



Ashington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2014 at 7.45 p.m. in Ashington School, Foster Lane, Ashington

Present: Councillors M. Woolley, R. Brennan, R. Strudwick, J. Gichovi-Elias, B. Norton, K. Wood, R. Lancaster, T. Kearney & D. Harbour

Parish Clerk Karen Dare

County Councillor Philip Circus

Neighbourhood Warden Jayne Jeffrey & HDC Community Safety Manager Neil Worth

3 members of the public

Invited Guest – James Stobart Sussex Police

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.

031/14 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr N. Carver (holiday) & N. Clark (personal), PCSO Bryony Sparks, District Councillors David Jenkins & Roger Arthur

032/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The Chairman reminded Councillors that previous declarations still stand.

033/14 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th January 2014 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Councillor Brennan and seconded by Councillor Norton, and agreed.

034/14 INVITED GUEST – JAMES STOBART SUSSEX POLICE

Summary:

Operation Crackdown is a website where members of the public can report abandoned vehicles, driving offences & anti-social driving issues to the Police. Reports allow the

Police to target their resources to persistent offenders, serious offences, problem areas etc.

Reports for certain offences eg mobile phone usage, no seatbelt will immediately result in a letter to the registered owner of the vehicle. Further offences by the same driver will result in an escalation of action.

Other offences eg speeding will not immediately result in a Police letter but the information will be kept on file in case other offences occur.

To report an offence you need the registration number in full and preferably the vehicle make & model. Reports cannot be submitted anonymously but the reporters details are never disclosed.

A reporter can check on the progress of any reports they have submitted by logging in to the website. It is not possible for a vehicle owner to check if any reports have been submitted against them.

Not to be reported on Operation Crackdown – drink driving, road rage/attacks, foreign cars & diplomatic plates. Use 999 or 101.

For those without access to a computer there is a phone number to report issues – this is the WSCC contact centre and is manned 24/7.

Questions from Councillors:

1. How to deal with fake reports – when a letter is sent out on the rear are details about how to respond. Information can be submitted and is kept on file. The local Officer will be alerted if it appears that victimisation is taking place.
2. Personal details are never disclosed. If a user does not want to leave their details then they should report the offence to Crimestoppers rather than Operation Crackdown.
3. How do we get a Speedwatch group set up or a Police speed trap? Cllr Brennan suggested that Billingshurst Road is notorious for speeding. Talk to local officer and get their support. Appropriate site needs to be identified, risk assessed and needs to comply with Sussex Police Speed Policy. Police speed traps are only undertaken at sites which have had a bad accident history.
4. How do you report excessive noise from vehicles eg exhaust or loud music? Exhaust noise should be reported to the Police whereas loud music is a statutory nuisance and should be reported to HDC Environmental Health.
5. Is an App/tablet version planned? Yes, at some point. Currently the website is not tablet/smartphone friendly.

James Stobart left the meeting.

035/14 LIAM RUSSELL FROM LIAM RUSSELL ARCHITECTS

Attended to present proposals for redevelopment of Four Acres, Rectory Lane.

The Chairman reminded Mr. Russell that Ashington is a Category 2 settlement with limited facilities & services and any new developments should meet identified needs.

The Parish Council has recently embarked on the Neighbourhood Plan process and any new sites would be considered as part of the Plan. For this reason Councillors would listen but not comment on his proposals.

Liam Russell: a planning application for redevelopment of the site would be submitted very shortly. This would incorporate 4 small family homes (3 bedroom, 2 storey) in barn & Oast House design. Rear gardens would be along Rectory Lane frontage (enclosed by close boarded garden fence), parking would be accessed from Rectory Close at the front of the properties. Two parking spaces would be provided for each property. The Ashington Housing Needs Survey 2012 showed a limited need for small market homes and this site would satisfy this need.

He has sent letters/plans to nearby residents and has spoken to some neighbours about his plans.

It is likely that if permission is granted then the site will be sold as a development plot so if the Parish Council wishes to retain some elements of the design then it should ask for planning conditions to be imposed by HDC.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Russell for attending and Mr. Russell left the meeting.

036/14 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

Youth Worker

Report from the temporary Youth Worker (see Appendix 3). Councillors noted that there is no breakdown of time by activity. Clerk to ask for this to be provided in the future. Cllr Harbour suggested that the Youth Club might like to arrange an event to celebrate Sussex Day on 16th June. Clerk to forward this comment to the Youth Worker. **C/F**

Update on the joint PC/Church Youth project: The PCC meet on 12th Feb to confirm Church funding. The Church and Parish Council will then meet to finalise details of the project.

Youth Shelter – a meeting will be arranged with Youth Worker/Warden/PCSO/Rector to discuss this issue. The Clerk has asked for more information from the supplier before ACCT will agree a location. **KD C/F**

Warden recruitment

The Chairman, Cllr Gichovi-Elias and the Clerk met with HDC to discuss Warden recruitment. HDC will not recruit two part-time 8 hrs pw (mainly evening) Wardens as they cannot provide evening support/supervision, are concerned about health, safety, welfare issues and increased costs of training/equipment. HDC are prepared to recruit one part time Warden (16 or 20 hours per week). The main focus of this Warden's work will be crime/ASB and they will pair up with Jayne to give some evening coverage per week. HDC will provide examples of shift patterns that meet their own Health & Safety requirements for evening work. There was much discussion about why the Parish Council could only recruit one Warden for 16-20 hours per week (part of the Warden budget having being reallocated to pay for the Youth Worker and Councillors having

already agreed to fix the Precept) and about why the working hours should be fixed weekly rather than allocated to busier times of the year (difficulty in recruiting). Neil Worth confirmed that the Warden resource would be allocated to the busier times of the week eg Friday & Saturday nights and that 20 hours per week would ensure 3-4 nights coverage plus one daytime shift.

The Clerk confirmed that a 20 hours per week Warden plus a 12 hour per week Youth Worker would still leave 4 hours per week flexibility in case the hours of either needed to be extended. It would not be financially prudent to commit resource for >36 hours per week as this would need to be paid for using reserves or Warden savings from 2013/14 which are a finite resource.

It was proposed that the Council formally ask HDC to recruit a part-time Warden for 20 hours per week. Agreed by all. Clerk to check what length of contract the new Warden would be given.

HDC are currently reviewing their involvement in the Warden Schemes (they will continue to provide support to both Steyning and Ashington Schemes until current contracts expire, Clerk to check whether this is 2015 or 2016). **KD C/F**

037/14 YOUNG PERSONS ADJOURNMENT

None present.

038/14 REPORT FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District & County Councillor Philip Circus reported:

1. HDC are currently discussing their Council Tax budget and will be deciding shortly whether to freeze or raise. The difficulty in continuing to freeze Tax is that it could create financial problems for the future. They may need to cut some services in the future.
2. Housing Strategy – Officers do not always agree with Councillors. Officers are mindful of Planning Inspectors decisions and a deficit in the number of new homes being built in the District but Councillors need to ensure that the new homes are built in sustainable locations. HDC is waiting for the Appeal decision on the Melton Drive, Storrington application as this will show whether Localism is more important than housing numbers. There is growing rebellion amongst MPs that Localism is a fraud.
3. WSCC is having to make savings of £141million. There are 5 Parish Councils in Chanctonbury Ward and 19 in Chanctonbury CLC area. All have a 'wish list' of highways works. It is important to prioritise so that the important projects are addressed. He suggested that the Chairman meet with him and Highways Officers at County Hall to discuss the Ashington Priorities list. WSCC has frozen Council Tax again this year but this means that non-priority projects will not be done. **KD D**
4. WSCC is reviewing all speed humps in the County and he will ensure that the Ashington humps are included in this review.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Circus for his report, and agreed to the suggestion of a meeting with WSCC.

Questions:

1. What has happened to the VAS sign for Billingshurst Road? The Clerk reported that this is still included as a priority on the Chanctonbury CLC list. County Councillor Circus will check this.
2. What has WSCC done with the Highways Priorities list that the Parish Council produced some months ago? County Councillor Circus wants to discuss this list with the Parish Council Chairman and Highways Officers.

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

039/14 Trees at Northern Edge of Recreation Ground

Will Jones (HDC) will be inspecting the trees at some point. The Clerk has made contact again with Saxon Weald and they may have information about ownership and she is waiting for confirmation of this. **KD C/F**

040/14 Review of Emergency Plan

It was previously agreed that Councillors would review the Emergency Plan and come forward with any suggestions for improvement. Councillors felt that the Plan is well written but that it simply was not enacted at Xmas. The Clerk has received information from UK Power Networks and she will incorporate this into the Plan and will issue an updated Plan shortly. It was suggested that awareness of the Plan be raised at the Residents Association meeting on 12th February. **KD D**

CORRESPONDENCE

041/14 For action:

1. WSCC Strategic Transport Investment Programme – proposes a project to review low cost safety measures for A24 Ashington to Southwater, including improving efficiency of Buck Barn signals. It was agreed that the Clerk write in support of this project. **KD D**

042/14 For information:

1. Minutes of Chanctonbury CLC meeting 4/12/13
2. HALC minutes & agenda
3. WSCC Minerals Local Plan – update on likely timetable

043/14 General: None

044/14 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. Resident A
 - a. It was suggested one meeting between all parties in the village concerned with youth activities. This would ensure some joined up thinking in the village. The Chairman suggested that the Clerk pull together a timetable of youth activities and arrange a meeting. **KD D**
 - b. Not everyone in the village has a computer and doesn't know about the Emergency Plan plus the Plan is 55 pages long. It would be useful to have a 1 page summary document. **KD D**
2. Resident B
 - a. Three trees at the northern edge of the Recreation Ground had fallen over in the recent gales and had damaged a residents fence. It is still unknown who the owner of the trees is.
3. Resident C
 - a. Why has the owner of the trees at the northern edge of the Recreation Ground not been found. Someone needs to remove the debris and pay for the damaged fence.
 - b. Had split a tyre driving over the unadopted section of Fairfield Road. Who is going to pay for this? He was reminded that this section of road is owned by Fairfield Road residents and that this matter had been raised by him several times and would not be discussed again.
 - c. A car was parked on the pavement in Church Lane for 24 hours. Pedestrians had to walk around it. Why hasn't the Warden dealt with this? Parking offences are a Police matter and should be reported to the Police.
 - d. He had been accused of picking up bollards by an employee of ACCT. It was not him as he had been in Wisborough Green at the time.
 - e. He complained that drains at the entrance to Church Close were blocked and that the pond at the rear of Church Close was full. When is the Parish Council going to unblock the drains? WSCC Highways are responsible for drain unblocking.
 - f. The Parish Council is relying on the Church to deliver Youth Services. Why does the Parish Council not open up the youth club on a daily basis free for Ashington youngsters? Parish Councillors questioned how this would be organised and who had the funds to pay for this.

Mr Whittaker (resident B) - responded to Mr Walter's (Resident C) comments regarding item 2d. There followed a serious verbal altercation from Mr Walter directed at Mr Whittaker during which Mr Walter shouted at Mr Whittaker as he tried to speak. Mr Whittaker remained calm and did not respond to Mr Walter's verbal attack. The Chairman tried to re-establish order on several occasions but Mr Walter would not be quiet. His voice was raised and it took some time for the Chairman to establish calm.

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

045/14 PLANNING.

The Planning Committee met on 22nd January and Councillors have been provided with a copy of the minutes. Agreed by all.

046/14 Correspondence

Neighbourhood Plan –HDC has approved the Neighbourhood Plan Area. The Clerk will look to put together a likely timetable for the next steps in the Plan. **KD C/F**

The Council has received a number of enquiries from landowners regarding housing developments on land in and around the village. The Chairman & Clerk have drafted a standard response so that all landowners are given the same message. Councillors have been provided with a copy and were asked to approve. Agreed by all.

Copy of an alternative to Horsham District Planning Framework (prepared by several District Councillors) and submitted to HDC as part of the HDPF consultation.

Proposed party wall agreement between Parish Council land and 7 Chanctonbury – the Clerk has consulted with Councillors over the planning application DC/13/2377 and Councillors agreed the following response:

1. The wall and foundations are to be built wholly within the boundary of 7 Chanctonbury ie the extension wall is not astride the boundary line nor along the boundary line. The foundations are along the boundary line (photographs to show this are required)
2. scaffolding (if needed) is allowed on Council land but proper Health & Safety fencing is to be erected around it
3. the contractor is to maintain safe access for the public at all times to Council land
4. no contractors vehicles are allowed on Parish Council land to gain access the rear the site
5. contractors can work from the Parish Council land but safety fencing is to be erected
6. no materials are to be placed on Parish Council land - i.e. piles of sand, bricks etc.
7. any damage done is repaired at the contractor/homeowner's expense (photos to be taken and sent to the Parish Clerk before any works commence).
8. Copy of contractors Public Liability Insurance (£10 million) to be given to the Parish Clerk prior to works commencing
9. The contractor/homeowner to indemnify the Parish Council against any claim for subsidence etc following the works through a third-party agent so we have recourse should we need to repair path/verges etc a long time after they have left.
10. Contractor must survey for underground hazards prior to commencement as we have no records.

047/14 New Enforcement Allegations/Information

None

048/14 Amendments

None

049/14 Applications

DC/14/0089 Erection of 15 Dwellings comprising 6 x 3 bed, 3 x 2 bed, 5 x 2 bed flats (Social), 1 x 1 Bed (Social), 26 parking spaces and improvement of existing access pursuant to outline application DC/12/1975 (Approval of Reserved Matters) – Penn Retreat, Rectory Lane

The Parish Council support the application with the following comments:

1. Councillors would like the proposed lych gate from the site into Penn Gardens removed. It will only encourage overspill parking into Penn Gardens. The proposed pedestrian gate from the development into Rectory Lane is considered sufficient.
2. Councillors felt that the proposed wooden(with felt roof) bin & bike stores are not of good appearance and may not be sufficiently watertight/secure. This type of structure will deteriorate quickly. Councillors would prefer brick structures with tiled roofs to match the proposed houses.
3. It is not clear what lighting is proposed for the development. Councillors would like traditional streetlights with subdued lighting (because of the countryside location).
4. It is not clear if lighting is proposed for the new footpath along Rectory Lane.
5. There is no indication whether the social housing provision will be available for rent or shared ownership. Proposals should accord with the Ashington Housing Needs Survey 2012 and experience from marketing of the social housing at Meiros Farm.

DC/14/0111 Division of one house into two semi-detached houses – 11 Cricketers Close
Previous comments (from 5/12/13 meeting):

The Parish Council object on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site, impact on parking in the local area and insufficient outside space if the property is divided. There was much discussion about setting a dangerous precedent by allowing an extension to become a separate residence but Councillors were unsure whether this was a genuine planning issue and grounds for objection.

Councillors agreed that previous comments still stand.

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050/14 Approvals

DC/13/2197 First floor side extension and garage conversion – 5 Posthorses

DC/13/2232 Two storey rear extension, conservatory, and conversion of double garage to granny annex – The Wickets, London Road

DC/13/2217 Surgery to 3 x Oak trees – The Oaks, 1 Turnpike Way

051/14 Refusals

DC/13/2258 Proposed loft conversion and front and rear two storey extension – Brambles, Church Lane.

The cumulative impact of the proposed extensions by reason of their scale, bulk, mass, design and materials are considered a substantial addition which would ultimately have a detrimental impact on the character of the existing dwelling house. Furthermore it is considered that the proposal would have an adverse impact on the amenity of the occupiers of neighbouring properties by reason of overlooking and overbearing.

052/14 Withdrawals

DC/13/2193 Division of one house into two semi-detached houses – 11 Cricketers Close

053/14 Appeals made/ decisions

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

The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for 19th February at **7.30pm** in Ashington Sports Pavilion.

FINANCE

054/14 Correspondence

It is proposed that Councillors sign a Lloyds Bank Third Party Cheque indemnity form that allows cheques to be paid INTO the Council's bank account in the names of: Ashington First Responders, First Responders, Ashington Lunch Club, Ashington Bingo Club. The Council receives cheques in these names and the bank is refusing to accept them until the indemnity form is submitted. Agreed by all.

The Clerk reports that the quarterly bank reconciliation has been signed by Cllr Norton

The Clerk reports that there are three areas of budgetary overspend in Q3:

1. Hall hire – budget set was £240, actual expenditure to date £438.16 due to invoice from 2012/13 not being received until the current financial year
2. Chairman's Allowance – budget set was £0, actual expenditure to date £125.95 due to long service awards.
3. Software – budget set was £50, actual expenditure £54.99 (renewal of anti-virus software)

055/14 Income

Kite & Thomas – rent & roundabout sponsorship £2077.50

National Savings & Investments – annual interest £1227.00

056/14 Expenditure

		Cheque no.	
Mark Adsett	Gardeners contract payment	£491.66	1486
Mrs K. Dare	Clerks expenses (home & telephone)	£17	
	Total	£17	1487

WSCC	Salary and on costs (January)	£879.11	1488
ACCT	Planning committee 22/01/14	£7.40	1489
Horsham Matters	youth worker	£1408.50	1480
Parker Dann	planning consultant	£776.45	1490

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

057/14 MEETINGS

Cllr Gichovi-Elias & the Chairman had attended both the Wardens Steering Group and the HDC Wardens meeting.

Cllr Gichovi-Elias had attended an ACCT meeting.

058/14 MINOR MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

1. Cllr Wood is considering stepping down as WSCC Tree Warden due to personal commitments. Clerk to inform WSCC and ask if they can advertise for another volunteer in Ashington. **KD D**
2. Cllr Harbour expressed concern about communication within the village now that we have lost the Newsletter, Parish Magazine and the village website has dropped in popularity.
3. Cllr Lancaster asked the Clerk to check Standing Orders to see if there was a maximum duration for meetings. **KD D**

The next meeting will be held at **7.45pm on Thursday 6th March 2014 at Ashington School, Foster Lane.**

The meeting finished at 10.15pm

Signed.....

Date.....

059/14 APPENDIX 1: REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

There has been an incident in the ball court and around the community centre this month.

The windows of fire exit at community centre have been smeared with ink.

Glass bottles had deliberately been smashed in the ball court area. I have viewed CCTV and offenders have been identified. All intelligence has been passed to the police. Large groups of youths are still congregating in this area, mostly after 11pm. I have noticed that some of the youth are not local to the village. There are large amounts of litter in this area most mornings following the night time activity of these youths. It is the older youths at the moment who are causing these issues.

Police have moved youths on confiscating alcohol and having firm words but as soon as they have gone the youth are returning to the area.

I have changed my shifts to try and work closely with the PCSO to organise some high viz patrols particularly late at night. We can't always arrange to work together as the PCSO can be called away at any time if an incident occurs that they are needed to attend.

ANTI SOCIAL DRIVING

I have had several reports this month of some residents speeding around the narrow village roads. Most of the reports are of, shall I say, older residents of the village who should know better. Registration details have been taken and all intelligence has been passed to the police. Just a reminder that if you see someone speeding or driving in an anti-social manner you can go online and make a report to operation crackdown

PARKING ISSUES

There has been a big problem with parking issues all around the village. It is very difficult for me to do anything as there are no parking restrictions in place. I have spoken to some residents explaining the issues they are causing with their parking and hopefully thanks to their co-operation some of the issues have been resolved.

YOUTH WORKER

The PCSO and I have been having meetings with the youth worker to discuss provisions for the youth. We have been looking at ways of opening the youth club more or arranging one off nights for organised events for the youth. We have also discussed with the youth worker relevant projects that will benefit the youth of Ashington. The youth worker is very much organised and a planned timetable for all projects has been prepared. The PCSO and I are trying to attend the youth club on a Thursday on a regular basis. I will try and help the youth worker more. I need to sit down with her and arrange my working shifts. We also hope to do some outreach work together on some evenings in the near future.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

This last month I have been working very closely with the PCSO for the village. We have been working several late shifts together trying to deal with the youth issues. I have been passing lots of intelligence and together we have been targeting the hot spot areas.

We have also been providing a high visibility patrol around the village.

We are hoping to arrange a joint street briefing soon. The location is yet to be decided.

This is a good opportunity for residents to come and speak with us about any concerns they may have.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DISPUTES

There have been several complaints reported to me regarding neighbourhood disputes in the village. If it has been of a criminal nature they have been told to call the police. I have suggested mediation for the minor issues; hopefully the issues can be resolved between themselves.

FLY TIPPING

There have been no reports of fly tipping this month. I have managed to get a no fly tipping sign for the Old London Road from HDC which I hope to get erected this month.

ROAD SIGNAGE DAMAGE

Still awaiting the repair of a lot of the damaged road signs that are around the village. All have been reported to Highways. I have noticed that some of the signs have had a temporary fix, hopefully it won't be long and they should be repaired properly. I will chase highways up on this issue

ELDERLY/VULNERABLE

This month has seen my elderly/vulnerable list getting longer.

Due to the bad weather I have had to deal with a lot of issues with the elderly/vulnerable due to water damage to their properties, power cuts and just them being worried and concerned due to the weather conditions. Luckily I have managed to keep them all calm and have dealt with the situations they have found themselves in. We have managed to sort any issues that had been worrying them.

I have been in contact with social services and other relevant agencies to visit some of the elderly/vulnerable in their own homes to see if they can get any help that they may be entitled to. I have also had the falls prevention team visit some of the elderly/vulnerable just to make sure they are safe when in their own home.

If you know of an elderly/vulnerable person in the village that would benefit from a visit from me on a regular basis please pass on my number to them or let me know their details and I will arrange a visit.

I have been extremely busy with so many issues around the elderly/vulnerable this month but due to confidentiality I am unable to list them. Some of the issues have been very upsetting for those concerned. Many issues are ongoing and I am offering my help and support to them through their difficult time.

FLOODING

Due to the bad weather there have been several issues with flooding in the village. I have delivered sand bags to some residents affected by the wet conditions.

Thanks to a resident of Mill Lane a disaster with the stream flooding was diverted. Two fence panels had fallen into the stream and the water was banking up. We managed to remove the fence panels and the stream started flowing normally again.

WARDEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party for 2014 is already booked. Thank you once again to the community centre for all their support. If anyone has any ideas for entertainment for next year's party please let me know.

ASHINGTON LUNCH CLUB

The club restarts for this year on the 5th February @ 12 noon.

I have applied for a bank account for the club. A constitution has now been written for the club. At the next meeting we will be electing a committee to run the lunch club. In April we will be extending the hours to include an afternoon club. The times will be 12noon until 4pm.

060/14 APPENDIX 2 – PCSO Report January

On 22nd January a red Wood chipper was stolen from a property in Hole Street, Ashington. It was chained up and secured, but the chain had been cut. Did you see or hear anything? Cad 0230 of 22/01/14 refers.

On the 25th January between 12:30am and 8:00am a property in The Sands was subject of a burglary. This is currently under investigation. Entry was gained via a patio door and various electrical and personal items stolen. Did you see or hear anything suspicious? Did you see anyone hanging around the area? Or have there been any suspicious cold callers around recently. Cad 0327 of 25/01/14.

On 28th January between 6pm and 9pm a dark blue Land rover parked on Church Lane was damaged. Did you see or hear anything suspicious? Did you see anyone hanging around that area that evening. Cad 0265 of 29/01/14 refers.

During the last month we have had several calls about nuisance youths, mainly outside the Community Centre. Myself and Jayne the Neighbourhood Warden have been doing a lot of joint partnership working in regards to the youth issues. We are working closely with the Anti Social Behaviour Team at Horsham in regards to this.

During the course of the last month, two vehicles have been stopped on separate occasions at the top of London Road, by the roundabouts leading to/ from the A24. On these two occasions Section 59 warnings were given to the driver and put on the vehicle. Both incidents were called in by local residents when cars were witnessed at late hours of the night doing doughnuts and drifting around the roundabouts.

PCSO Bryony Sparks.

061/14 Appendix 3

**Jan 2014 Report on Ashington Youth Centre - Spring Term 2014 - Kris Page
(youth leader)**

Ashington Youth Centre re-opened after the Christmas holidays on Thursday 9th January 2014 the club had young people attending both in the junior and senior clubs and at present we have made contact with 25 juniors and 20 senior young people.

We do not have any new volunteers and are currently still running the Thursday evenings with either two or three of us I have spoken with a few parents of the juniors attending and they are very supportive and willing to help volunteer, but could only commit to helping out when their young person was attending. This is encouraging but volunteers with no family connections to the young people attending and also willing to work with the senior group would be more desirable.

We have been delivering activities each week that have allowed young people to explore their views and opinions round, World Religion Day, Facebook, social media and Chinese New Year. I have also spoken to young people about the issues that are affecting them i.e school, exams, home life, friendships and healthy life styles. Together the staff and young people are building a healthy relationship, the young people's behaviour, the communication between us and the young people's respect of the rules and boundaries imposed at the club have all been very positive.

I have met with the PCSO and Warden this month and together we have discussed and agreed how best to support and maximise the effectiveness of each other's work, so that the young people of Ashington feel that they have a support network within the village.