

ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18 November 2025 at the Pavilion, Atherington at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance:

4 parishioners, District Councillor Mrs S Whitehead, Parish Clerk.

84. Matters Raised by the Public

No matters raised.

85. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Andrew and County Councillor E Tyldesley

86. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Ms Norman declared an interest in planning application 80802

87. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 21 October 2025

Minute 76 was amended to record the fact that DCC's preference for a Unitary Authority for Devon was for one council to cover the whole of Devon excluding Plymouth and Torbay.

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

88. Matters Arising from the last meeting

It was noted that the street light in the Square had been repaired, and was now working.

89. Reports:

1. County Councillor

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

2. District Councillor

Cllr Mrs Whitehead reported that the council was currently concentrating on its response on its proposals for a Unitary Authority for Devon.

90. Highways

No matters raised.

91. Lengthsman

Cllr Ms Norman reported that the lengthsman was making a good recovery, and hoped to start work in the parish soon, starting at Hightown.

92. Church Hall

The new owner of the old church hall were due to submit a planning application to convert the building into a dwelling, and for a change of use.

The parish council was unable to comment at this stage until the full details were known, but in principle had no objections.

93. Planning Applications

80802 Construction of poultry housing. Land to the south east of Higher Eastacombe Farm Atherington

Cllr Ms Norman declared an interest, and did not vote on the application.

It was agreed to support the application.

94. Finance

1. To Agree Budget and Set Precept for 2026/2027

The draft budget had been circulated to councillors. This was agreed without change.

It was agreed not to increase the Precept for 2026/2027, and that it should remain at £4590

2. Receipt

A total of £645.00 had been raised in the village towards the cost of an interactive speed sign. This was handed to the parish council.

3. Payments:

It was agreed to have a new website hosted by Parish Online which would be fully compliant with current regulations, and include a .gov.uk domain name.

Parish Online – new website	£250.00
Speedwatch Group – paper	£ 6.99
Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£100.00
HMRC – clerk's PAYE	£ 25.00

The four accounts were approved for payment.

95. Playing Field

Successful events had taken place over the past weeks including Halloween and Bonfire Night.

96. Correspondence Received

NDC – Preparation of Local Plan. Noted
DALC Newsletter. Noted.

97. Items for the next Agenda

Local Plan

98. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday, 20 January 2026.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.08pm.