



Ashington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th August 2014 at 7.45 p.m. in Ashington School, Foster Lane, Ashington

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

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.

220/14 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs R. Lancaster, T. Kearney & N. Clark (all personal), Neighbourhood Warden Jayne Jeffrey (off shift), PCSO Bryony Sparks (personal).

221/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The Chairman reminded Councillors that previous declarations still stand.

222/14 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd July 2014 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Councillor Brennan and seconded by Councillor Strudwick, and agreed.

223/14 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). None

Update from the Rector on the joint PC/Church Youth project - We have re-advertised immediately. We have not used national forums & magazines so as to not delay even longer our ability to recruit quickly. We have sent the Job Advert far and wide using personal contacts / networks / social media / website postings. The deadline for applications is 30th September - interviews w/end of 11th & 12th October. We have increased the salary range to £27,000 at the top end (dependant on experience). The church has agreed to pick up this increase (from £25,000 originally). All details of the post are on: www.chanctonburychurches.org.uk **C/F**

Youth Shelter project – the shelter has been ordered and a grant of £1000 received from Saxon Weald (the Clerk sent a note of thanks). **C/F**

Warden recruitment

The Steering Group met with Jayne and Neil Worth (from HDC) to discuss the Warden recruitment situation. There were 5 applicants for the post but none were deemed suitable to interview. The group agreed to review the advert and the position and duration of advertising with a view to re-advertising the post asap. In the meantime we are still without a second Warden.

Neil Worth has offered his services for one late shift of 6 hours per week to accompany Jayne patrolling around the village (crime, ASB and security aspect of the Wardens job) and doing those aspects of the Wardens job that she can't do alone. Neil is an HDC Community Safety officer as well as a Police Special Constable so he brings plenty of skills and experience with him. He would work different shifts each week to vary the evenings cover and Jayne would adjust her shifts accordingly. We will be invoiced by HDC for the additional resource and payment would come from the Wardens budget. This would be a good temporary measure, particularly over the summer months, and until we have recruited the second Warden. Councillors approved the additional expenditure from the Wardens budget. **C/F**

224/14 YOUNG PERSONS ADJOURNMENT

None present.

225/14 REPORT FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Roger Arthur reported:

1. HDC has purchased MillStream Medical Centre and is looking to develop the area long term as a purpose built Health Centre.
2. He continues to fight against indiscriminate housing developments in the District.

The Chairman thanked District Councillor Roger Arthur for his report.

Questions: None

County Councillor Philip Circus reported:

1. He suggested meeting with the Chairman & Clerk to discuss the issue of A24 resurfacing with noise reducing tarmac. He, and WSCC Officers, need to understand the Parish Council's highways priorities and it may be that some projects on the Parish list need to be dropped in favour of others. WSCC's promises from the past can no longer be honoured as funding is simply not available.
2. WSCC has trimmed the lower branches from the trees at the northern edge of the Recreation Ground (Minute 226/14) under their statutory duty to maintain the highways but ownership is still in question. The Clerk is still waiting for documents from Saxon Weald.

The Chairman thanked County Councillor Philip Circus for his report.

Questions:

1. Cllr Carver questioned WSCC use of a particular 'geological expert' to advise it on fracking related matters when it turns out that the 'expert' did not have the qualifications that he had claimed. County Councillor Circus explained that WSCC was not against fracking *per se* and would determine each application on its merits and he would raise the issue of the 'expert' with the Chairman of the WSCC Planning Committee. The Chairman of WSCC has written to the Prime Minister asking for a public debate to address the concerns expressed by many people over the safety of fracking.

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

226/14 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**

227/14 Ashington Multi Sports Court

Use of the court has been successful to date, with only one report of litter in the court (in the same incident there was litter in ACCT car park which does happen from time to time). It was agreed that the Clerk speak to ACCT about extending beyond 6th September. **C/F**

CORRESPONDENCE

228/14 For action:

1. Sussex Police representatives are attending the HALC meeting on 18th Sept – do Councillors have any topics for discussion? Send to the Clerk.
2. Petition to stop indiscriminate housing development following unsustainable housing targets. It was agreed that the Clerk would sign this on behalf of the Council. **KD D**

3. Review of Polling Stations in the District. It was agreed that the Clerk respond to confirm the Community Centre is adequate. **KD D**
4. A24 noise reduction – WSCC have informed the Clerk that when the A24 needs resurfacing it will NOT now be done in noise reducing tarmac unless the additional funds for the tarmac are found by WSCC or the Parish. This is contrary to the previous agreement. The Clerk has questioned how this decision was reached without any consultation with the Parish and has asked Philip Circus to investigate and advise. Councillors to consider any action. See Minute 225/14 above. The Chairman reminded all present that A24 noise was the most important issue arising from the Community Action Plan 2010.
5. Sussex Police – consultation on dealing with ASB. The Clerk had already completed a survey and encouraged Councillors to do the same.

229/14 For information:

1. Play area inspection reports – there are no issues of concern and the Clerk is arranging the minor repairs.
2. The Purple Bus – has been organised to come to Ashington on Tuesdays in the Autumn term
3. Sussex Police update.
4. Minutes of CLC meeting
5. Sussex Police – changes to structure of Horsham NPT.

230/14 General:

1. Horsham Matters – Annual Review 2013-14
2. Complaint from resident about litter in skatepark
3. The Clerk magazine
4. Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

231/14 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. There is still tree debris at the bottom of The Sands following the winter storms. As ownership of the tree was still in question (Minute 226/14) it was proving difficult to get someone to clear away the debris.
 - b. The travellers on the petrol station site near Martins Farm had been asked to vacate the site by 11th August. Failure to do so would result in an eviction notice being served.
 - c. Road closure notices for Ashington Festival had been put up around the village and Advance Warning signs would be in place on 8th August.
2. Resident B:
 - a. This resident had cleared the tree debris off his shed and left it at the bottom of The Sands as he had been informed (by persons unknown) that if he disposed of the debris he would be in trouble as it did not belong to

him. He expressed concern that someone could set light to it and this could burn down his sheds.

3. Resident C:
 - a. Why do WSCC not own the unadopted section of Fairfield Road when their drainage contractor (Conway) were recently seen clearing the drains.
 - b. Why do the Police do nothing about cars parked on pavements?
 - c. Why are some dog bins left open or unemptied?
 - d. Why is there so much litter around certain parts of the village?
 - e. 18-30 year olds were on the Recreation Ground one night playing loud music and leaving litter until 2am one morning.
 - f. Why have the potholes in Fairfield Road not been fixed by WSCC? During these questions the resident (Mr. T Walter) became very agitated and verbally aggressive.
4. Resident D:
 - a. What can be done about pavement parking? The clerk explained the law and encouraged all present to report offenders to the Police (preferably with Registration numbers and photos)
 - b. Streetlights in Penn Gardens had still not been replaced. County Councillor Circus explained that Penn Gardens is a special case and HDC/WSCC were in discussions about the lights.

There followed a serious verbal altercation from Mr Walter directed at County Councillor Philip Circus and others present at the meeting. Mr Walter shouted at a number of people as they tried to speak. 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. Mr. Walter was asked to leave the meeting because of his disruptive behaviour. He agreed but was verbally abusive to the Chairman and Clerk on his way out.

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

232/14 PLANNING.

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

233/14 Correspondence

Neighbourhood Plan –update. The Clerk has drafted a letter to be circulated to all residents, businesses and stakeholders. Cllr Norton suggested one minor amendment, which Councillors agreed. Councillors also agreed the costs (to be taken from the Neighbourhood Plan grant). Clerk to arrange the letter printing and delivery.

Printing cost = £160

Hand delivery cost = £90

Posted to outlying homes = £53

Total = £303

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. The area to be purchased has been marked. There was some discussion about retaining access for utility companies to the telegraph poles behind the house but, as the Council does not receive any payment from utility companies there is likely to be no legal obligation to keep the access clear. In any case access would still be available, albeit slightly narrower than currently. Clerk to check. It was agreed that the owner of the house should seek a valuation from the District Valuer as Councillors had no objections to disposal of this land, subject to the correct valuation and the Council's costs being paid by the purchaser. KD C/F

234/14 New Enforcement Allegations/Information

None

235/14 Amendments

None

236/14 Applications

None

Horsham District Council

237/14 Approvals

DC/14/0851 Change of use from nursing home to single dwelling house, demolition of existing link, addition of single storey extension to rear and first floor extension to side and extension of existing crossover - Glenview and Santrew Home Hillcrest Drive

DC/14/0877 Proposed detached garage - Prospect Cottage Rectory Lane

DC/14/0906 Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension - Tollgate Cottage London Road

DC/14/1018 Two storey side extension - 4 Cricketers Close

DC/14/0976 Single storey and two storey extension - Jinkes Farm Muttons Lane

DC/14/1049 Surgery to 2 x Oak and 1 x group of Field Maple trees - 17 Meiros Way

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

238/14 Refusals

DC/14/1109 Conversion and partial change of use of the Class A1 retail unit into an A1 shop and a two-bedroom dwelling - Post Horses London Road

Reason: The proposed residential conversion is considered unacceptable by virtue of its design and layout and would result in a poor living environment for any future occupiers as evidenced by the inadequate private amenity area.

239/14 Withdrawals

DC/14/1070 Extend existing house and rebuild existing garage/outbuilding - Batts Farm Billingshurst Road

DC/14/0162 Outline planning application for the construction of up to four dwellings on undeveloped land to the north of Ashington and immediately adjacent to the eastern edge of the defined built up area boundary (Development affects the setting of a Listed Building) | Yew Tree Cottage Billingshurst Road

240/14 Appeals made/ decisions

APP/Z3825/A/14/2220917 - DC/14/0446 Demolition of existing building and erection of 2 No. detached and 4 No. semi-detached two storey houses Hoots House, London Road

The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for 20th August at 7.30pm in Ashington Sports Pavilion.

FINANCE

241/14 Correspondence

1. The Parish Council photocopier needs to be removed from the Chiropractors office. There is nowhere else to put it. The Clerk uses it very rarely and it could be disposed of. Cllr Kearney can find a home for it. It was proposed to dispose of the copier and remove it from the Council's insurance policy and asset register. Agreed by all. **KD D**
2. Consider a request for a grant from Storrington Area Help Scheme – the 6 monthly cost for transporting Ashington residents to appointments at the Glebe Surgery is £218 and income was only £132 (shortfall of £86 in 6 months). At 31/12/13 the organisation had £8288.91 in its accounts but an annual expenditure of £12,869.12. It was agreed that a grant of £200 be awarded. **KD D**
3. Consider a request for a grant from Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance. It was agreed that a grant of £200 be awarded. **KD D**
4. The Clerk reports that the quarterly bank reconciliation has been checked and signed by Cllr Norton.
5. The Clerk reports that there are currently no areas of budgetary overspend.

242/14 Income

Saxon Weald – grant for youth shelter £1000

243/14 Expenditure

		Cheque no.	
Mark Adsett	Gardeners contract payment	£500.00	
	Hanging basket watering 4 weeks	£260.00	1549
Mrs K. Dare	Clerks expenses (home & telephone)	£17	
	Stationery	£34.35	

	Total	£51.35	1550
WSSC	Salary and on costs (July)	£1078.30	1551
	Payroll charges (re-issue of cheque 1541 lost in post).	£43.20	1552
CANCELLED cheque 1552 as it has now been found at WSSC			
ACCT	Planning committee 18/06/14	£3.80	1553
	Bingo Club (June)	£37.75	1554
Horsham Matters	youth worker (May)	£904.50	1545
Sports Courts UK Ltd	cleaning of MSC	£660.00	1555
S. Fenn	Responder expenses	£62.72	1556
Stocksigns	new play area sign	£33.60	1557
Playsafety Ltd	playground inspections	£234.00	1558
The Sign Shop	MSC signs/banner	£108.00	1559

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

244/14 MEETINGS

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

Cllr Gichovi-Elias had attended an ACCT meeting.

Cllr Carver had attended the AGM of the Western Hospitals NHS Trust (Worthing, St Richards & Southlands Hospitals) and reported that the Trust was moving in the right direction with regards to patient safety, mortality, maternity, patient care and infection rates. He provided the Clerk with a summary of some information which she would circulate to Councillors.

245/14 MINOR MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

1. Cllr Wood had been in contact with the Environment Agency about the Parish Council's dry balancing pond. He has deduced that the pond may serve as a flood relief pond for any water backing up from the surface water pipes to the stream near the sewage works. This information could be useful to the Developer of Hoots House as discharge from their site to the pond may affect the function of the pond. **KD D**
2. The power cables behind Post Horses House are hanging very low. Clerk to report to UK Power Networks. **KD D**

3. Cllr Harbour proposed a vote of thanks to Eric Leaney for making a replacement Calor Village of the Year sign for the northern end of the village.
4. Cllr Harbour asked if the parking spaces at the Co-op could be re-marked. Clerk to pass to Clokes Management. **KD D**
5. Cllr Harbour asked if the Warden could re-start Village Clean Up days. The Clerk explained that the Warden does have some volunteer litter pickers but they are waiting for equipment that is currently still with the Clerk. **KD D**
6. A road sign in Rectory Lane has been knocked down. Clerk to report to WSCC Highways. **KD D**
7. The County Times are reporting that the tenants at Luckista Holiday Park have been given short notice by their landlord to leave their caravans. The caravans have holiday occupancy restrictions and are not meant to be occupied all year round. Councillors were concerned that the notice period was very short.
8. Cllr Carver reported that the northern flyover had flooded during the recent storms. The Clerk had already reported this to WSCC who are meant to be changing the pumps at both flyovers in 2014 for ones that would automatically re-start after a power cut.
9. The fly tipping (builders rubble) at Park Lane has not yet been cleared by HDC. **KD D**
10. Cllr Strudwick asked whether a temporary Youth Worker had been found for the summer holidays. The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Clark has secured the services of a Youth Worker and it is likely that she would start soon.

The next meeting will be held at **7.45pm on Thursday 4th September 2014** at **Ashington School, Foster Lane.**

The meeting finished at 9.15pm

Signed.....

Date.....

246/14 APPENDIX 1: REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

THEFT

There have been more reports to me of attempted thefts and thefts from sheds this month

I have been reminding residents to secure all property when not on the premises.

There has been a burglary at our local nursery school. Damage was made to the door where they gained access followed by damage to the cupboards and storage inside. Items were also stolen including nappies, milk and lap top computer. A small amount of money was also taken. It is with sadness that I inform you with this news as this is a valuable service for small children which has now suffered disruption following this break in.

There have been several incidents of a male acting suspiciously at properties where the owners/tenants are on holiday. Thanks to the quick thinking of local neighbours this person has been disturbed from doing what I think his intentions may have been to enter the property. They have all contacted the police straight away with their suspicions.

I have been talking to home owners /tenants and have given them advice if going away if they have good neighbours to just let them know how long they are away from property.

Any suspicious activity or suspicious vehicles need to be reported to the police. Vehicle registration numbers a brief description of vehicle and suspicious persons we need to report good descriptions i.e. height, colouring, clothes they are wearing. This will help the police when you report any issues.

I am still waiting to hear from Horsham District Council about 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.

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

There has been lots of complaint to me regarding telephone scam calls and telesales. I have been reminding all who have been involved in these issues to report to police and never give bank details or personal details over the phone. My elderly/vulnerable group are most at risk and I have been spreading the word amongst them to just put the phone down.

PARKING

Once again parking is becoming an issue across the village. There have been numerous complaints of car drivers and vans parking in areas which are making it difficult for residents to see when coming out there drives. There are no parking restrictions in these areas and unless they are obstructing the drive not a lot can be done. Parking on pavements is an obstruction and should be called through to the police on 101 non-emergencies...

Sometimes the parking offenders do not realise they are causing problems. I have suggested to residents to just have a quiet word explaining their issues with the offenders parking.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

Several volunteers have come forward over the last month.

I have a list of all roads in Ashington which I will hand to the local PCSO who will lead this project.

All names of volunteer neighbourhood watch co coordinators will be passed to the PCSO.

I will chase for this scheme to be updated and refreshed ASAP as I have said before it is a valuable service to have in the village. It will enable us to communicate across the village highlighting any issues that may be happening that we all need to be aware of.

BUSINESS WATCH

I have now got a list of all businesses within in the village and I will be delivering information packs on business watch.

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.

I am also speaking about a local contact register between the local businesses. If there is a problem they can all contact one another by phone.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DISPUTES

There are still ongoing issues with neighbourhood disputes. I am trying to help where I can to resolve some of the issues.

Mediation has been offered.

More serious cases have been referred to the housing officer for their property and the local police.

Other referrals' when is necessary has been reported to the anti-social behaviour team at Horsham district council

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Urgent referrals and safe guarding forms have been filled in and sent to social services regarding some of the people with substance misuse issues.

Intelligence reports are still going to police involving the illegal drug usage within the village.

I have noticed an increase in underage drinking within the youth group of the village.

It is evident from the rubbish left that the alcohol is coming from the co-op. I have also witnessed older youth carrying boxes of alcohol from the co-op to the rec area. I

I will be speaking with the manager of the Co-op to see if he can be more observant of who is buying the alcohol for the underage youth. Hopefully they can also use the think 25 when selling alcohol over the next few months.

Hopefully when the new youth worker starts we can deliver education around alcohol consumption and the effects it has on the youth long term.

LITTER

Youth are still helping me litter pick hot spot areas at least twice a week.

Following my weeks holiday I returned to work and my phone did not stop ringing with complaints about litter. Admittedly it was particularly bad in the skate park area but this is the younger group of youth that are using this area daily.

I have litter picked this area with the help of these younger group of youth and have educated them on the need to use the bins for their litter. I have been quite firm with

them and will now visit this area on a regular basis and get them to litter pick themselves.

I have had several complaints from parents with younger children saying that they want to use the skate park but it is always full of youth and the litter is disgusting and that their young children feel intimidated by the group. My answer to that is this area is designed from the age of 12 upwards.

There was a large amount of glass bottles smashed in this area and I have cleaned and swept and cleared it.

I will be viewing CCTV to see who the main offenders are and will be following up what evidence I find.

The recreation ground has also been bad with litter. This is due to the fact that the youth are sitting on the rec now the better weather is with us. I have had words with the group and when I see them I will be giving them dustbin bags to put their litter in.

If I witness myself anyone dropping litter I will be issuing an on the spot fine of £75.00 for littering.

There have been numerous complaints of the litter behind the youth club. I will speak with new youth worker when they start and perhaps get them to take ownership of the clearing of litter in this area.

I appreciate that we should not have to pick up litter after the youth and I can promise you I am doing my best to educate and get their help with these issues but if everyone took the attitude of not picking litter up I hate to think what the village would look like. Just a few minutes of resident's time collecting small amounts of litter would help me to keep the village clean and tidy and a lovely environment for everyone to enjoy.

I am doing my best to litter pick the hot spot areas when I have time. Sadly there are more urgent matters within the village that I have to deal with that takes priority.

YOUTH

Due to bad behaviour within the group of local youth I have put the Chessington trip on hold. Once again for a few youth that will not conform, the youth that are having a lot of input into the community are suffering. I will arrange the trip when I feel that the youth have deserved the trip. If not I will just take those that are giving up their free time to volunteer within the village.

There have been Loads of anti-social behaviour reports this month with the youth in the village. On further investigation it has become evident that the youth causing the issues are from outside the village many coming from neighbouring villages.

My main concern that a lot of the anti-social behaviour issues are older youth 18 plus. I am working closely with the police on these issues.

I am still waiting for the new temporary youth worker to start hopefully the we can do some outreach work with in the village and even get the youth club open a couple of nights a week.

Reports of loud aggressive and rowdy behaviour by the scout hut have been reported to me on several occasions. If it is a problem residents must keep calling the police 101 non-emergency or 999 if they are feeling threatened or intimidated. It is better to report when the anti-social behaviour is happening.

Lots of issues with older youth using Turnpike play area. I have been patrolling this area and moving them on.

I am working closely with the anti-social behaviour team at Horsham District Council.

BALL COURT

The ball court being open for free has been very popular. It is being used regularly by all ages. I have managed to get some play equipment for the youth to use. Tennis rackets, soft ball and footballs. I have noticed also local family's coming down in the evening to use the facility.

A litter bin has been placed in this area and at the moment everyone seems to be respecting the ball court.

YOUTH SHELTER

It is really good news that the youth shelter is going ahead.

Co-op has been spoken to about supplying food and non-alcoholic drink for a grand opening when the youth shelter is in place.

The youth are working on this project themselves and we hope to invite the press and members of the local community to the big day.

Fundraising is still going ahead with the youth; some are applying for grants towards the cost of the shelter.

FLY TIPPING

Old London Road has seen several fly tip cases this last month. It is mostly garden and building waste. Luckily one vehicle was seen when dumping the rubbish. Vehicle registration was taken and passed to the police for them to investigate further.

I have reported to Hop Oast cleansing dept. for the urgent removal of fly tip.

ELDERLY/VULNERABLE

Due to issues with the anti-social behaviour within the village a lot of my time has been taken dealing with this.

I have found that I have been unable to visit as many elderly/vulnerable on a regular basis that I have been doing in past months. This has caused some distress as the people I visit have become used to the welfare visits and have missed them.

I have added yet more elderly/vulnerable to my list this month. It has been nice to work with them and help them access the services that they require to improve their living and health conditions.

Several elderly/vulnerable have had serious health issues this month and some really life changing. I have been there to just offer reassurance and help them and their family in any way I can.

The hot weather has been a real worry with in this group and I have been highlighting the importance of staying safe in a heat wave. Just reminding them to drink plenty of fluid and keep curtains pulled to keep rooms cool. Not to sit out in sun when it is at it's hottest. All common sense things really which they all know anyway?

Due to the thunderstorms and flash flooding several have lost their electricity power. I have been making sure they have torches at the ready and contact numbers they can call to check out power problems.

I am so busy at the moment that I have been unable to organise a trip for them. I will be organising this for August. I think we may just go local and have our lunch somewhere and then perhaps visit a garden centre. Also Amberley museum was suggested.

ASHINGTON AFTERNOON LUNCH/ TEA CLUB

Next lunch club in August we will be lunching outside. Gazebos will be placed and we will have table and chairs outside.

With thanks to a local business for their sponsor and support we will be having fish and chips. Pudding will be jelly and ice cream and lots of other treats are in store for lunch followed by a vintage tea. A raffle will also be provided.

Music will be organised by several of the youth in the village for the afternoon. I will just say the music will be more for the taste of the age group that attend the lunch club.

Quite a lot of the local youth have offered to help on the day.

WARDEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Entertainment has now been booked and I am starting preparations for this year's party. It will be on Saturday 29th November 2014, start time 3pm finishing at 6pm.

I am at present trying to get grants for this event. Invitations have been designed and will be delivered to residents of Ashington aged 50 and over.

This has proved to be a popular event and this is the fourth year that the warden party has been running.

247/14 APPENDIX 2 – PCSO Report August

In the last month:

Two burglaries for two stable yards on Hole Street, Ashington. The first had a trailer door stolen- this occurred between 6:30pm on 03/07/14 and 8:30am on 04/07/14. Cad 0337 of 04/07/14 refers.

The second incident at a stable yard next door had a horse carriage stolen. This occurred overnight on 04/07/14. Cad 0162 of 05/07/14 refers.

Criminal damage was caused to ornaments in a residents front garden on Church Lane. This occurred between 11pm on 04/07/14 and 10:20am on 05/07/14. Cad 0598 of 05/07/14 refers.

The Methodist Church on London Road was subject of a burglary. This occurred between 7pm on 23/07/14 and 7:30am on 24/07/14. Petty cash was stolen. Cad 0287 of 24/07/14 refers.

There have been recent reports of cars being damaged in Blakiston Close. There have been six reports by three different residents in the last couple of weeks. Cads 1624 of 06/08/14 refers and 0642 of 28/07/14 refers.

There have been some calls about youth problems in the last month. These are being dealt with by Jayne Jefferies and myself. We are also working with the anti social behaviour team to try and tackle any issues.

248/14 APPENDIX 3 Report on Ashington Youth Centre - Summer Holidays 2014

249/14 APPENDIX 4 Funds held on behalf of others

First Responders Funds: £3,381.37

Bingo Club: £399.89