

ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21 July 2026 at the Pavilion, Atherington at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance:

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

31. Matters Raised by the Public

No matters raised.

2. Apologies for absence

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

33. Declarations of Interest

None.

34. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 16 June 2026

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

35. Matters Arising from the last meeting

Min.22.1. Cllr Andrew reported that he had attended the Community Speedwatch meeting at Umberleigh. A Risk Assessment was being prepared and safe speedwatch sites would be determined.

Min.25 It had been ascertained that a claimed right of way in connection with planning application 81534 had not been registered with the Land Registry, so legally did not exist. The occupants of the adjacent dwelling to which the planning application had been submitted had been advised of the situation.

36. Reports:

1. County Councillor

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

2. District Councillor

Cllr Mrs Whitehead reported that NDC Planning Department were offering a Pre-Application Service to potential applicants.

Advice was available to farmers regarding available grants.

The governments decision on Local Government Reorganisation had been published. The decision did not appear very good for rural Devon, which had been lumped together as a single council, together with enlarged Exeter, Plymouth and Torbay.

37. Highways

It was reported that parked vehicles outside the old shop was making it difficult and dangerous for drivers exiting from the High Bickington road.

38. Future of the Telephone Kiosk

It was noted that the planning application for the old church hall had been approved, meaning that the owners would probably need the telephone kiosk removing soon. It was agreed to seek their views.

It was agreed to make enquiries regarding costs etc from companies specialising in the moving of telephone kiosks.

39. Planning Applications

None

40. Proposed Devon Data Centre and BESS system

It was felt that there was a need to be kept informed of any new development by the Action Group.

It was agreed to register the council's objection to the proposed development at the appropriate time.

41. Finance

Payments:

Mr R Brown – awning – s106	£ 41.77
Travis Perkins – rainwater goods - s106	£ 101.65
Clerk's Salary	£ 100.00
HMRC – clerk's PAYE	£ 25.00

The four accounts were approved for payment.

42. Playing Field

The Summer Fete had been very successful, raising approximately £1400.
The Playing Field AGM would take place the following evening.

43. Correspondence Received

Road Closure 17-18 September 2026, 8am-6pm. Road from Langridge Cross to Potems Cross for pole replacement.

Road Closure 12-13 October 2026' 9.30am-3.30pm. Road from Eastacombe Farm to Rose Cottage for pole change (National Grid).

44. Items for the next Agenda

Telephone Kiosk; Data Centre,

45. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday, 18 August 2026.

Cllr Mrs Whitehead gave her apologies, as she would be unable to attend the next meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm.