

ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17 June 2025 at the Pavilion, Atherington at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance:

8 parishioners, District Councillor Mrs S Whitehead, County Councillor E Tyldesley, Parish Clerk.

15. Matters Raised by the Public

It was reported that the interactive speed sign at Umberleigh was not working, and that an overgrown hedge was obscuring visibility at the bridge. DCC Highways to be advised.

DCC were still chasing the lighting contractor regarding the missing street light. It was noted that the contractor had applied for a road closure in order to repair the light, but objections had been received from a resident. It was hoped that the work could be carried out without closing the road.

16. Apologies for absence

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

17. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Boyce declared an interest in planning application 80156 as a neighbour.

18. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 20 May 2025

Minute 6 was amended to read that Cllr Kiely agreed to draft a letter, which would be delivered by the Chairman.

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

19. Matters Arising from the last meeting

None.

20. Reports:

1. County Councillor

A report had been received from Cllr Tyldesley and circulated to parish councillors.

2. District Councillor

Cllr Mrs Whitehead reported on a meeting that she had attended at which it was reported that hate crime and modern slavery was on the increase in North Devon. If anyone had witnessed or suspected such instances, it was important to report them to the police.

Anti-social behaviour was continuing to be a problem in urban areas.

21. Highways

It was reported that some drains were still blocked, with water rising from one of them again. Cllr Tyldesley to ask Highways to deal with the problem.

Cllr Kiely offered to draft a letter to be delivered to those who park inconsiderately in the village.

22. Lengthsman

Due to needing medical treatment, the contractor had been unable to visit, but he would be passing the work to his colleague for attention.

23. Planning Applications

80156 Erection of a conservatory. Bowling Green Atherington

It was agreed to recommend approval.

80227 Extension to dwelling. Ford Down Cottage Umberleigh.

It was agreed to recommend approval.

80272 Retrospective change of use from agriculture to equestrian and the siting of stables and ancillary structures. Land on the outskirts of Atherington near to Wixland Farm Atherington.

It was agreed to recommend approval.

80273 Retrospective application for the retention of a temporary rural workers dwelling. Little Woods Forge Atherington.

It was agreed to recommend approval.

24. Finance

Payments:

Sotori Garden Supplies	£1152.00
Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£ 100.00
HMRC – clerk's PAYE	£ 25.00

The three accounts were approved for payment.

25. Playing Field

It was reported that arrangements for the Summer Fete were progressing.

26. Correspondence Received

Emails had been received from Cllr Tyldesley regarding responses received from Highways with reference to Line Painting in the village, the missing street light and weight limit on Barnstaple Hill.

Cllr Tyldesley was updated on the work that Cllr Henderson had made before the recent election, which DCC were not prepared to honour. Cllr Tyldesley to make further enquiries.

27. Items for the next Agenda

None.

28. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday, 15 July 2025.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:10pm.