

ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18 March 2025 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: 4 parishioners, District Councillor Mrs S Whitehead, County Councillor P Henderson, Parish Clerk.

128. Matters Raised by the Public

It was noted that, despite promises that it would be done in February, the street light had not yet been replaced.

The police were currently assessing new sites that could be used by the Community Speedwatch group. A new speed gun for use by the Atherington group had been received.

The group considered that signs reminding motorists that Community Speedwatch was operating in the village could help to reduce traffic speed. Thos was agreed.

129. Apologies for absence

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

130. Declarations of Interest

None.

131. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 18 February 2025

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

132. Matters Arising from the last meeting

None.

133. Reports:

1. County Councillor

A request for the white lines in the village to be repainted had been submitted. Cllr Henderson was hoping to get the work higher up the priority list.

The Highways Officer had retired. It was hoped that a replacement would be appointed soon.

Thanks were extended to Cllr Henderson for all the work that he had done since his election as County Councillor.

2. District Councillor

Cllr Mrs Whitehead reported that there was due to be a full council meeting the following day to agree a proposal for the reorganisation of local government. Several proposals had been suggested. For economic reason North Devon and Torridge needed to be linked with Exeter. Unfortunately many of the district councils seemed unwilling to work together.

134. Highways

The A377 appeared to be sinking in places. This had been reported to DCC Highways.

The contractor would soon be returning to carry out lengthsman work. He was hopeful for some wet weather, which would identify the worst affected areas.

135. Planning Application

79931 Rear extension and alterations to dwelling together with associated works. Orchard Cottage Atherington

It was agreed to recommend approval.

136. Finance

1. Payments:

PKF Littlejohns – External Audit	£252.00
Clerk's Salary	£100.00
HMRC	£ 25.00

The three accounts were approved for payment.

137. Playing Field

Arrangements were being made for the VE Day commemorations in May.
The last Egg Hunt had proved very successful. Another was being planned for this year.
A First Aid training day was being arranged.
Gardening sessions had taken place.

138. Correspondence Received

DALC Newsletter. Noted.

139. Items for the next Agenda

Co-option of Parish Councillor. It was hoped that someone from Umberleigh would be interested in becoming a parish councillor.

140. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday, 15 April 2025.
Cllr Boyce gave his apologies for the next meeting.

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