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# ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER – May 2015

### **Councillor Vacancies**

Following the elections, there are three vacant seats on the Parish Council. If you are interested in becoming a member of Ashingdon Parish Council please come along to our meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 at 7.30pm in the committee room, Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Alternatively, contact the Clerk on 01702 257457 for further information.

### **Retiring Councillor – Peggy Shaw**

After 28 years Cllr Peggy Shaw decided not to stand at the 2015 elections. Peggy has been a staunch advocate for Ashingdon parish and its' residents. She was always one of the first to volunteer and represented the parish on two outside bodies. A huge thank you and enjoy your retirement.

### **Ashingdon Family Fun day – IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

It is with much regret that we must advise that due to lack of support and response the above event has been cancelled.

This is not something that Team Fun day have taken lightly and all stall holders who have paid will receive a full refund in due course.

We had hoped to have received more interest from sponsors and volunteers to help in key areas of organising the event but regretfully this has not been the case.

We do hope that you enjoyed the last two events and would like to thank you for your support.

Team Fun day

### **School Holiday Activity – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

The Parish Council have arranged for archery sessions at Belchamps Scout Activity Centre. Please contact the Clerk on 01702 257457 to register your interest.



### **Dates for your diary**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 7pm – 8.30pm**

**Local Community Meeting**

Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall  
Ashingdon Road, Ashingdon



## Report from the Chairman, Debbie Constable, on the work of the Parish Council during 2014/15

The past 12 months have flown past.

During the year Cllrs Powell and Turner stepped down. On behalf of the parish I would like to thank them for all their hard work and time. Cllrs Wallace and Hughes were co-opted onto the council.

The parish has been well represented at County, District and Parish events. In July I attended The King Edmund School Awards night at the Cliffs Pavilion. It was inspiring to see so many young people receive awards for their hard work. I also attended the Firebreak Passing Out Parade of the young person the parish council sponsored. Each young person arrives on the Monday as an individual and by Friday they are working as part of a well ordered team.

We have worked closely with CAB and Neighbourhood Watch to get more information out to residents. If you do not already live in a Neighbourhood Watch area give consideration to starting one up. You will be well supported by the local team who can be contacted via Rayleigh Police station. The council has been liaising with the Neighbourhood Police team to resolve local issues. Parish surgeries have been held around the area.

Grants have been given to St Andrews Minster church, Wyvern Community Transport and Rochford Old Peoples Welfare Committee. If you are involved with an organisation which may benefit from a grant then please contact our Clerk who will advise you. Work is in hand to add the names of two WW1 soldiers to the parish War Memorial. Financially we continued to be prudent when issuing contracts for work.

We continued with our school holiday activities and carried out remedial works to the basketball goal and teen shelter. The November newsletter gave full details on the skate park project, suffice to say the outcome was a disappointment. Are there any activities you would like to see? Then let us know. A new noticeboard was erected at Brays Lane. Please read our noticeboards as they carry useful information.

The Ashingdon Fun Day was well supported as was the Christmas Buffet. Seasonal singing was, again, provided by the children from Ashingdon Academy School all 60 of them! They were a credit to the school. The raffle raised a total of £100 for the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity.

Last, but not least, thank you to Alan and Kelly for their work throughout the year and all councillors.

Cllr Debra Constable

## Parish Council Finances 2014/15

*How did we spend your money?*

<u>Administration</u>	
Staffing costs (including salaries, pensions & PAYE/NI contributions)	£16,103
Stationary/Postage/ Photocopying/printing/telephone	£1,304
Distributing newsletter	£587
Subscriptions	£1,027
Internal & External Audit	£525
Insurance	£1,330
Hall Hire	£378
Training	£950
Travel expenses/member allowances	£1,870
Chairman's Allowance	£90
IT Equipment	£647
Legal Fees	£850
<u>General Power of Competence</u>	£333
<u>Open Spaces</u>	
Bus shelter cleaning	£1,755
Verge maintenance/improvement	£1,812
Village Repairs/maintenance	£977
Dog Bins	£229
Gate Locking	£4,260
Notice board	£1,670
Bench refurbishment/youth shelter repair and mural	£499
Play equipment	£2,658
<u>Street Lighting</u>	
Supply	£4,421
Maintenance/Replacement	£8,584
<u>Recreation</u>	
Christmas buffet	£426
Activities for the youth	£660
Ashingdon Fun Day	£3,953
<u>Grants &amp; Donations</u>	£1,750
<u>VAT</u>	£5,795
Brought forward from 2013/14	£46,786
Total Income for 2014/15	£66,797
Total Expenditure for 2014/15	£65,443
<b>Carried forward to 2015/16</b>	<b>£48,140</b>