

ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15 October 2024 at the Pavilion, Atherington at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Ms C Norman (Chairman), J Andrew, A Boyce, C Hart, J Kiely and Mrs A Lindsay

In attendance: 2 parishioners, District Councillor Mrs S Whitehead, Parish Clerk.

67. Matters Raised by the Public

It was reported that some hedges had been damaged by farm vehicles, and the road left in an untidy state. Cllr Ms Norman offered to speak to the farmer concerned.

68. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Miss J Brayley and County Councillor P Henderson,

69. Declarations of Interest

None.

70. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 16 September 2024

Min. 63. It was noted that the banning of dogs in the Pavilion had the full support of the parish council, following complaints from parishioners.

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

71. Matters Arising from the last meeting

The grant application to Devon County Council for finance towards the cost of employing a lengthsman to carry out work to reduce flooding had been submitted.

No update had been received on the future use of the telephone kiosk.

72. Reports:

1. County Councillor

A Community Speedwatch with Cllr Henderson had been arranged.

Min.55.1. It was not thought that a 7.5 tonne weight limit on Barnstaple Hill would have any impact on anyone as there were no working farms on the stretch of road affected

2. District Councillor

Cllr Mrs Whitehead reported that the lead planner at North Devon Council was willing to attend a meeting of the parish council to explain Class Q planning applications. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Whitehead should arrange for her to attend a meeting.

Another Enforcement Officer was to be employed, which should help with the backlog of enforcement cases.

73. Highways

Concern was expressed on Google including Chantry Hill as a suitable route for HGVs, despite an advisory sign at the bottom. It was thought that this should be updated.

74. Lengthsman

A quote had been received from the contractor for drainage work in the parish, which had enabled a grant application being submitted. The contractor had requested a meeting with a parish councillor to drive around the parish identifying the drains which should be prioritised. This would need to be carried out in wet weather.

75. Street Light

Cllr Ms Norman had spoken to DCC Highways, who had confirmed that the missing streetlight was on the list of lights needing attention.

76. Weight Limit

Covered earlier in the meeting.

77. Community Speedwatch

Already covered.

78. Lemons Cottage – update

Cllr Mrs Whitehead reported that no update was available.

79. Provision of facebook page for the parish council

It was reported that other parishes had facebook pages on which information could be shared. It was agreed that Atherington Parish Council should have one, but not to allow any posts or comments from parishioners.

Cllr Mrs Lindsay agreed to arrange.

80. Planning Applications

79099 Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to 3 dwellinghouses (Class Q (A and B)). Building on land at Langridge Farm Atherington

There were no objections to the application.

79203 Conversion and extension of agricultural building to single dwelling together with erection of carport/garage/store and associated works. Langridge Farm Atherington.

Concern was expressed on creating an additional entrance on a high speed stretch of the highway where motorists regularly exceeded the 60mph speed limit.

It was agreed to recommend refusal of the application on these ground, together with insufficient visibility of vehicles exiting the site.

79228 Single-storey extension to provide accessible living accommodation. Over Weir Umberleigh

There were no objections to the application.

81. Milk Stand

It was reported that work was progressing

82. NDC Grant

It was reported that new parts were needed for the community printer.

Cllr Mrs Whitehead was willing to support a Community Grant application for this purpose.

Cllr Hart agreed to obtain quotes and send to the Clerk who would submit the application.

83. Finance

1. Consideration of Grant for St Mary's Churchyard

The annual grant of £1000 for the upkeep of the burial ground was unanimously agreed.

2. Payments:

Mrs A Lindsay – Reimbursement	
of Land Registry fees	£ 6.00
Clerk's Salary	£100.00
HMRC	£ 25.00

The three accounts were approved for payment.

The Chair reported that she already had a poppy wreath, so there was no need to purchase one.

84. Playing Field

Bonfire Night would be celebrated on Saturday 9 November, but there would not be any fireworks.

85. Correspondence Received

DALC Newsletter – noted.

DCC – Notification of road closure 20-22 January 2025. Road from Langridgeford Cross to Potems Cross to Welcome Farm.

86. Items for the next Agenda

None.

87. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday, 19 November 2024.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.