



Ashington Parish Council

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Members of Ashington Parish Council are summoned to a meeting of the Ashington Parish Council at **Ashington School at 7.45 p.m.** on Thursday 3rd December 2015

A G E N D A

1. Apologies and reasons for absence
2. Declaration of Interests and notification of changes to members' interests.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 5th November 2015
4. Invited Guest – Mr D Murphy (Stonegate Homes – The Mill DC/15/2069)
5. Invited Guest – Mr T Kite (Ashington Autos)
6. Report from the Neighbourhood Wardens, Police & Youth Worker
7. Young Persons Adjournment
Opportunity for young people to speak to the Parish Council.
8. Report from District and County Councillors
Updates on: London Road Speed Bumps, VAS sign on Billingshurst Road and the slip road at Kates Cakes.
7. Actions Outstanding:
 - a. Social Media
 - b. Mill Lane road culvert
 - c. Neighbourhood Watch
 - d. Social media accounts – proposals
 - e. Review of Emergency Plan
 - f. Calendar of Meetings
8. Correspondence (for action) –
 1. Email from Cllr P Circus regarding County Local Committee Grants
9. **Public Adjournment**
Opportunity for members of the public to raise matters of concern
10. Planning
Correspondence: None
Neighbourhood Plan Update

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New enforcement allegations/ Information: None

Amendments: None

Applications: None

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Approvals: None

11. Finance

Correspondence:

1. Annual Review of Financial Controls and Internal Audit
2. Annual Review of Assets and Insurance Cover
3. Budget and precept 15/16
4. Sector Led Audit
5. Grit Bags – quote
6. Annual Playground Inspection

Income: None

The invoices shown on the attached schedule are proposed for payment.

12. Meetings attended and reports by Councillors

13. Minor matters raised by Councillors to be referred to the next agenda

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Planning Committee – Wednesday 16th December 2015, 7.30pm at the Sports Pavilion, Church Lane

Parish Council – Thursday 7th January 2016, 7.45 pm at Ashington School, Foster Lane, Ashington.

PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Celia Price, Clerk to Ashington Parish Council 27th November 2015.



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Schedule of payments December 2015

Mrs K. Dare	Clerks expenses (home & telephone)	£5.00
Mrs C. Price	Clerks expenses (home & telephone)	£17.00
WSCC	Salary and on costs (November)	£1195.45
Ashington PCC	Youth Worker (November 2015)	£1083.33
Mark Adsett	Landscape Gardener (November 2015)	£508.33
Information Commissioner	Data Protection Registration	£35.00
Amberol	Matting and Wicks for hanging baskets as agreed at November Meeting	£114.48
WEL Medical	First Responders invoice (authorised By First Responders)	£424.74
WEL Medical	First Responders invoice (authorised by First Responders)	£25.08
ACCT	Hire of Sports Pavillion (Planning Meetings 14/10 & 28/10)	£7.60
L Woolley	Chairman's hospitality	£56.15
J B Jeffrey	Expenses (Wardens Party)	£70.00
Came & Co	Annual Insurance	£1136.57
Languard Ltd	Weed Spraying (3 rd visit)	£138.00

APPENDIX 1: REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

WARDEN REPORT NOVEMBER 2015

CRIMINAL DAMAGE/THEFT

No reports made to the wardens this month of criminal damage/theft.

This is just the warden's report and I am sure there would have been issues reported to the police over the last month regarding these incidents. We can only report on what has been reported to us personally.

This is not a police report so therefore will not include any issues or incidents that have been reported directly to police.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

It has been a quiet month for ASB issues. We have received no phone calls or complaints of any anti social behaviour within the village. The only issues we have been dealing with are those ongoing from previous months.

We are Still working on a regular basis with the anti social behaviour team. This has led to two community protection orders being served on offenders for their ASB. We are also trying to work with offenders to give them any help or support they may need to stop them re offending. Relevant agencies are all involved with this process.

We have been moving the youth around the village quite a bit this month. This has been due to their group causing a disturbance in the areas they have been congregating. We have been directing them to the youth shelter. We have also noticed a younger group beginning to hang around the village. We are interacting and educating them to use the youth shelter provided for them. We have also been directing them to the youth club sessions.

ANTI SOCIAL DRIVING

This is becoming a problem again at the round a bout at top of village. As soon as the road becomes damp anti social drivers are coming to this area to drift their cars etc. All reports have been passed to the police. I do know that the PCSO will be making visits to the informants regarding this issue.

Any vehicle seen taking part in this dangerous driving, resident should get details of car, colour, make but most importantly registration details and report to the police.

There have been several reports of young people driving through the village at speed. We have also passed these vehicle details onto the police

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES

There have been several reports of suspicious vehicles this month. This is good as residents are noticing suspicious activity. All reports have been phoned through to the police.

COLD CALLERS

We have had residents concerned with cold callers this month. One resident was actually verbally abused when they refused to buy goods at their door. We did manage to speak with the cold caller concerned. We asked him to stop the door to door sales and leave the village. All intelligence will be passed to the police. We must stress to all residents that it is not a good idea to buy from people at the door. If residents support and buy from them they will keep returning. Also residents need to check their ID at all times.

If a resident feels something is suspicious with the cold caller they must call the police to report the incident.

PARKING

We have discussed parking issues within Ashington and it is very difficult to enforce as there are very few parking restrictions within the village.

We have been helping those affected by parking issues to try and resolve the issues themselves. Any reports of offenders obstructive and dangerous driving we will report to police.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We have a meeting planned for the 15th December with the Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinator to discuss ways in which wardens can help. We really need to get this scheme across the village as it is such a good communication tool for all residents of Ashington.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

We are doing Lots of joint patrols this month and regular meetings with the PCSO to discuss issues within Ashington.

This is good for us to pass intelligence on a regular basis and also be updated of any criminal activity that has taken place in Ashington.

DOG ATTACKS/DOG FOULING

There was a report of a dog on dog attack this month. It happened on the rec. sadly one of the dogs was badly bitten by the other dog. It was taken to the vets and is now on the mend. Luckily the dog owner managed to get vehicle registration details of the offending dog owner. It was reported to the police who are now dealing with the case. We have been patrolling this area on a regular basis and speaking with dog walkers just to remind them to keep dogs under control at all times. We have also been reminding them that they are responsible for their dogs at all times when walking in a public area.

There has been an increase in dog foul this month. We have been doing regular dog foul patrols.

ELDERLY/VULNERABLE

We have been continuing to get the elderly/vulnerable prepared for the winter months ahead. We have been checking all security measures in place. We have been reminding

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them to leave lights on when leaving property at night. Fire alarms and community link alarms are being checked on a regular basis.

We have been working with the independent living team to help some of those residents who just need a little bit more help than their used to. This service is provided free for six weeks and it to promote and encourage independent living in your own home. They will visit and help to find easier ways of dealing with day to day issues that may be a problem to them. If after the six week period they feel they still need help, an assessment will refer for the extra help to continue. This will be means tested and if some elderly/vulnerable are on benefits this service will remain free. At the moment some of the elderly/vulnerable are receiving three visits a day. This is to help with personal care, preparing food and helping to get ready for bed. This is such a valuable service for those receiving it and has made them a lot happier in being able to do more with the help provided.

Several of the elderly/vulnerable have had health issues this month. Some very serious and have had an effect on their long term plans. We have tried to give support and advice for them. We will sign post those to relevant agencies who can deal with their issues. We are doing more welfare checks on those concerned.

The elderly/vulnerable trip to CHRISTMAS MEMORIES at Bognor was such fun. We had a full mini bus load. The show was enjoyed by all and we all managed to have a good old sing a long.

Thursday Minibus shopping trip will definitely start on the 14th Jan 2016. The bus will be used as a supermarket trip. We will be visiting Asda, Morrison's, Sainsbury's and John Lewis. We already have a full minibus just waiting for the date to come.

The gentleman's club which is organised by the church volunteers will be having their third trip on 7th December. This is a very popular event with some of the gentleman of the village. We have passed several names to the volunteers of people interested in the trips.

The Christmas lunch club will take place on the 2nd December 2015. This will be an afternoon of festivity and fun with Christmas dinner and all the trimmings being served. There will be entertainment in the afternoon.

Due to several purse and handbag snatches in Horsham and surrounding towns we have been reminding all elderly/vulnerable of keeping their bags safe. Most have purse bells and chains fitted to their purses. We are just reminding them to be extra careful when out shopping.

WARDEN PARTY

What a fantastic day, a very big thank you to Parish Council for their donation toward refreshments, it was very much appreciated by all that attended the event. We would also like to say thank you to ACCT for their continued support in putting this event on. Local businesses were also so generous with their raffle prizes for the event. A very special thank you to the CO OP and Ashington Autos.

A very big thank you needs to go to the Storrington Rainbows and Brownies who provided table service on the day to all who attended the party. They were very helpful throughout the day and very much enjoyed talking with the residents of Ashington. There were approx.

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twenty five brownies and rainbows who attended. Their jobs involved handing out tea, coffee and soft drinks followed by selling raffle tickets and then onto taking food around to the tables. It was a lovely surprise in the afternoon when they decided to sing Christmas songs to those that attended party. This was very much enjoyed by all. They finished their day of helping by calling the raffle.

The entertainment was provided by the THREE PENNY PIECE band that was singing songs from the 40's 50's and Christmas songs.

Thank you to the generosity of residents that attended the party the raffle has raised enough money to pay for the usage of mini bus for the coming year for those to attend Lunch club, Vintage tea and Bingo free of charge for transport.

It was so nice to see the community come together in donating prizes for the raffle, helping on the day, baking cakes. Without these members of the community it would be very difficult to hold this event. So a huge thanks you to residents of Ashington for all your support.

WARDEN TRAINING

This month has seen us attend training course for FIXED PENALTIES /ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING.

We will be attending Emergency Rest Centre Training on the 22nd December 2015

We would just like to remind you that this warden report is very brief outline of the work we have carried out over the last month. Due to confidentiality clauses that we work to we are unable to discuss or disclose relevant information regarding incidents or issues that we deal with.

This is purely a report from us as wardens and is not a report of police related issues that they may be dealing with separately from us that have happened in the village. There will be reports of incidents that we do not become aware of until we have been updated. This is a good sign to us as it shows that residents are reporting crime related incident to the police directly and not coming through us

APPENDIX 2 – Sussex Police Ashington Parish Council Meeting Update

Horsham District Monthly update is on the Parish Council website
www.ashingtonpc.org.uk

APPENDIX 3 –Report on Ashington Youth Centre 2015

Main Headlines - November

Growing 13-16 engagement

- A main focus over the autumn term after the introduction of the new timings and formats was to increase attendance amongst a 'middle' age group aged 13-16.

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- One key initiative that arose over the summer term was engaging in outreach around the community. This has involved meeting young people, making contact with them, making them aware of youth provisions, building their trust and developing relationships which has directly led to further engagement with the youth sessions we are running.
- Across Monday and Thursday sessions over the past term we have seen over 10 new young people aged 13-16 engage with AYC sessions who previously were not.

Review of age groups and session timings.

- Over the autumn term we have been trialling a new format for timings, age groups and sessions at AYC. Amongst the AYC team and CPG members we have been reviewing the formats as to provide the best youth provision.
- Although the feedback from team and young people has been mixed and inconclusive, there are a number of key factors to maintain within any changes:
 - To create more time for our younger youth age group (10-13 / Rydon aged), by extending sessions to 2 hours long. Currently, there is one 1hr15min session per week for those aged 10-13. A consensus is that this is too short if we are to invest in this group of young people.
 - Maintain 2 weekly points of contact during the week for our older (13+) young people who can be considered at risk.
- Subject to agreement from AYC team & CPG advisory group to specific details, we aim to implement changes to structures and formats from January with the beginning of the new term.

Topical sessions

- This month's topics have included:
 - Sources of happiness, world response to Paris terror attacks, effects of drug & cannabis use, Syrian refugee crisis.

New volunteers

- I have had a really positive feedback from the Village newsletter. With the help and support of Di Clarke, she included a segment about AYC and our need for further volunteers, which I received responses to.
- To provide a comprehensive youth service to our young people in the community, there is a distinct necessity to continue to grow our volunteer team as I have over the past 12 months. To achieve this, I need the continued support of the community sign posting individuals.

Christmas Holidays

- We will be closing the youth club for two weeks over the Christmas holidays enabling our team of volunteers a break over the 2 week period.
- The last session will be December 21st before opening again in the new year on January 4th.

January 2016 proposal for change in AYC formats

Current format/ Autumn 2015

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Youth Drop in
7-9pm
non formalised age restrictions
Informal session

6 -7:15pm // Younger Youth session
10yrs -13yrs (School years 6-8)
7:30 - 9pm // Middle aged Youth

Mondays

Older youth session

7-9pm
for those aged 13+
Age appropriate topical sessions

Thursdays

6:30 - 8:30pm
Younger youth session
Age appropriate topical sessions

9 - 10pm

Change to introduce in January 2016 (*Details subject to agreement with AYC volunteer team)

Week 1

November 2nd

Walk around community

- Met 4 YP
 - Discussed appeal of AYC amongst young people, local youth provisions, their vision for youth work in the future and weekly topic during AYC session.
 - Particularly poor weather potentially attributed to lower number of young people out in community.

[30mins]

AYC Monday night

- Include set up & clean up
- Met with prospective new volunteer
- Began weekly topic on sources of happiness.
- Attendance - 10

[3hrs]

November 3rd

Community Partnership group meeting

- Preparing report
- Meeting

[2hrs]

November 4th

Meeting with 2 Youth team volunteers

- Go through Thursday session
- Discuss future ideas and topics

[1hr]

November 5th

AYC Thursday prep

- Prepare resources
- Prepare AYC building

[2hrs]

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AYC Thursday

- Attendance total 10
 - Younger group - 2 (Conflicted with Rydon Firework show)
 - Older group - 8
- Covered topic surrounding Sources of Happiness.
 - Examined different levels of how effective things are at making one happy.
 - Positive response and engagement with topic and activity.

[4.5hrs]

Total Hours - 13hrs

Young people engaged - 24

Week 2

November 9th

Walk around community

- Met 2 YP
 - Recapped Thursday topic & discussed reflection. (1 YP not present on Thursday)
- Met 6 YP
 - Discussed area youth provisions (Places for young people to go) / AYC opening times / AYC and Volunteer policies

[1hr]

AYC Monday drop-in

- Attendance - 13 YP
- Further youth discussions surrounding local Co-op supporting Monday drop-in
 - Action for SYW to contact Co-op manager regarding shop providing edible resources for Monday nights.
- Use of music equipment.
- Further discussion surrounding local skate parks in response to Horsham district council pop up services.

[2.5hrs]

November 12th

AYC PM prep

- Preparing resources and plan for PM session
- Researching further activities.
- Prepare AYC building for sessions.

[3hrs]

AYC Thursday night

- Attendance total 24
 - Younger Session - 13
 - Older Session - 11

[4hrs]

Co-op

- Met with 3 young people engaged with AYC who were outside co-op under cover.
- Discussed outdoor spaces for young people
 - desired requirements being warm, dry and lit.

[30mins]

Total Hours - 11hrs

Young people engaged - 45

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Week 3

November 16th

Rydon School

- Met with Deputy Head Mr. Blackmoore
- Further discussed function of using Rydon school office space during school hours
 - Further engagement of young people with Ashington Youth provisions.
- Around school, met countless young people from Ashington who have been engaged with AYC over previous 12months.
- AYC session topic planning
 - Response to Paris terrorism attacks.

[3hrs]

AYC admin

- Logging finances & attendance.

[30mins]

Walk around community

- Met 4 YP
 - Encouraged to come and discussed inviting friends

[30mins]

AYC Monday night drop-in

- Attendance - 17 Young people
 - 2 new members

[2.5hrs]

November 17th / 18th

Tuesday / Wednesday

- Spear Coaching Training in London

[2 days]

November 19th

AYC Session prep

- Prepared resources for topical session examining recent terrorism and unity

[1.5mins]

Meeting with Dann Morris (Area Substance and misuse officer)

- Discussing current concerns and drug issues in Ashington community amongst young people.
- Methods to tackle attitudes surrounding drug use. Trying to address the motivations which lead to drug use.

[30mins]

AYC Thursday night

- Attendance total 24
 - Younger Session - 18
 - Older Session - 6
- Topics covered - Unpicked recent terror attacks in Paris - Focused on world response of unity.

[4.5hrs]

**Total Hours - 13hrs
Young people engaged - 41**

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Week 4

November 23rd

Walk around community

- Met 5 YP in Multi sport court
 - Encouraged YP to come engage with Monday night drop-in.
 - Discussed youth of facilities in the village
- Met 2 YP on Church lane
 - Discussed engagement with

[1hr]

AYC Monday night drop-in

- Attendance - 17 YP
 - 1 New member - Highly enthusiastic and expressed desire to come regularly.
- Issues / topics raised included:
 - Poor physical state of youth club - a large deterrent for young people to come to AYC.
 - Local funding and possibilities to improve Youth Club facilities.

[2.5hrs]

November 24th

Line management meeting with J. di Castiglione

- Feedback from annual review with Parish Council & Identified objectives to work towards.
 - Creating separate evenings for age groups
 - 3rd evening opening AYC by facilitating volunteer run session. Allowing older group to have 2 specific AYC sessions per week plus 1 younger youth night (Without having issue of crossover between age groups).

[1hr]

Preparing SYW report

[2hr]

November 26th

Meeting with potential volunteer

- Outlined current community youth provisions and future vision
- Discussed background, interest and suitability
- Arranged time for individual to see the youth club.

[30mins]

Prep for Thursday session

- Prepared resources for topic
- prepared AYC & logged admin

[1hr]

AYC Thursday night

- Brief & de-brief with volunteer team
- Attendance total - 37
 - Younger Session - 18
 - Older Session - 19
- Topics covered - Discussed attitudes and perceptions towards Cannabis and potential effects of cannabis use.

[4.5hrs]

**Total Hours - 12.5hrs
Young people engaged - 61**

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APPENDIX 4 – Funds held by the Parish Council on behalf of others:

First Responders £3175.88

Bingo Club £264.19