

ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18 October 2022 at the Pavilion, Atherington at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Ms C Norman (Chairman), J Andrew, Miss J Brayley and K Pickard.

In attendance: 6 parishioners, District Councillor R Jenkins, County Councillor P Henderson, Parish Clerk.

80. Matters Raised by the Public

It was hoped that the A377 would be opened shortly, as the work at Kinford was nearing completion. This would ease the traffic problems through the village caused by diverted traffic.

A representative from NWF would be attending a forthcoming meeting of the parish council to discuss problems caused in the village by large vehicles accessing their site.

It was reported that inconsiderate parking on the Torrington road was making it difficult for some residents to access their properties. It was agreed to place an article in the Argus to ask drivers to consider others when parking.

81. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S Barnard and A Boyce.

82. Declarations of Interest

None.

83. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 26 September 2022

The Minutes of the last meeting was agreed and signed as a true record.

84. Matters Arising from the last meeting

None.

85. Co-option of Parish Councillor

One expression of interest had been received from a parishioner to be co-opted to the council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Cllr Mrs Large.

Cllr Miss Brayley proposed that Mr Brailsford be co-opted. Seconded by Cllr Parkin. All in agreement. Cllr Brailsford signed his form of acceptance, and was welcomed onto the council.

86. Reports:

1. County Councillor

Cllr Henderson reported that help with the Cost of Living were on the Resources page of the DCC website.

The government still owed DCC £40m towards the cost of adult and childrens' social care.

To assist with the current financial position at DCC, the Community Grants had been suspended. He still had £800 available for bins for Atherington as this was allocated from the 2021/2022 financial year.

Both the Clerk and Chair of Chittlehampton Parish Council had stepped down.

2. District Councillor

Cllr Jenkins reported that he would be contacting the Enforcement team at the Planning Department regarding the non-reinstatement of the hedge at Lemons Cottage following the Planning Appeal being dismissed.

87. S106 Payment

The complaint made to NDC over its handling of the Bonds Farm application, and the non-compliance of the developer had been acknowledged. A response had been promised by the end of November. Cllr Jenkins offered to make enquiries into the lack of action by NDC.

88. Community Speedwatch

Cllr Henderson agreed to arrange a meeting with the parish council.

89. Highways

It was reported that some streetlights were being obscured by overgrown trees. It was noted that in the past WPD used to arrange for the trees to be trimmed, but it was not known if National Grid would do the same.

90. Planning Applications

75640 Erection of agricultural building Land at Atherington Devon

The council had no objections to the application.

It was resolved to recommend approval.

75939 Conversion of barn into ancillary accommodation. at Hazelwood Road From Ford Cottages To Smallmarsh Bridge Umberleigh

Although the council had no objections to the application, concerns were expressed over the poor access. Should planning consent be granted, the council considered that it should be a condition that the conversion should remain ancillary to the existing dwelling, and should not be turned into an additional residence.

75995 Prior approval for conversion of agricultural building to one dwellinghouse Class Q(a)(b) at Barn at Little Eastacombe Atherington

The council had no objections to the application.

It was resolved to recommend approval.

75996 Prior Approval Barn Conversion to One Dwelling Class Q(a)(b) at Little Eastacombe Atherington

The council had no objections to the application.

It was resolved to recommend approval.

91. Finance

1. Donation

It was agreed to make a donation of £25 to the Poppy Appeal.

2. Payments:

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£145.99
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The account was approved for payment.

92. Playing Field

It was reported that there were still some payments to be made for the Jubilee celebrations.

The minutes of the last committee meeting had been received and circulated to councillors.

The leaking container roof had been repaired.

A meeting would be held regarding suitable projects for the s106 contribution.

It was planned for a generator to be used at the Pavilion in the event of another long power cut, to provide a warm area and hot food.

93. Correspondence Received

DCC had provided an update on the A377 roadworks at Kingford. Noted.

ACPF Minutes. Noted.

Conservation Area. The committee had received confirmation from DCC that it did not own the land.

94. Items for the next Agenda

S106 Agreement; Chestnut Tree; NWF.

95. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday, 15 November 2022.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm.