

I have visited many residents across the village making sure they are ok and that they have stocked up on provisions in case we experience bad weather. Everyone seems ok.

I have also been checking to see that they are not on their own at Christmas, most are going to family's or friend's over the festive period.

There has also been a lot of family intervention work again this month, helping some families' within the village with issues that are causing them distress. I am managing to sign post them to relevant agencies for support and help with their issues.

WARDEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party took place at the Ashington community centre on the 14th December 2013, 3-6 pm. It was a brilliant success with 95 people attending. I would like to say a big thank you to all ashington local businesses for donating raffle prizes for this event. A sum of £195.00 was taken on raffle tickets. After we have paid out for expenses what is left will be used to arrange a trip for the elderly/vulnerable in the New Year.

Thank you also to all the helpers who without their help I could not manage to put on this event. Everybody worked so hard.

It was also lovely to see the youth helping and enjoying this event. Many of the youth have offered to help with other events that may be held in the New Year.

ASHINGTON LUNCH CLUB

Thanks to Pat the Lunch club Leader the Christmas lunch club went very well. A full Christmas dinner followed by live entertainment was enjoyed by all. A very big thank you to all the helpers, especially the youth that had offered their free time to assist in making this a nice day for all to enjoy. Raffle prizes again were donated by local businesses so a big thank you to them.

The next lunch club will be the 5th February 2014 @ 12 noon. This will hopefully be followed by an afternoon club 2-4.

I will be spending January sorting out the constitution and accounts for the lunch club.

I will also get together a committee to take over the running of the club.

We still need volunteers to work as and when they can assist in serving the meals, washing up, and generally assisting to help the club run smoothly on the day.

A few more members to attend would be nice then we know that the club can pay all its overheads and will be able to keep running.

BINGO CLUB

Bingo will re-start on the 31st Jan 2014.

APPENDIX 2 – Sussex Police
Ashington Parish Council Meeting Update

To follow