

ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16 January 2024 at the Pavilion, Atherington at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs Ms C Norman (Chairman), J Andrew, A Boyce, M Brailsford, Miss J Brayley, C Hart and Mrs A Lindsay .

In attendance: 5 parishioners, District Councillor Mrs S Whitehead, County Councillor P Henderson, Parish Clerk.

126. Police Report

It was reported that reported crime in the Atherington area was very low.

The police would be present in Sourh Molton Pannier Market, together with other agencies, on 25 January.

127. Matters Raised by the Public

It was reported that some streetlights were obscured by overgrown garden hedges. Cllr Henderson provided some DCC leaflets which explained the responsibilities of owners of hedges adjacent to the highway, which could be passed to the householders concerned.

Concerns were expressed over cars being parked on pavements and obstructing drop kerbs. The PCSO present explained that parking on pavements was somewhat of a grey area, as outside London it was not enforceable. Wherever an obstruction was being caused, action could be taken.

It was reported that the missing street light reported at the last meeting had not yet been replaced. Clerk to make enquiries.

No update had been received on the Lemons Cottage enforcement action.

128. Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence were received, all councillors being present.

129. Declarations of Interest

None.

130. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 21 November 2023

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

131. Matters Arising from the last meeting

The dog warden was making regular visits to the village, and had picked up some mess.. he would be continuing to make regular visits. He encouraged parishioners to take photographs of any 'offences' being committed, and send to him.

It was reported that James Barrow had confirmed that they were able to carry out the necessary work on the overgrown tree, but had not yet provided a quote in the name of the parish council.

Since the last meeting shrubs and bulbs had been planted in the Conservation area.

132. Reports:

1. County Councillor

Cllr Henderson reported that the 20mph speed limit for the village was progressing. The scheme was now due to be advertised in the North Devon Journal.

The government had allocated an additional £6.6m to DCC for road repairs. 40 roads had been identified for repair, of which only 3 were in north Devon.

Blocked drains in Atherington were being inspected.

The county council's finances were in a better condition than some neighbouring councils.

The government was in talks with DCC and Torbay Council regarding devolution, which would mean that the council would receive additional funding to enable it to have more control for certain areas.

The mobile library service would cease in February.

DCC was able to provide some funding for local a lengthsman to carry out some work in the parish.

Quotes should be sent to him and Mr Sables. The probation service may also be able to help with some of the work.

2. District Councillor

Cllr Mrs Whitehead reported that the granny application for new lights at the pavilion had been submitted to NDC.

133. Highways

1. To consider the employment of a Lengthsman

It was agreed to look into the possibility of hiring someone to carry out basic drain/gulley clearance, watertable clearing etc. Although there was a possibility of some funding from DCC, it was agreed to allocate a maximum of £1000 for this purpose.

134. Planning Applications

No new applications had been received.

Although not in Atherington parish, High Bickington PC would appreciate any comments on the application for Depford Farm.

135. S106 Agreement

Unfortunately the Bonds Farm breach was not on the priority list that the temporary Enforcement Officer at NDC was investigating.

District Councillor Mrs Whitehead offered to make some enquiries.

136. Community Speedwatch

A list of volunteers willing to join the Speedwatch team was being prepared. Members from Atherington would work with others from Umberleigh and Chittlehampton.

A meeting was due to be held at Umberleigh.

137. Telephone Kiosk

No update was available.

138. Finance

Payments:

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| 1. Clerk's Salary & Expenses | £107.60 |
| 2. HMRC | £ 17.40 |
| 3. ACPF – Dog Bin | £ 9.75 |

The three accounts were approved for payment.

139. Playing Field

1. To consider request for car park to be used by a takeaway food van

A request had been received for a food takeaway van to use the car park to serve food on a monthly basis. It was agreed that this would not present a problem.

The Outreach Post Office was changing to a mobile facility, which would be visiting Atherington, and parking at the Pavilion on Tuesday mornings 9 – 11am.

It was noted that to serve food at the pavilion it was necessary for someone to hold a hygiene certificate. This was confirmed.

The new dishwasher had been installed.

140. Correspondence Received

DCC had notified a road closure on 21-22 March, 9.30am-3.30pm The road affected was from Langley Cross to Langridgeford Cross. Noted.

141. Items for the next Agenda

Parish Lengthsman; S106 Agreement; Telephone Kiosk; Milk churn Stand.

142. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday, 20 February 2024.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm.