



## Ashington Parish Council

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**Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014 at 7.45 p.m. in Ashington School, Foster Lane, Ashington**

**Present: Councillors M. Woolley, J. Gichovi-Elias, B. Norton, K. Wood, N. Clark, N. Carver, R. Strudwick, T. Kearney, D. Harbour, R. Brennan**  
**Parish Clerk Karen Dare**  
**District Councillor David Jenkins**  
**District Councillor Roger Arthur**  
**County Councillor Philip Circus**  
**9 member of the public**

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The Chairman reminded members of the public the requirement that they limit their participation to the Public Adjournment sections of the meeting. If Members of the Public have questions for Police/Wardens & District/County Councillors then the Clerk will pass these on if these individuals have left the meeting. Members of the Public are reminded that Standing Orders allow for 5 minutes maximum participation.

### **190/14 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr R. Lancaster (business), Neighbourhood Warden Jayne Jeffrey (off shift), PCSO Bryony Sparks (personal).

### **191/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman reminded Councillors that previous declarations still stand.

### **192/14 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Councillor Strudwick and seconded by Councillor Gichovi-Elias, and agreed.

### **193/14 REPORT FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS & PCSO**

PCSO report (see Appendix 2).

Questions: None

Wardens report (See Appendix 1).

Questions for the Wardens from Councillors: None

Question from Members of the Public: None

### Youth Worker

Report (see Appendix 3). Kris leaves on 17<sup>th</sup> July (the Clerk has already sent a note of thanks) and Cllr Clark is working with Horsham Matters to secure some temporary cover over the summer holidays (up to 12 hours per week as previously agreed) and has a meeting with a potential candidate on 7<sup>th</sup> July. It was agreed that temporary cover up to 12 hours per week over the summer would be funded by the Parish Council.

Update on the joint PC/Church Youth project – interview weekend took place and the candidate was offered the position but turned it down for personal reasons. The position would be re-advertised asap as none of the other 4 applicants fit the person/role specification and could be considered for interview. **C/F**

Youth Shelter project – three youths were present at the meeting and distributed project information to Councillors. In summary:

1. The self-build project that was discussed some months ago was not feasible due to health, safety, longevity and insurance issues
2. A youth worker had not been appointed so the plan to give the project to the new youth worker would result in yet more delays.
3. ACCT had agreed a location and given permission for the project on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Location had previously been a stumbling block in the project.
4. The Wardens, Police and Youth Worker all supported the project.
5. Youths had visited the shelter in Sullington and had spoken to local youths about the shelter. It was well used, good design and location. The shelter can seat 15-20.
6. The shelter would give Ashington youths somewhere to go as they are constantly being 'moved on' from other areas of the village eg Co-op, ACCT porch etc. It would mean that they no longer congregated in inappropriate areas and the Wardens/Police would know where they were.
7. The location is away from houses so disturbance to residents would be minimal and it is in an area covered by ACCT's cctv system which would help to deter ASB.
8. The Shelter design is all steel construction with a sheet steel base plate which raises the shelter off the ground and prevents puddles/mud. The structure could be moved if necessary. The roof is weatherproof. The sides have small holes which prevents graffiti. The shelter is long lasting and will benefit generations of youth.
9. The basic shelter plus steel base plate costs £7190 + VAT inc delivery & installation. Saxon Weald have awarded a grant of £1000 towards the cost, other grants are being applied for eg HDC, Sussex Police. Other grant funders were mentioned eg Gatwick. The Parish Council were asked to underwrite the cost of the shelter ie pay for the shelter and deduct any grants from the cost. At this stage the worst case scenario is that the Parish Council pays £6190 out of its 'play area capital reserves'.

10. The shelter could be installed within 8 weeks of ordering. The Co-op may be able to help with some provisions for an opening ceremony.
11. The youths propose to undertake fundraising to pay for 'extras' eg solar light, sound system etc. Fundraising could include Battle of the Bands night at the Community Centre, car wash, bingo nights, Festival day etc

Questions:

The Parish Council have paid for a Youth Worker, new halfpipe at the skatepark, opening the multi-sports court. Would the youth not prefer the money to be spent on activities rather than a shelter? Many youth don't engage with the organised activities and just prefer somewhere to 'hang out'.

The Chairman called for a vote on whether the Parish Council should underwrite the cost of the shelter (involving a worst-case scenario expenditure of £6190 from earmarked reserves): For = 9, Against = 0, Abstention = 1

Therefore the Council approves the purchase of the youth shelter. Clerk to arrange.

**C/F**

#### Warden recruitment

5 candidates have applied and application forms have been circulated to the Clerk, Cllr Clark & Cllr Gichovi-Elias. Interviews are scheduled for 9/7 subject to suitable applications. Steering Committee to decide on interview candidates.

**C/F**

#### **194/14 YOUNG PERSONS ADJOURNMENT**

Dealt with under Youth Shelter heading above.

#### **195/14 REPORT FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

District Councillor Roger Arthur reported:

1. The Planning Inspector has approved 60 new homes in Henfield, despite HDC's refusal to grant permission but has refused permission for homes at Melton Drive in Storrington. This shows that the PI is agreeing with some of HDC's decisions. The fact that HDC is behind with its 5 year supply of homes is not overriding all of the PI's appeal decisions.

The Chairman thanked District Councillor Roger Arthur for his report.

Questions:

1. Cllr Carver commented on the recent news that HDC has purchased Mill Stream Medical Centre. Health facilities in Storrington were already overloaded before Mill Stream closed and the situation will get worse if all of the new homes are built. However, HDC could now put a large project together to use the Mill Stream surgery and land to put appropriate facilities in Storrington. It was expected that all Stakeholders would be invited to take part in this project.

County Councillor Philip Circus reported:

1. Nick Herbert and other MP's have tabled an amendment in the House of Commons calling for a reduction in the power of the Planning Inspector to overrule local decisions. Localism needs to be localism and not be overturned by

PI's. HDC are still waiting to hear from the PI on the appeal against refusal of planning permission for homes at Water Lane, Storrington.

2. He had attended the official launch of the campaign for Govt. funding to upgrade the A27 at Arundel and Worthing. This is a much more organised campaign than the previous one as all of the key people are involved and supporting the campaign. The Secretary of State has visited the A27 bottlenecks and Ministers need to be persuaded that this is a worthwhile project.
3. The overgrown footpath running along the A24 from Ashington to Rock Road should have been cleared. Clerk to check. **KD D**
4. The Police Commissioner is willing to meet with any local residents to discuss any issues of concern to them.

The Chairman thanked County Councillor Philip Circus for his report.

Questions:

1. Roger Arthur pointed out that the quiet running tarmac on the A24 stops short of Ashington. Why? County Councillor Philip Circus responded that WSCC do not have the money to resurface unless it is necessary. All Parishes have long lists of issues and WSCC need to work out priorities and identify projects which are achievable. Parish Councillors pointed out that noise is getting worse as traffic on the A24 gets heavier and that it is the number one priority in the Ashington Community Action Plan 2010.
2. Cllr Carver pointed out that £16m had been allocated to the A24 road safety improvement project but this had now been scrapped. The £16m was promised to be spent to improve the County's roads. Where was this money spent? The Govt. had recently awarded WSCC a sum of money to improve mainly rural roads.

#### **ACTIONS OUTSTANDING:**

**D** = Minuted but deleted from next agenda.

**C/F** = Minuted and carried forward to 'Actions Outstanding' on the next agenda.

**To list** = moved to the list at the end of the minutes until some progress is made

#### **196/14 Trees at Northern Edge of Recreation Ground**

Clerk to ask Saxon Weald for a copy of their documents and pass to County Councillor Philip Circus for scrutiny. **C/F**

#### **197/14 Ashington Multi Sports Court**

The Clerk is making final arrangements to open the court. It will be open by 5/7/14.

#### **198/14 Annual Inspection of Council Land**

Cllrs Carver, Norton, Woolley & Wood inspected on 23<sup>rd</sup> June and the Clerk has prepared and circulated a report. **KD D**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **199/14 For action:**

1. Letter from Thakeham PC inviting Ashington PC to be involved in preparation of their Neighbourhood Plan.

2. HDC Community Safety – a new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator is needed for Ashington. Councillors to publicise.
3. Public consultation on draft Fire and Rescue Service proposals 2015-16. Clerk to respond. County Councillor Philip Circus highlighted that it is proposed that Storrington loses one fire engine as demand locally has fallen and the patterns of demand don't justify the level of service. WSCC assured him that regular reviews of the service take place and that any changes can be reversed if necessary.

**KD D**

4. Invitation for the Chairman to attend the Community Minibus Association AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2014. No volunteer.

**200/14 For information:**

1. Letter from resident complaining to WSCC about overgrowing vegetation along the footpath from the village to Kate's Cakes.
2. Sussex Police – procedures for dealing with unauthorised encampments.
3. Better Broadband update – Ashington is scheduled to have superfast broadband available from July 2014.

**201/14 General:**

1. HDC – Summer Business Newsletter
2. Local Council Review magazine

**202/14 PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairman explained that, in order that residents got the most benefit from their 5 mins maximum participation time, Councillors would listen to residents questions without debate or comment but would follow up on the items either by reporting back at the next meeting or directly to the individual outside of the meeting.

Members of the public reported:

1. Derek Hodson (Developer of Hoots House) presented amended plans for re-development of this derelict site. The Parish Council had previously objected to application DC/14/0446 (April 2014) principally on the grounds that there were no small market homes and this is contrary to the Housing Needs Survey 2012. The amended plans change the proposed development from 4x4bed + 2x3bed to 3x4bed + 1x3bed + 2x2bed which is more in keeping with the HNS. In addition, the highways entrance has been amended to come directly off the roundabout thus removing potential highways issues. Derek confirmed that the Developer would put covenants in place to prevent extensions and conversion of car ports into living accommodation and that the car ports would have doors installed to hide their contents from full view. He confirmed that the homes would first be offered to local residents for a period of 3 months. Derek confirmed that a s106 agreement had been prepared for agreement with HDC (although the wording should be checked as the Parish Clerk was concerned that the Community Facilities contribution was not in agreement with the Parish Council's wishes). Derek confirmed that he would commission an investigation into whether the Parish Council's dry balancing pond at the rear of the property could be used for surface water discharge.

Councillors re-iterated their support in principle for re-development of this derelict site which is an eyesore in the village. Councillors supported the inclusion of smaller market homes and the Developers agreements on the use of covenants and local marketing. The Chairman confirmed to all that these comments are made on a without prejudice basis, however, if a new planning application is submitted for the amended plans and there is a commitment from the Developer to include the agreed covenants and conditions then the Parish Council should have no reason to remove its support for the development.

2. Jane Smith from Post Horses House briefly summarised information she had given to the Parish Council Planning Committee meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> June. She explained that purchasing a small strip of land from the Parish Council would make her garden a more regular shape and would make it easier to extend her house in the future. Councillors would discuss this issue later in the meeting.
3. Streetlights at Penn Gardens have still not been replaced – County Councillor Philip Circus to investigate.
4. Hedge to Penn Gardens needs cutting back again. Clerk to report to WSCC.  
**KD D**
5. Lots of residents hedges are overgrowing pavements. How do we get these cut back? The Clerk reported that WSCC have a procedure which involves a standard letter being sent to the resident and if they fail to undertake the work a second letter is sent giving them 7 days to do the work otherwise WSCC would undertake the work and charge the resident. Anyone can report an issue to WSCC, not just the Clerk. There was some discussion about the Parish Council having the power to do this work but the Clerk was not aware of this and explained that the Parish Council does not have the resources to deal with these issues.
6. A complaint was made about the Purple Bus – youths had been allowed to play football in the car park at ACCT, the ball had gone over into the sports court and youths had been allowed to climb the fence to retrieve the ball. It was felt that this was inappropriate supervision of the youth.
7. The missing railing at the northern edge of the Recreation Ground had not yet been replaced despite the Clerk reporting the issue to WSCC some time ago. Clerk to report again.  
**KD D**
8. There is always lots of litter on the Recreation Ground. Is the volunteer still clearing regularly? The Clerk responded that she was not aware that the volunteer was not still clearing litter regularly. It was confirmed that some of the youth are litter picking hotspots each week.

The Chairman thanked residents for their comments and closed the public adjournment.

### **203/14 PLANNING.**

The Planning Committee met on 18<sup>th</sup> June and Councillors have been provided with a copy of the minutes. Agreed by all.

### **204/14 Correspondence**

Neighbourhood Plan –update. The Clerk has drafted a letter to be circulated to all

residents, businesses and stakeholders. She has circulated a draft document concerning the public consultation phase of this project. The Chairman had suggested making some amendments to the letter to make residents more inclined to read it and the Clerk will circulate the suggested amendments for approval. **KD C/F**

Representation from the owner of Post Horses House – that the Council considers selling them a small strip (1.3 x 12m) of land adjacent to their rear garden. Cllrs Woolley, Norton, Carver & Wood inspected the land in question and suggest that the owners clear back vegetation and mark out the area that they wish to purchase (along the line of their northern fence, meeting the line of their eastern fence, curved along the edge of the concrete road) and inform the Clerk when this is done so that re-inspection can take place. It was agreed that, in principle, the sale of this small piece of land would have no material effect on Council land and access in this area. There was some discussion about boundary lines and Land Registry documentation and it was agreed that the Clerk, Cllr Norton and the owner meet to discuss. Cllr Norton confirmed that the Parish Council had purchased the 'concrete road' in its entirety and Land Registry documents are not 100% accurate. The Council would expect that the District Valuer be appointed, at the Purchaser's cost, to value the land (although the Parish Council is not bound to accept his figure and could ask for more than his recommendation) and that all legal costs are paid by the purchaser. **KD C/F**

#### **205/14 New Enforcement Allegations/Information**

None

#### **206/14 Amendments**

None

#### **207/14 Applications**

DC/14/1058 Demolition of existing dwelling and provision of 3 new dwellings and new access – Four Acres, Rectory Lane

Councillors agreed at the Planning Committee meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> June to recommend the following response:

The Council has no objections to this application but has concerns regarding:

1. The bin & bike stores position at the front of two of the proposed properties – these will look incongruous in the street scene and should be re-located to the rear gardens
2. The loss of a bungalow goes against the Housing Needs Survey 2012 which identified the need for more bungalows, not less
3. Councillors were not keen on the black timber cladding and would prefer to see flint frontages similar to Gardeners Cottages.
4. A full assessment should be made of the impact of 2 storey houses only 15-16m from 2 Rectory Close bungalow
5. Many trees are proposed to be removed reducing local amenity value. It is not clear what landscaping will replace these.

Councillors support the principle of redevelopment of this site and recognise that the current application is better than the previous.

Councillors agreed that the above response was acceptable.

DC/14/1165 Minor Amendment to consented scheme (AS/14/03) for conversion of barn into 1 dwelling – Spring Pond Barn, Rectory Lane  
The Parish Council has no objections.

DC/14/1240 Single storey extensions to front and rear - Toad Hall, 5 Brookside  
The Parish Council has no objections.

DC/14/1333 Fell 1 Yew Tree (T1 within G1) and surgery to 5 Yew Trees – 19 Blakiston Close  
The Parish Council has no objections.

### **Horsham District Council**

#### **208/14 Approvals**

None

#### **209/14 Refusals**

DC/14/0968 Detached garage and boundary fence - Flint House Rectory Lane  
Reasons: detrimental impact on amenities of neighbour; excessive scale, bulk & siting detract from the wider setting of the area.

DC/14/1138 Construction of farm track for the purposes of agriculture (Prior Notification)  
- Land West of Penn Retreat Rectory Lane  
The proposed work does not fall under the prior notification procedure and requires a full planning application.

#### **210/14 Withdrawals** None

#### **211/14 Appeals made/ decisions** None

The next Planning Committee meetings are scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in Ashington Sports Pavilion.

### **FINANCE**

#### **212/14 Correspondence**

The ropes supporting the 'birds nest swing' in the Over 12s play area require replacement due to fraying & exposure of sharp wires. Cost £193.80 inc delivery.  
Agreed by all.

#### **213/14 Income**

Kite & Thomas – rent & roundabout sponsorship £2077.50  
Donations to First Responders £2283.59

#### **214/14 Expenditure**

Mark Adsett                  Gardeners contract payment

#### **Cheque no.**

£500.00

	Hanging basket watering 4 weeks	£260.00	1538
Mrs K. Dare	Clerks expenses (home & telephone)	£17	
	Postage	£8.84	
	Total	£25.84	1539
WSSC	Salary and on costs (June)	£1078.30	1540
	Payroll services	£43.20	1541
ACCT	Planning committee 28/05/14	£3.80	1542
	Bingo Club (May)	£37.75	1543
	Lunch Club (May)	£60.40	1544
Horsham Matters (not yet received)	youth worker (April)	£	1545
Public Works Loan	Repayment	£3110.12	BACS
Ashington Lunch Club	balance of funds held	£401.18	1546
DS Newland (as agreed at the July meeting)	Basketball posts maintenance	£360.00	1547
SECAMB Charitable Fund (Ashington CFR)	new defibrillators	£1683.50	1548

It was resolved that the schedule of payments shown above be approved for payment. Agreed by all.

### **215/14 MEETINGS**

The Clerk, Cllrs Gichovi-Elias & Clark had attended the Wardens Steering Group meeting.

Cllr Gichovi-Elias had attended an ACCT meeting.

Oil & Gas meeting – Cllr Woolley

### **216/14 MINOR MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

1. Cllr Norton suggested that the Clerk include another Appendix to the Minutes showing funds held in the Council's account on behalf of others. **KD D**
2. It was suggested that the Calor Village of the Year signs be replaced as they have gone missing. Cllr Carver has some spare wood that Eric Leaney could use to make up the signs.
3. A resident of Fairfield Road is leaving cat food on her front lawn for the seagulls. Clerk to report to HDC Environmental Health. **KD D**

4. Some residents are planning to produce a brief Newsletter of activities in Ashington for older residents.
5. The footpath at the rear of Sparrows Lane and the bridleway to Brownhill House are overgrown. Clerk to report to WSCC. **KD D**
6. Cllr Kearney has volunteered to trim back the overgrowing vegetation near the Council's dry balancing pond as it is partially blocking the footpath.

The next meeting will be held at **7.45pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at Ashington School, Foster Lane.**

The meeting finished at 9.55pm

Signed.....

Date.....

## **217/14 APPENDIX 1: REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS**

### **THEFT**

Reports of theft have been made to the police. One informer managed to give a good description of suspicious males late at night walking around the garden of her property. All intelligence was passed to police.

I have spoken with Horsham District Council and am trying to get bin notices to be placed on refuse bins. The notice will explain about security measures to protect the local resident's property. It will also highlight the need to call any suspicious incident that they may witness through to the police.

Several suspicious vehicles that have been about the village have had registration details passed to the police.

I have been stopping cold callers around the village and checking their ID.

All elderly/vulnerable groups I have been checking their home security.

One elderly resident was very distressed following having her purse stolen whilst out shopping. Police were informed and following this incident I contacted the community link alarm service to install an alarm. This has made the person concerned feel safer in her own home.

I am in the process of handing out purse bells to elderly/vulnerable group. By having these bells on the purses it just gives warning if someone touches their purse. I have also reminded them of carrying their bags over their body rather than leaving them in shopping trolleys etc. It's just to remind them to be extra vigilant with their personal belongings when out shopping.

I am working with the Co-op regarding shoplifting offences. All intelligence is being passed to the police.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME**

I know we have a neighbourhood watch scheme in the village but I feel it needs refreshing. I have spoken with several residents in the village and they are all willing to volunteer to become neighbourhood watch coordinators.

This is such a valuable service to have in the village, a really good way of communicating to all residents in the village. The ideal scheme would be a volunteer coordinator for each road in the village.

I have spoken with the PCSO Bryony Sparks who will take the lead in this project. She will gather all information from the current scheme. It is then planned to arrange a meeting to sign up new volunteers.

We then propose to run a quarterly meeting to keep everyone involved up to date with latest news etc.

We will also try and arrange a property marking day. The Date and time is yet to be confirmed.

### **BUSINESS WATCH**

Following an incident regarding a suspicious person at a local business in Ashington it has come to my attention that we need some sort of link up between businesses in the village.

Business Watch has been set up within the Horsham District. It has been started to increase the flow of communication between business communities and Sussex Police, to prevent crime, increase intelligence and reassure the community.

Horsham District Safety Partnership endorses the scheme and encourages members to sign up.

The scheme is free to join.

### **THE AIMS OF BUSINESS WATCH ARE:**

- To reduce opportunities for crime to occur in industrial or vulnerable locations

- To reassure and strengthen the business community
- To improve communication between the business community and Sussex police
- To encourage businesses to report suspicious incidents as they occur
- To give practical crime prevention advice to help ensure property and goods are as secure as possible.

I really think this would be good for the local businesses in the village. I have given information packs on the scheme already to some businesses and then hopefully it will get them to sign up. I also think it's a good idea for the local businesses to interact with one another. I will gather local business numbers and distribute to all businesses concerned and I will discuss further with local PCSO.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD DISPUTES**

This month has seen several complaints of issues with neighbours. I have visited those concerned and have left incident diaries for the complainants to fill out. Once this diary has been filled in for a month I will return and collect them and collate all evidence and pass to the relevant agencies. All those concerned have been told to call the police if a criminal offence has been made.

Mediation has also been offered.

### **DRUGS AND ALCOHOL**

Two referrals to relevant agencies to help people with drug related issues have been made this month.

Confiscation and disposal of drug paraphernalia have also been made this month.

I am also reminding residents to phone through any intelligence regarding drug issues in the village to the police.

### **LITTER**

Litter is still a problem on the rec and skate park area. Youths are volunteering to litter pick these areas on a regular basis.

I have made a litter pick rota for the ball court once it is open for the summer. Local youth have put their names forward.

I have managed to collect a wheelie bin from Hop Oast cleansing dept. to place in the ball court once it is open for the summer. I will try and get another bin for the rear of the youth club.

Complaints of litter from local businesses on London Road have been made to me. I think it is where the young groups are waiting for the school bus in the mornings that the litter is at its worst. I have placed posters asking that they pick up their litter and place in bin. Hopefully this might help. When available I will also visit these areas and deliver some education regarding litter issues. Perhaps a phone call to the schools to ask them to deliver some educational work around litter problems may also help.

Pick up your Litter Posters designed by the local youth have now been placed in the skate park area.

### **YOUTH**

Chessington World of Adventures trip for the youth who have been working hard with me over the last few months, litter picking, helping with the elderly/vulnerable has been organised for the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014. I have managed to secure a grant towards some of the cost of the trip. The youth are happy to pay a contribution themselves towards costs. Approximately 10 youth will be going

on trip. They have managed to collect buy one get one free vouchers over the last few weeks which will keep the entry fee to Chessington down.

I have noticed this month more youth within the village. I have had to move groups on from the co-op. They are a younger group from 11 upwards. There are 6 to 7 in the group often meeting up with others from across the village making the group size larger.

It is very difficult for me to work with them moving them on from one area to another.

I feel now is the time to move ahead with providing a new youth shelter. This would be so beneficial for me, somewhere I could direct them to so they could all congregate in one area, not disturbing residents of the village.

I have attended several partnership meetings and referral meetings with the youth concerned too try and get them the help that they need at this present time. Lots of issues are ongoing and I am there to offer them support all the way.

Some of the youth have decided to go fishing. I have encouraged this idea and have guided them with issues on where to get fishing licenses etc. They have also visited a local fishery where they were able to buy cheap fishing rods and tackle. Those that have been fishing have enjoyed it very much so hopefully they will spread the word to other youth across the village.

There have been several issues within the older group age 20 and over of the village. Some personal that I have been able to help with the issues they are finding hard to deal with. There have been several referrals to partnership agencies.

I have been attending youth club on a regular basis and working closely with the youth worker.

### **YOUTH SHELTER**

I have made a visit to the youth shelter in Sullington. A couple of members of our older youth group also attended. They agreed that the youth shelter that they had seen would be perfect for Ashington Youth. They are going to work on a presentation to give at the next Parish council Meeting

I am still waiting for the parents to give me a date to schedule a meeting regarding the youth shelter.

### **FLY TIPPING**

There have been three incidents of fly tipping this month. All have been reported to Horsham District Council cleansing department. Hopefully they will remove it. I will check on areas to see this happens.

### **ELDERLY/VULNERABLE**

There have been several issues this month within the elderly/vulnerable group that have needed my support and attention. Due to personnel issues I cannot say what has happened but it has been a difficult and worrying time for some. I have been doing my best to reassure and just keep an eye on all of them over the last month.

Two more have joined my list this month and it was lovely to see them attending the lunch/afternoon club and Bingo.

A few elderly/vulnerable have had hospital admissions this month. Due to this I have been visiting those concerned on a more regular basis.

Two more community link alarms have been installed. This is so good for those concerned it gives peace of mind and feeling safe within their own home.

I still need to organise our next trip, a suggestion was Eastbourne.

### **ASHINGTON AFTERNOON LUNCH/ TEA CLUB**

A lovely day was had by all at this month's lunch/tea club. A lovely meal was served followed by a bingo session. Everybody enjoyed this. Prizes were items of groceries.

Bingo was followed by a lovely vintage tea spread. Finger sandwiches and cake were served on the best vintage china. Thanks to the ladies who organised this lovely treat.

Thanks once again for the help from the local youth with this event. It is so nice to see young and old interacting so well.

One member who attends the lunch club serenaded us all with his accordion. It was a lovely way to spend an afternoon.

Thirty people attended the lunch club this month.

Due to being let down with the entertainment for the July lunch club meeting, at the request of several of the elderly/vulnerable group I will be doing bingo session again following the lunch.

Once again the prizes will be grocery items.

I will be providing homemade quiche and cake for the afternoon tea.

### **WARDEN**

At last I now have a computer update in the warden office. I am now waiting for the upgrade to the new system that HDC has had installed. I have been told it will all be up and working in the next two weeks.

I have had to attend several meetings with IT to rectify this issue

I can also say finally I have had my work phone fixed. I can now receive calls on my warden number again.

I have had problems with the warden car this month it has been towed to the garage twice due to engine problems. I had been using a hire car. Obviously trying to get the car fixed has taken quite a lot of my time over the last two weeks but hopefully now it is all fixed.

It has been very difficult to do litter picking etc. these last two weeks due to all my tools and kit being left in the warden car at garage.

**218/14 APPENDIX 2 – PCSO Report June**

On 10/06/14 there was a report of an explosion in a bush in Church Lane. There was a red flash, lots of smoke and the smell of burning although no fire broke out. Cad 1689 of 10/06/14 refers.

On 12/06/14 at approx 1:00am there was a report of three suspicious males in Rectory Close who tried to open a garage door. They were disturbed and made off. The only information is they made off in a hatchback and were wearing dark clothing. Cad 0040 of 12/06/14 refers.

On 18/06/14 at approx 10:30am there was a report of a suspicious male on London Road, the male was found to be all in order when a unit responded to the incident.

There was a report of theft of copper from the Electricity sub station on London Road. This was reported on 20/06/14.

Between Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 8:30pm and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 7am Spheric Trafalgar at Wiston Business Park was subject to a burglary. Carbide balls were stolen. Cad 0185 of 30/06/14 refers.

### **219/14 APPENDIX 3 May/June 2014 Report on Ashington Youth Centre - Summer Term 2014 - Kris Page (youth leader)**

Firstly I would like to thank the parish council for giving me this opportunity to work with the young people from this community, I have built up some great professional relationships with the young people which have allowed me to successfully open a youth club that not only helps develop them as a group, but also as individuals thus allowing them to share their highs, lows, concerns and take pride in themselves and their youth provision.

Since my opening of the youth centre in September 2013 I have been privileged to have welcomed 81 junior members and 26 senior members of the Ashington community and surrounding villages.

These numbers have averaged on a weekly basis between 35 – 50 juniors and 10 – 15 senior members and is still welcoming new members every week.

Without the support of the senior members volunteering on the junior night and helping to run activities I would not have been able to deliver such a diverse programme of activities, this has also allowed the senior members to gain their vInspired award, this award provides formal recognition of the time and skills they invest in volunteering, and the benefits to people, communities and the environment, they can even be used on UCAS applications.

The programme has been very diverse and as incorporated topics that have been both formal, informal, challenging and thought provoking this has allowed the young people to engage in discussions that they feel strongly about, gain information, challenge their opinions and educate them on issues that are important to them.

The young people have enjoyed activities like our curry night, Easter egg hunt, neon night, doughnut week, doodle day, Chinese new year, bread week and taking part in discussions on relationships, image and peoples perception, smoking awareness , fair trade, racial discrimination, armed forces day and American independence day to name but a few..

With the support from the PCSO and Warden together we have been very pro active when addressing our concerns or dealing with issues that have arisen and have developed a very good working partnership, I would again like to take this opportunity to thank them for their support. It has been hard to find volunteers and even when publicizing this with posters or through word and mouth we still do not have any new ones. Without volunteers the youth centre would not have been able to run with such high numbers and it is their time, commitment and support I would like to thank David , Cathy and Neville for, also Myra, for all the behind the scene work she does and Jamie and Emma for running the Youth Gym...THANK YOU....

I myself have enjoyed working in your community and wish my time here had been longer, I hope that the youth shelter is approved as this will be an asset to the community, to the young people Be Strong and Stay Safe....and to their families and the community THANK YOU once again.