ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20 October 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, County Councillor E Tyldesley, Parish Clerk.

76. Matters Raised by the Public
Concern was again raised over the speed of traffic through the village.
Royal Mail had responded regarding difficulties experienced by parishioners in accessing the mail box caused by parked vehicles. Royal Mail were assessing the situation, and how it might be resolved. It could possibly mean that it would be moved, but a set criteria would need to be adhered to regarding accessibility for all local residents.

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

78. Declarations of Interest
None.

79. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 16 September 2025
Minute 73. The date was amended to 2027.

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

80. Matters Arising from the last meeting
None.

81. Reports:

1. County Councillor
Cllr Tyldesley reported that he had asked the police to look at parking in the village.
DCC were due to inspect the damaged wall at the top of Chantry Hill, and would be contacting the owner.
Cllr Andrew offered to act as Snow Warden for the for the parish.
Cllr Tyldesley said that he would be requesting an update on the A377 closures.

2. District Councillor
No report received.

82. Highways
It was reported that there was currently a three year wait for worn white lines etc to be replaced.
Cllr Tyldesley reported that although Chantry Hill was on the list for weight/width limits for HGVs, it was not being treated as a priority, and would not happen for 2-3 years, unless the parish council was willing to finance the legislation, which would cost approximately £5000.
Cllr Tyldesley agreed to make requests for traffic counts to be carried out in the village.

83. Future of the Telephone Kiosk
It was reported that in order for an application be made to de-list the kiosk, support would be needed from the District Council.
There was no news regarding the potential sale of the old church hall.

84. Planning Applications
81856 Retrospective change of use from field to a Glamping site. Deer Park High Bickington Umberleigh

There were no objections to the application.

82159 Demolition of conservatory together with the erection of a single storey rear extension and detached triple bay garage with first floor storage. Little Eastacombe Atherington
There were no objections to the application.

It was noted that application 81720, which had been refused, was going to Appeal, and would be determined by an inspector.

85. Finance

Payments:

1.	Travis Perkins – s106	£143.42
2.	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£100.00
3.	HMRC – Clerk's PAYE	£ 25.00
4.	ACPF – 50% cost of emptying dog bin	£ 11.12

The four accounts were approved for payment.

It was agreed to purchase a Poppy Wreath for the council, and possibly one for the Womans' Institute.

86. Playing Field

Various events were planned for the rest of the year, including Pumpkin Carving, Bonfire, and a Beaford event in December.

87. Correspondence Received

1. DCC advised a Road Closure from Bonds Farm to Andrews Park on 26/27 January 2027, 7pm-7am to enable work to repair a cover on behalf of SW Water.
2. DALC Newsletter. Noted.

88. Items for the next Agenda

Telephone Koisk; 2027/28 Budget

89. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday, 17 November 2026.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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

Chairman