

ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: 4 parishioners, District Councillor Mrs S Whitehead, County Councillor P Henderson, Parish Clerk.

88. Matters Raised by the Public

The Chairman reported that the missing streetlight was due to be replaced in February.

By chance the Chairman had the opportunity of speaking to the policeman who was operating the speed camera van, and had requested that the van visited the village. He had promised to relay the request to his superiors.

The Community Speedwatch team had held a meeting, and had received the necessary equipment. The first session was due to take place at Umberleigh the following day.

89. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs J Andrew

90. Declarations of Interest

None.

91. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 15 October 2024

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

92. Matters Arising from the last meeting

None.

93. Reports:

1. County Councillor

A written report from Cllr Henderson is attached to these minutes.

2. District Councillor

Cllr Mrs Whitehead reported that she had not yet received a date when the head of planning was available to attend a parish council meeting.

94. Highways

It was reported that water was still flowing across the road near the SWW site, even during periods of dry weather.

Concern was expressed over inconsiderate parking, sometimes for long periods of time, at various locations in the village, which were causing problems at times for other residents.

95. Planning Applications

79088 Erection of a part agricultural part equine building and construction of ring gallop and associated infrastructure. Langridge Farm Atherington Umberleigh.

Concern was expressed on creating an additional entrance on a high speed stretch of the highway where motorists regularly exceeded the 60mph speed limit.

It was agreed to recommend refusal of the application on these ground, together with insufficient visibility of vehicles exiting the site.

96. Finance

1. To Agree Budget and Set Precept for 2025/2026

The draft budget had been circulated to councillors. This was agreed, with one alteration – to increase the amount budgeted for the website to £100.

It was agreed that the Precept should remain at £4590.

2. Payments:

Mr J Kiely – dog stakes £ 16.99

ACPF – emptying dog bin £ 10.26

Clerk's Salary & expenses £109.49

HMRC £ 25.00

Poppy Appeal £ 25.00

The five accounts were approved for payment.

97. Playing Field

It was reported that the recent events had been successful.

Changes were being made to the hiring fees, with the booking form being simplified.

The overgrown shrubs on the playing field would receive attention.

The zip wire was still out of use.

98. Correspondence Received

1. DALC Newsletter. Noted.

2. NDC - Consultation – Enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at council meetings. Noted.

3. DCC – road closure 27 February 2025 9.30am – 3.30pm. Road from Fishleigh Bridge Cross to Torrington Road. Noted.

It was noted that the closure of Chantry Hill Hill in December would only be for one day, to allow Openreach replace a pole.

4. Atherington PCC Letter of thanks for Churchyard grant. Noted.

The Chairman reported that she had received the resignation from Cllr Miss Brailey, with effect from the end of this meeting. Miss Brayley was thanked for her service to the council and parish.

99. Items for the next Agenda

None.

100. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday, 21 January 2025.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm.