



## Ashington Parish Council

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**Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.45 p.m. in Ashington School, Foster Lane, Ashington**

**Present:** Councillors M. Woolley, R. Strudwick, J. Gichovi-Elias, B. Norton, K. Wood, D. Harbour, R. Brennan, T. Kearney  
Parish Clerk Karen Dare  
District Councillor David Jenkins  
County Councillor Philip Circus  
10 members 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.

### **315/14 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr N. Carver (personal), Cllr R. Lancaster (business), Cllr N. Clark (illness), Neighbourhood Warden Jayne Jeffrey (supporting Youth Club), PCSO Bryony Sparks (off-shift), District Councillor Roger Arthur (business).

### **316/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman reminded Councillors that previous declarations still stand.

### **317/14 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Councillor Brennan and seconded by Councillor Strudwick, and agreed.

### **318/14 REPORT FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS & PCSO**

PCSO report (see Appendix 2).  
Questions: None

Wardens report (See Appendix 1).

Questions for the Wardens from Councillors:

1. Cllr Gichovi-Elias pointed out that the Warden is unable to report on many of the issues that she is dealing with because of confidentiality reasons and that she is, therefore, dealing with many more issues than are detailed in her report.
2. A resident had reported to Cllr Norton that the Wardens vehicle had been parked in a layby in Hillcrest Drive for many hours. Cllr Gichovi-Elias pointed out that there are 3-4 elderly/vulnerable residents in that area and it is likely that the Warden was visiting them all.

### Youth Worker

Report (see Appendix 3). None.

Update on the joint PC/Church Youth project – the second round of interviews for the post of Ashington Youth Worker have been successful. The two candidates interviewed by our youth and the Interview panel were very good and the Church, in agreement with the Parish Council and the youth, has appointed 'Paddy' to the post and his provisional start date is 10th November. There is still some paperwork to complete (obtaining references and a CRB check) before he starts work.

It was proposed that the PC provide an overlap period of at least four weeks and give 4 weeks' notice to our current worker Sarah Bearham on 10<sup>th</sup> November. Paddy has a much wider brief and this will give him time to get to know the key people - Jayne, PCSO, Schools and others. **KD D**

We hope, in due course, that we will see Paddy at PC with our youth pushing for new youth projects.

PCSO Bryony Sparks will present the Youth Shelter grant cheque from Sussex Police to the Parish Council on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm at the Youth Shelter. All are welcome to attend.

### Warden recruitment

HDC have completed the process of reviewing the Wardens job description and role profile and are pleased to report that the grade has been increased to reflect the Wardens current responsibilities. Recruitment of a new Warden can now begin again. **C/F**

### **319/14 YOUNG PERSONS ADJOURNMENT**

Several young people present expressed concern that the new Youth Shelter is not watertight – the roof leaks in the rain due to ineffective sealing of the joints and the 'perforated' sides are not wind/rain proof. The location is also very dark. This was causing some negative responses to the shelter from the youth.

Councillors understood that the design had been chosen by the youth following a visit to the shelter at Washington and that the perforated sides prevented problems with graffiti. It was suggested that the manufacturers had possibly omitted a proper seal from the roof and that silicone sealant was not an effective replacement. In addition, better

weatherproofing could be achieved if polycarbonate sides were to be added. Lighting could be investigated. Cllr Clark to look into these issues. **NCI C/F**

### **320/14 REPORT FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

District Councillor David Jenkins reported:

1. Noise from the A24 should be considered by the Neighbourhood Planning team at HDC. HDC's Strategic Planning team are currently asking Parishes for an update of their CIL projects and Ashington should log the A24 noise issue as a priority. Clerk to contact Strategic Planning. **KD D**
2. The Public Inquiry into HDC's Local Plan has started and the Council offices in Horsham are very busy so contacting Officers may take some time.

The Chairman thanked District Councillor David Jenkins for his report.

County Councillor Philip Circus reported:

1. WSCC had received a petition asking it to declare itself as a 'No Fracking' county. This had been rejected by WSCC on the grounds that if it did so then any fracking planning applications could not be determined by WSCC and would be determined by a Government appointed Planning Inspector. This would take decision making away from locally elected Councillors. WSCC preferred to deal with each application on an individual basis and scrutinise all of the local issues as part of the application.
2. HDC's Environmental Health Officer had indicated that noise from the A24 does not qualify as a statutory nuisance and could only be dealt with by WSCC, the Parish Council and local landowners. The Clerk had contacted WSCC to discuss this matter further. No visit had yet been arranged with Roger Harding from WSCC Highways to look at various Ashington issues eg speed bumps, road junctions as he is on holiday. The Clerk is chasing WSCC for a meeting date.

The Chairman thanked County Councillor Philip Circus for his report.

Questions: None

#### **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

#### **321/14 Ashington Multi Sports Court**

The Chairman & Clerk met with Bill Whittaker from ACCT to discuss the finer details of this project and the Clerk has provided Councillors with a cost/benefit analysis of the project. In simple terms the project payback period (in electricity costs alone) is 2.4 years. The Clerk has submitted an s106 application for the project cost. If the application is successful then the lights will be purchased, if unsuccessful then Councillors will need to decide how to fund the project. **C/F**

### **322/14 Reporting Issues**

The Clerk reminds Councillors and members of the public that they can easily report many highways, planning, rights of way issues to the relevant authorities themselves. It does not require the Parish Clerks input and the Clerk has no special powers to get the issues resolved:

1. To report highways issues (potholes, overgrowing hedges, damaged road signs etc) visit [www.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk) or 01243 777100
2. To report criminal damage/anti-social behaviour issues to Sussex Police dial 999 in an emergency, 101 in non-emergency or report an issue online at [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk)
3. To report driving issues (eg speeding, mobile phone use) [www.operationcrackdown.org](http://www.operationcrackdown.org)
4. To report Planning or Bin issues [www.horsham.gov.uk](http://www.horsham.gov.uk) or 01403 215100

Online reports are very quick to prepare and the information goes directly into the Authorities database and a reference number is issued to allow for follow-up enquiries.

### **323/14 Village Newsletter**

A resident is going to produce a bi-monthly village Newsletter and has requested copies of PC Minutes. These are readily available on the PC website. The first Bi-Monthly Edition is going out for Dec/Jan with the deadline for entries Nov 14th. Cubbitt and West are printing 1000 A4 double sided issue after Nov 19th (ARA Meeting on 18th for those who volunteered to help)

It has been suggested that information sent by the Parish Council includes:

- Planning Applications Discussed
- HDC replies
- Major Issues for Dec/ Jan
- Dates of Neighbourhood Plan Events for Dec/Jan

and anything else the Councillors would like included.

Several elderly residents had requested a paper Newsletter and other information will include Lunch Club dates, Bingo, minibus, club information & contact details etc. There will be a suggestion box in Cubbitt & West and updates on village noticeboards. There will be no advertising. Anyone can submit an article.

The Chairman explained that the Parish Council will be a contributor to the Newsletter, much like other contributors, but is not managing or funding the Newsletter. The Clerk will be asked to check the draft Newsletter for accuracy of Council information.

Any info for the Newsletter to Doreen Harbour at [doreen@dmharbour.plus.com](mailto:doreen@dmharbour.plus.com)

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **324/14 For action:**

1. West Sussex Local Access Forum – looking for volunteers to get involved in public rights of way issues in their local area.
2. Sussex Police – consultation on their 2015/16 precept. Councillors to respond as individuals.

#### **325/14 For information:**

1. Letter from a resident complaining of anti-social driving at the top roundabouts. PCSO Sparks has organised Directed Patrols of this area and suggests a meeting with WSCC Highways to see if anything can be done to prevent this behaviour.
2. Annual meeting of HALC/HDC
3. Sussex Police – new PCSO Tina Dunning for Ashington (including Pulborough, West Chiltington, Coldwaltham & Thakeham) with effect from 10<sup>th</sup> November.
4. Sussex Police – monthly update
5. Mill Lane flooding – the Topographical Survey of Ashington has been slightly delayed because of the weather and will occur week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> November. It will concentrate primarily on land to the north of Mill Lane.
6. AiRS – Community21 a new digital service to help Parish Councils develop, plan, connect, engage and share knowledge and information for planning, mapping and networking the community.
7. WSCC campaign to raise awareness of ‘riparian ownership’ of watercourses. Cllr Harbour reported that many residents have filled in ditches and ‘claimed’ the land as part of their gardens. Cllr Harbour to send information to the Clerk to forward to County Councillor Circus, however, he did know that enforcement is very difficult in these cases.
8. Sussex Police – Horsham District monthly update.

**326/14 General:**

1. Southern Water – Water Resources & Drought Strategy
2. Clerks & Councils Direct magazine.

**327/14 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. A resident liked the idea of a Newsletter but is concerned that Cubbitt & West will take ownership of it and use it for their own publicity purposes, especially as other advertisers are not allowed. Cllr Harbour reported that Cubbitt & West would have a small logo on the Newsletter in return for printing free of charge. If another business offered free printing then they could also have a small amount of advertising space in a future Newsletter. Cllr Harbour reported that the Residents Association are trying to start some new initiatives in the village and raise funds for the village.
2. What has happened to the village website? Cllrs responded that it had been ‘hacked’ and the developer was trying to sort this out. The village website is managed by a resident and is not the same as the official Parish Council website which is kept up to date by the Clerk.
3. A member of the public pointed out that the youths had chosen the youth shelter design so he finds it difficult to understand why they are now complaining about it. However, as a consequence of the design the youths are now using the

Community Centre porch for shelter again. Polycarbonate could work to improve the water/wind proofing.

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

### **328/14 PLANNING.**

The Planning Committee met on 15<sup>th</sup> October and Councillors have been provided with a copy of the minutes. Agreed by all.

### **329/14 Correspondence**

Neighbourhood Plan update:

1. The Clerk has asked for dates that the Community Centre may be available in November/December for public meetings. Councillors have previously been assigned project teams and they will need to do some preparation before the public meetings. **KD C/F**

Proposed sale of land to Post Horses House – Councillors voted to reject the recent offer. However, a new offer had been put forward on 4<sup>th</sup> November. The Clerk had emailed it round to Councillors and the Chairman asked Councillors to vote to either accept or reject the offer. Ten Councillors, either present at the meeting or by email to the Clerk, had voted to accept the new offer. Cllr Norton would scrutinise the legal paperwork once it has been prepared. **D**

### **330/14 New Enforcement Allegations/Information**

None

### **331/14 Amendments**

DC/14/1420 DC/14/1420 | Proposed new service area (operating between the hours of 6am to 10pm) development comprising of petrol filling station (sui generis use) and ancillary shop (A1 use), forecourt canopy, 5 no. pump islands, automatic car wash and associated service facilities (ATM, air/water point, jet wash etc) Restaurant with Drive-Thru facility (A3 and A5 uses) and associated sewage treatment plant - Land South East of Martins Farm London Road

The Parish Council support the application now that the opening hours have been amended.

### **332/14 Applications**

DC/14/2339 Surgery to 1 x oak tree – Linfield Lane

The Council has no objections and will accept the decision of HDC's arboricultural officer.

DC/14/2323 Surgery to 1 x oak tree – The New House, Mill Lane

The Council has no objections and will accept the decision of HDC's arboricultural officer.

## **Horsham District Council**

### **333/14 Approvals**

DC/14/1333 Fell 1 Yew Tree (T1 within G1) and surgery to 5 Yew Trees - 19 Blakiston Close

DC/14/1725 Prior approval for the conversion of A1 Retail shop to residential use (Prior Notification) - Post Horses London Road

### **334/14 Refusals**

None

### **335/14 Withdrawals**

None

### **336/14 Appeals made/ decisions**

None

The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in Ashington Sports Pavilion.

## **FINANCE**

### **337/14 Correspondence**

1. The Clerk reports that the quarterly bank reconciliation has been checked and signed by Cllr Norton
2. The Clerk reports that there is one area of budgetary overspend:
  - a. Grants budget was £1045, actual spend £1226 (Ashington Festival £866, Air Ambulance £200, Storrington Area Help Scheme £200). The contingency budget will cover the overspend.
3. Request from the Warden for a donation of £50 towards the cost of the Wardens Xmas party sherry. This could be met from the Wardens budget. Agreed by all.

### **338/14 Income**

Kite & Thomas – rent & roundabout sponsorship £2077.50

### **339/14 Expenditure**

		<b>Cheque no.</b>	
Mark Adsett	Gardeners contract payment	£500.00	
	Hanging basket watering 2 weeks	£130.00	1588
	Removal of tree debris	£45	1596
Mrs K. Dare	Clerks expenses (home & telephone)	£17	
	Postage (NH Plan)	£6.36	
	Stationery	£45.41	
	Total	£68.77	1589
WSSC	Salary and on costs (October)	£1078.30	1590
ACCT	Planning committee 17/09/14	£3.80	1591

	Bingo Club (September)	£37.75	1592
	Skatepark insurance	£189.82	1593
Horsham Matters	youth worker (August)	£234.00	1594
Broker Network	Youth Shelter insurance	£25.00	1595

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

The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm in the Sports Pavilion to discuss the preliminary budget for 2015/16.

### **340/14 MEETINGS**

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

Cllr Gichovi-Elias had attended an ACCT meeting.

Cllr Woolley & the Clerk met with ACCT to discuss the multisports court lights.

Cllrs Woolley, Norton & Harbour attended the Ashington Residents Association meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October.

### **341/14 MINOR MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

1. Cllr Brennan asked if any progress had been made on the Billingshurst Road VAS as there had been another crash at the Spear Hill bend recently. The Clerk will chase WSCC Highways again. **KD D**
2. Cllr Strudwick reported that the reason that water is pumped out of Rock Common quarry is that many years ago no liner was installed prior to the site being used for landfill so contaminated water was entering the water table. In order to stop this happening there has to be pumping out of water from the site to keep the water levels down.

The next meeting will be held at **7.45pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at Ashington School, Foster Lane.**

The meeting finished at 8.50pm

Signed.....

Date.....



**342/14 APPENDIX 1: REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS**  
**SHORT REPORT DUE TO ME HAVING ONE WEEKS HOLIDAY IN OCTOBER 2014**

**CRIMINAL DAMAGE**

There have been several reports of criminal damage this month across the village. Damage to vehicles, wing mirror broken and wiper blades snapped off. There has been Theft of items from gardens. All incidents have been reported to the police. I have been reminding all residents of the village to make sure all their property is secure. Light sensors on the community centre building have been vandalised. CCTV cameras have been checked to see if offenders can be identified. All information has been passed to the police who will be viewing the CCTV.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD DISPUTES**

I am still dealing with numerous incidents of neighbourhood disputes. There have been some positive outcomes due to mediation and generally the people concerned dealing with the issues themselves. I will continue to support those that are still experiencing problems.

**DRUGS AND ALCOHOL**

Confiscation of drug paraphernalia has been done by police this month. Alcohol has also been seized. Some youths have had home visits and some are being dealt with by the police. Lots of intelligence is being phoned through to the police by local residents on a regular basis. Vehicle registrations are being taken of any vehicle acting suspiciously and all information is being collated and passed to the police. There have been some incidents this month with youth and underage drinking. Some of the incidents are being dealt with by the relevant agencies concerned. Due to confidentiality I am unable to go fully into events that have taken place.

**LITTER**

A big thank you to a local resident this month who has improved the appearance of the skate park and surrounding areas due to his kindness of offering to litter pick in his own free time. The skate park has never looked so clean and free of litter. I am sure he won't mind me mentioning his name Tommy. Thank you once again for all your hard work. He has now offered to litter pick other hot spot areas across the village. The youth are also still helping with litter picks on a regular basis.

**FLY TIPPING**

The fly tipping has been removed from Old London Road along with all the rubbish left by the travellers. The trailer has now also been removed. Now need to get the overgrowth of trees and bushes cut back. A thorough litter pick of the area has been made by Hop Oast cleansing dept. There have been no reports of fresh fly tipping in this area this month.

**YOUTH**

I am still waiting to speak with new youth worker regarding the official opening of the youth shelter. Sussex police are waiting to present the cheque that they have towards the youth shelter. It would be nice if they could present this at the opening of the shelter. There have been several reports this month of youth being anti-social. I am aware of names of youth involved and will be speaking to them regarding the issues. I am still trying to work with the youth worker on a regular Thursday evening.

It is good to see that the attendance at youth club from the younger group as well as the older youth has increased.

I continue to interact and work with the youth that I come across in the village. Several of them have been helping me with the elderly/vulnerable groups in the village. They have also volunteered to help at the upcoming warden Christmas party. Their help and support is very much appreciated. The elderly group enjoy the interaction with the youth.

Several youth are now attending the Bingo night on a regular basis.

Working closely with some youth to try and get them the support they require. I am referring to agencies that are appropriate for their needs.

### **ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

Turnpike play area has been a hot spot for me this month. Regular patrols are being made. If youth are in the play area I am moving them onto the youth shelter.

The skate park area under the ramps there has been evidence of burning of litter. I have checked CCTV and have recognised offender. I will pass intelligence to police. I have also been educating the youth on the dangers of starting fires etc. I have also highlighted that arson is a criminal offence. All the youth that I have spoken to will let me know if they see anyone committing arson in this area.

The youth have begun to congregate again at the side of community centre. They use the alcove by doors to keep cover from the rain.. When on duty I have been moving them on from this area.

### **ANTI SOCIAL DRIVING**

Anti-social driving is happening again on round a bout at top of village. I have had several calls from residents. I have asked that if possible to get registration details and descriptions of offending cars. All this information they gather must then be phoned through to the police.

The latest news on this thanks to vigilant residents two cars have been caught by police and will be dealt with accordingly. This is a good result as it sends a message out that their anti-social driving will not be tolerated in this area and that they will be reported if seen.

### **HALLOWEEN**

I have been handing out leaflets for doors saying please do not knock door if residents do not wish to take part in Halloween trick or treat. I have also left several large piles of leaflets at the Co-op and Church café.

### **ELDERLY/VULNERABLE**

I am still working closely with the church to find volunteers to help with the minibus and events planned in the village for the elderly/vulnerable group. We are all trying to work on getting more drivers for the volunteer driver group that assists the elderly/vulnerable in getting to hospital appointments etc.

I would just like to say a personal thank you to the members of the church and community for all their offers of help.

Several fire alarms that work via the community link alarm have been fitted by the fire service this month for some of our elderly/ vulnerable group.

I have been reminding all elderly/vulnerable on my list to stock up with supplies just in case the weather gets bad. I think I can say now we are all ready for anything, we have torches at the ready, plenty of supplies, fire alarms have been checked, and that due to dark nights following clocks going back it is best that they leave a light on after dark and make sure property is secure when leaving it.

A Christmas shopping trip has been arranged for the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014. We will be visiting Bognor. This is an easy town for all elderly/vulnerable to enjoy as the shops are all close and in a

pedestrianized area. Those that have sight and mobility issues feel safe doing their shopping here. There will be ten of us going on the trip. If anyone else is interested within the elderly/vulnerable group I will organise another day. I am limited to ten on the mini bus. Christmas lunch to a local restaurant will be arranged for the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014. We will be visiting local garden centres first and then on for a full Christmas dinner with all the trimmings.

### **VINTAGE TEA CLUB**

The first vintage tea afternoon that took place on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014 was a success it was lovely to see so many people attend this event and now thanks to the community centre we have been able to book the third Wednesday of every month for this event.

I think this is a good event for the elderly/vulnerable to attend in the winter months as it gets them out chatting to others and provides a lovely homemade tea of finger sandwiches and a selection of homemade cakes. All served on beautiful china. A raffle was held on the day which helps raise funds for the event. A charge of three pounds was made to all who attended. The event timings are 2pm – 4pm with transport provided to those that need it.

### **LUNCH CLUB**

Once again a very good attendance for the October lunch club. A lovely meal was provided again by Pat, followed by entertainment provided by members of the church. It was very much enjoyed by everyone.

November lunch club we will be having someone entertain us with a craft afternoon.

A very big thank you to the church café for their donation to the lunch club who now have a much needed plate warmer. This will make it easier for the cook to keep things warm before serving lunch. It will be kept in the kitchen at community centre. Thank you to the committee of community centre for agreeing to let lunch club keep it there.

Residents have been phoning me to see if they can attend the lunch club. This is really good as it provides a focal point for all to meet up. I will be providing transport for two new members to lunch club this month. Attendance figures at the moment are approx. 26 -35 increasing on a monthly basis.

I have been doing the accounts for lunch club ready for end of year. It looks good we have managed to pay all outgoings and will start the New Year with a small surplus.

A donation from the rotary club has been made via Pat towards the cost of Christmas lunch club. A very big thank you to them for all their support for this event..

Entertainment has been booked for the Christmas lunch club. We will be having a group of singers who will entertain us with Christmas carols as well as some favourite old tunes that we all know.

Christmas lunch will be amazing this year so if anyone would like to attend we will need to know so as we can cater for the amount that will be attending. The cost of the Christmas lunch will be £5.00 to non-members. If you wish to attend could you please contact me on Mob: 07764146367 by the 22<sup>nd</sup> November to book your space? I will then pass this information onto the person who will be arranging the Christmas lunch.

### **WARDEN PARTY**

I have been very busy this month visiting local businesses to see if they would support the raffle at the warden's party on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2014. I am pleased to report that many have been very generous in donating to this event. A list of all these kind businesses will be available on the day so everyone can see who has been helping to support this event. All I can say it's going to be a big raffle on the day with some exciting raffle prizes.

I have supplied the caterers with what they need to provide all the lovely home cooked food for the day.

Invites will be going out the beginning of November 2014 to all properties in Ashington.

A very big thank you to Margaret for helping in getting these invites delivered across the village.

This is very much appreciated.

Entertainment has been arranged for the warden party. It looks like it will be a very jolly festivity party for all to enjoy.

Lots of the local youth have offered to help on the day.

### **BINGO**

It was nice to see this month that we had three new members that attended Bingo Night.

Two of these were from the elderly/vulnerable group and were highly excited to be out in the evening. Transport was provided and I made sure they were returned home safely.

I desperately need a volunteer to drive the minibus or provide transport on this evening on a regular basis.

I have been arranging the Christmas bingo. We will be playing for prizes and will have Christmas themed refreshments on the evening. Thanks to members who will be providing the food.

### **Warden**

I have had the pleasure of a volunteer this month working with me. He has been working on work experience through Horsham District Council. With his help I have managed to get lots done over the last few weeks. Office has been completely sorted, shed organised, loads of help with the lunch club, vintage tea club, litter picking, playground inspections to name but a few things that we have been doing.

We have also been replacing old and damaged dog foul signage across the village with nice new signage.

I am hoping over the next few weeks to do an audit of all road signage across village. I will report all broken and damaged signage again to Highways. Lots of the road signage is in need of a good clean. I will also report this. With the help from the work experience person I am able to get more done.

I have just completed and gained my Level two in Mental Health Awareness, and I have also attended a Dementia Friends Training course.

**343/14 APPENDIX 2 – PCSO Report October**

Over the last month there have been several reports of youths acting anti-socially in Ashington. I am currently looking into this, and this is also being patrolled and monitored.

On 31/10/14 there were report of a parcel being stolen from the rear door of a property in Blakiston Close, Ashington, this occurred in the daytime. Did you see or hear anything? Cad 1300 of 03/11/14 refers.

There have been calls regarding vehicles driving anti-socially, racing round the roundabouts and using the two roundabouts at the top of Ashington off the A24 and the B2133 as a race track.

A cad number has been created for residents to use when reporting any incidents like this.

On 30/10/14 whilst paying attention to this area PC John Burt managed to catch up with two drivers who were accelerating at speeds round the roundabouts and driving anti-socially. Both drivers were given Section 59 warnings.

**344/14 APPENDIX 3 Report on Ashington Youth Centre**

None

**345/14 APPENDIX 4 Funds held on behalf of others**

First Responders Funds: £3286.54

Bingo Club: £248.89