

ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20 February 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 A Lindsay.

In attendance: 2 parishioners, District Councillor Mrs S Whitehead, County Councillor P Henderson, Parish Clerk.

143. Matters Raised by the Public

The replacement seat, to replace the one that had disappeared, had been installed and was ready for installing.

144. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr M Brailsford.

145. Declarations of Interest

None.

146. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 16 January 2024

Two typos were corrected.

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

147. Matters Arising from the last meeting

Min.131. The quotation for work to the overgrown tree was still awaited.

Min. 132.2 The new lighting in the pavilion had been fitted. Thanks were extended to Cllr Mrs Whitehead for her grant that had made this possible.

148. Reports:

1. County Councillor

Cllr Henderson confirmed that he would look at the possibility of obtaining funding for lengthsmen work in the parish.

He confirmed that the bollard in the village had been removed as it was not now council policy to protect private property adjacent to the highway. He would, however support the parish council in its efforts to get the bollard reinstated.

Umbrellagh bridge would now be closed for 4 weeks from 12 August. Pedestrian access only would be maintained.

A contractor had been appointed to install the 20mph signs etc in the village.

2. District Councillor

No report was available. Since her accident Cllr Mrs Whitehead had been unable to attend any NDC meeting.

149. Highways

The bollard outside the old post office had been removed by DCC Highways. It was agreed to write to Richard Sables to request that it was reinstated.

The chairman reported that she had shown a contractor round the village with a view to employ him to carry out lengthsmen work. The worst, and most important drains would be attended first. It was anticipated that it would take up to three years to tackle all the problems. A verbal quotation of £2400 + VAT had been received for three days work for two men. This did not include the cost of traffic management, for which it was hoped that DCC would fund.

It was reported that the bank at Ladywell had collapsed.

150. Planning Applications

No new planning applications had been received.

It was agreed to submit a revised response to application 77764 following new information, in which it was now proposed to power the plant initially by means of a diesel generator. No time scale of when a suitable electricity power supply would be available was given.

It was agreed to recommend refusal of the application until a suitable power supply was available. It was not considered to be sustainable to have the plant powered by a generator 24 hours a day, especially when councils were looking to be carbon neutral. It was felt that such applications should not be encouraged. Should planning consent be given, enforcement action should be taken if the noise level exceeded that stated on the application.

151. S106 Agreement

The planning officer had visited the site and would be reporting back to Tracy Blackmore. It had been agreed that the gas tank was in the wrong place. Environmental Health will be informed to ascertain whether this posed a problem.

Cllrs Miss Brayley and Mrs Lindsay agreed to compile a response from the council.

152. Milk Churn Stand

A quotation for £464.63 + VAT for material and labour had been received to repair the milk churn stand. It was agreed that the use of reclaimed railway sleepers would be better and longer lasting than using new timber.

153. Telephone Kiosk

Until a firm decision had been made for the future use of the kiosk, it was agreed to keep it tidy.

It was agreed to hold another tidy-up day on the May Day bank holiday – 6 May.

154. Finance

1. Payments:

1. Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£107.60	
2. HMRC	£ 17.40	
3. Mrs J Hart – Christmas tree & lights	£ 65.00	Cheque No.876

The three accounts were approved for payment.

155. Playing Field

A five year maintenance plan had been prepared and had been circulated to councillors.

The committee were planning to review the Constitution of the playing field.

156. Correspondence Received

DCC had advised a road closure on 10 May between Bonds Farm and Andrews Park for the removal of redundant poles.

157. Items for the next Agenda

S106 Agreement; Milk Churn Stand; Telephone Kiosk.

158. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday, 19 March 2024.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed

Date
Chairman