

ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26 August 2022 at the Pavilion, Atherington at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: 6 parishioners, Parish Clerk.

34. Matters Raised by the Public

The meeting with NWF had not yet taken place.

It was noted that Atherington had been successful in securing a 20mph speed limit through the village.

Atherington was one of just four in the county to have their application accepted. Thanks were extended to Cllr Henderson for all his work in securing the reduced speed limit.

35. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs R Large and K Pickard.

36. Declarations of Interest

None.

37. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 28 June 2022

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

38. Matters Arising from the last meeting

Min. 24. No written information regarding the expenses for the Jubilee weekend had been received.

Min. 25. The Playing Field committee had not yet identified a project for the s106 monies.

Min. 26. Due to the amount of ongoing projects, it was agreed to continue to hold monthly meetings for the immediate future.

Min 31.1. There had been no further news regarding moving the defibrillator. It was noted that it may be necessary to install a new cable from the church as the present cable was connected to a timer. Cllr Boyce agreed to make further enquiries.

Min. 31.3 The Chairman had spoken to the complainant regarding the late night use of the Pavilion, noting that most events finish before 11pm.

39. Reports:

1. County Councillor

No report received, County councillor not present.

2. District Councillor

No report received, District Councillor not present.

40. Rubbish Bins

Cllr Jenkins had advised that North Devon council were not now prepared to provide the rubbish bins to be placed in the lay-bys. He had provided details of the bins used by NDC, which cost approximately £400 each.

Clerk to contact Cllr Henderson, who had previously been prepared to make a grant from his Community Fund.

41. Churchyard Wall

It was noted that the contractor had made a good job in repairing the churchyard wall.

Cllr Boyce proposed that a letter of thanks be written to the team involved for the quality of their work.

42. S106 Payment

An email had been received advising that the open space land that contains the underground gas tank had been transferred from the developer to the Bonds Farm Meadow Residents Association.

It was noted that Planning Enforcement had been aware that the tank had been placed in the wrong position, but had not taken any action.

It was agreed that there was a need to protect the remainder of the conservation area, and that the committee should be reformed. It was understood that the boundary of the conservation area was marked by the wire fence.

43. Highways

It was reported that water, believed to be from a spring, was flowing across the road near the SWW plant. Highways to be asked to clear the blocked drain at this point.

It was noted that the road surface at the junction in the village was in a poor condition. This was believed to be caused by HGVs making the sharp turn.

44. Planning Applications

76469 Erection of dwelling associated works (Wyandotte) Crossland Farm High Bickington

75470 Erection of dwelling and associated works (Bantam) Crossland Farm High Bickington

75471 Erection of dwelling and associated works (Marans) Crossland Farm High Bickington

75472 Erection of dwelling and associated works (Welsummer) Crossland Farm High Bickington

It was resolved that the four applications should be recommended for approval.

A notice of Appeal had been received for Application 473020 against the decision by NDC to refuse planning consent for the erection of a open market dwelling adjacent to Lemons Cottage.

It was noted that the parish council's response would be included in the file to be sent to the Planning Inspectorate.

45. Finance**1. Receipt:**

VAT Reclaim	£1701.48
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2. Payments:

Atherington Childrens Field (50% dog bin charge)	£ 9.75
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Atherington Childrens Playing Field (VAT Reclaim)	£1673.07
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Clerk's Salary & expenses	£ 125.00
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The three accounts were approved for payment.

46. Playing Field

Concern had been expressed by parishioners by the suggestion of changing the name of the playing field. Many who had worked hard to provide the facility, or supported in financially in the past.

It was noted that the Playing Field Committee was not a charity, as it was a sub-committee of a local authority.

It was agreed that the name 'Atherington Childrens Playing Field, was historic, and that there was no need to change it. The playing field and pavilion was a valuable village asset, and everyone in the village was aware of the facilities provided.

Those involved with fundraising in the past confirmed that the name had no adverse impact when applying for grants. Changing the name would have no effect.

It was agreed that a public meeting should be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14 September. Views to be sought from anyone unable to attend the meeting.

It was agreed that, as a sub-committee, the Playing Field Committee should supply the parish council with minutes of all its meetings.

47. Correspondence Received

1. Notice of banned turn on A377 on 3 August in connection with the North Devon Show.

2. Notice of Road Closure between Eastacombe Farm and Rose Cottage on 11 October, 9.30am-3.30pm for pole replacement

3. Minutes of the meeting of the Playing Field Committee held 11 July 2022. Noted

48. Matters Arising at the Chairman's discretion.

None.

49. Items for the next Agenda

Churchyard Wall; Co-option of Parish Councillor; Rubbish Bins.

50. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday, 16 August 2022.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm.