ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15 September 2026 at the Pavilion, Atherington at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs A Boyce, J Kiely and Mrs A Lindsay.

In the absence of the chairman, the meeting was chaired by Cllr Boyce, Vice Chairman.

In attendance:
2 parishioners, Parish Clerk.

61. Matters Raised by the Public
It was reported that the post box in the village was sometimes made unavailable, due to a recently erected fence, and parked vehicles in front of it. It was felt important that villagers make complaints to Royal Mail, requesting that something is done.

There was still a problem with speeding traffic in the village. Although the Community Speedwatch was active in reporting the speed of traffic, the police appeared to be unwilling to monitor traffic speed.

62. Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J Andrew, C Hart, Ms S Murch, District Councillor Mrs S Whitehead, and County Councillor E Tyldesley

63. Declarations of Interest
None.

64. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 18 August 2026
Two typos were corrected.
The amended Minutes of the last meeting was agreed and signed as a true record.

65. Matters Arising from the last meeting
None.

66. Reports:

1. **County Councillor**
   A report had been received from Cllr Tyldesley, which had been circulated to councillors, and placed on the council's website..

2. **District Councillor**
   No report received.

67. Highways
It was reported that the 'Slow' and white lines had worn away at Chantry Farm. A recent traffic count had recorded 1400 vehicles passing in a single day. It was agreed to request that the missing marking were reinstated, noting that there had already been accidents along this road.
It was noted that the road had, until quite recently, been classified as a 'B', bt had been re-classified. It was agreed to request that the Class B classification be reinstated.
It was also agreed to request a weight limit on the road to reduce the number of HGVs becoming stuck on the hill.

68. Future of Telephone Kiosk
It was reported that it was possible to make a request to de-list buildings/structures, but that it was necessary to make a comparison with similar structures that had not been listed.
It was noted that 60000 similar telephone kiosks had been manufactured that only 2500 had been listed. None of those nearby had been listed.

69. Planning Applications
None received.

70. Proposed Devon Data Centre and BESS system
It was noted that it was possible to sign the petition against the proposed development until February.
It was also noted that the company behind the data centre was making arrangements to visit the local parish councils.

71. Finance

Payments:

Playspaces – s106	£ 716.47
Travis Perkins – s106	£ 144.41
Clerk's Salary	£ 100.00
HMRC – clerk's PAYE	£ 25.00
Children's Playing Field – donation towards gazabo	£ 100.00

The five accounts were approved for payment.

72. Playing Field

Various events were being planned for the Autumn and Christmas periods.
Following the AGM the various officers had been re-elected.

73. Correspondence Received

North Devon Council had advised that the next Parish Forum would take place on Thursday 1 October at 6pm at the BEC. Councillors would be able to attend physically or vis Teams.

The Chief Executive of North Devon Council had contacted councils to give an update on LGR, which had now been paused by the government.

Details of a road closure between Riverlake Cottage and Atherington Treatment Works had been received. This would take place 4 – 6 January 2024 - 9.30am-3.30pm to facilitate pole replacements.

Details of the Road Warden scheme had been received from Cllr Tyldesley.

DALC Newsletter. Noted.

74. Items for the next Agenda

Chantry Hill, Telephone Kiosk.

75. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday, 20 October 2026.

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

Signed . . . . . Date . . . . . .

Chairman