

ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 2024 at the Pavilion, Atherington at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: 3 parishioners, District Councillor Mrs S Whitehead, County Councillor P Henderson, Parish Clerk.

159. Matters Raised by the Public

It was reported that a mobile home had been placed in a field on the edge of the village. It was agreed to inform the Planning Department at NDC.

160. Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence had been received, all councillors were present.

It was reported that Cllr Beresford had tendered his resignation. Clerk to inform NDC.

161. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Andrew declared an interest in planning application 78422.

Cllr Mrs Lindsay declared an interest in item 166.

162. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 20 February 2024

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

163. Matters Arising from the last meeting

Min. 147 The overgrown tree had been trimmed.

The application at Apple Tree Farm had been approved.

The contractor being employed for lengthsman work was unable to attend until the next financial year due to the amount of work that he had.

Cllr Henderson will provide some funding from his Community Grant for next year.

164. Reports:

1. County Councillor

Cllr Henderson reported that the 20mpg speed limit for Atherington officially came into effect on 1 March. Unfortunately the contractor had not yet changed the signs.

The decision made by DCC to close the Link Centre was being returned to Scrutiny for review.

The condition of the A377 was being reviewed, especially the problem of standing water.

2. District Councillor

The introduction of Street Marshalls in Barnstaple had been a great success, with a reduction in anti-social behaviour. NED were currently looking to extend the hours.

165. Highways

It was noted that the drains at Hightown had been cleared.

165. Planning Applications

78366 Application for a lawful development certificate for a proposed rear extension (part two storey, part single storey) to existing dwelling, Highfield Barn Road From Browns Hill Head To Longridge Cross Atherington

There were no objections raised.

78422 Prior approval for change of use of existing agricultural building to flexible commercial use. Barn Umberleigh

Cllr Andrew declared an interest, and took no part in the discussion.

There were no objections to the application.

166. S106 Agreement

It was noted that the reply from the Enforcement Officer contained a number of inaccuracies.

It was agreed to send details of the case to the Chairman of the Planning Committee via the District Councillor.

Depending on the reply received, it may be necessary to raise the matter with the Ombudsman.

167. Proposal to Close the Surgery at High Bickington

Following the proposal to close the surgery, which was used by residents from Atherington, it was agreed to write a letter to the Practice Manager. It was noted that those without their own transport would experience problems in accessing services.

168 Milk Churn Stand

It was noted that this was still ‘Work in Progress’.

169. Telephone Kiosk

No update on its future possible use had been received.

It was noted that the new owner of the Church Hall owned the land on which it currently stood.

170. Finance

Payments:

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| 1. Clerk’s Salary & Expenses | £287.30 |
| 2. HMRC | £ 17.40 |
| 3. J Brown Tree Care | £600.00 |

The three accounts were approved for payment.

174. Playing Field

The recent Quiz Night had been very successful. Other events were being planned.

The Constitution was currently out for comment. Details would be available at the next meeting.

Beaford Arts would be providing a musical event in June.

It had been agreed to buy another barbecue.

It had been noted that since the erection of signs, and visits by the dog warden, there was less dog mess on the playing field.

175. Correspondence Received

ACPF Minutes. Noted.

176. Items for the next Agenda

Milk Churn Stand, S106 Agreement – Update, High Bickington Surgery – Update, Work Party.

177. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday, 16 April 2024

Cllr Miss Brayley tendered her apologies for being unable to attend the next meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date