

# ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18 January 2011 at The Pavilion, The Playing Field, Atherington at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllrs W White (Chairman), R Domleo, M Milton, Mrs M Wilson, J Umpleby and G Weeks.

**In attendance:** 4 parishioners, PC Adrian Macillef, Parish Clerk.

**132. Presentation by Barbara Venn, Housing Enabling Manager with North Devon Council on the allocation of affordable housing.**

Mrs Barbara Venn introduced herself and explained the system for allocating affordable homes. Preference is given to those living in the parish and have registered with the council. Only if there was no-one from the parish would a property be offered to someone from a neighbouring parish. From experience this very rarely happened

She stressed the importance, not only for registering a housing need, but also for checking the weekly list of available properties in order that a bid may be submitted. Homes were only advertised for one week on [www.devonhomechoice.com](http://www.devonhomechoice.com) so it was important that the list is checked regularly.

It was agreed to place the weekly list of properties on the notice board.

**133. Matters Raised by the Public/Police Report**

PC Adrian Micallef reported that there had been 7 incidents logged during the past 2 months, including 1 arrest request from another force, 2 road traffic accidents, 1 damage to a motor vehicle, 1 suspicious circumstance, 1 vehicle seizure, and 1 log for information.

There had been 3 thefts from sheds in Chittlehampton, and he urged everyone to keep their sheds locked. It was expected that the enquiries office at South Molton would close in April or May.

In answer to a query from the public he promised to supply details of the crimes in the parish during the past year, numbers of which had appeared in the North Devon Journal.

**134. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs M Squire, County Councillor R Edgell and District Councillor A Cook.

**135. Declarations of Interest** None.

**136. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2010**

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

**137. Matters Arising from the last meeting**

None.

**138. Provision of Defibrillators for Atherington parish.**

No progress had been made since the last meeting.

**139. County Council**

Cllr R Edgell not present, having tendered his apologies.

**140. Highways**

DCC had advised that the road outside Dobb's Cottage was scheduled for repairs at the end of March. This was dependant on bad weather not interrupting the schedule.

It was reported that there were still a number of blocked drains on Barnstaple Hill. **It was resolved** to request a meeting with DCC, Cllr Milton and Weeks to attend.

It was reported that the problem with water issuing from a BT manhole had not been resolved.

The blocked drain on the A377 near the Atherington junction had not received attention.

**141. District Council**

Cllr A Cook not present, having tendered his apologies.

**142. Neighbourhood Watch**

Parishioners were reminded to keep their sheds and garages locked. Although no thefts had been reported in Atherington, there had been reports of incidents in the area.

**143. Planning**

**1. Applications:** None.

**2. Decisions – Approval:** 51212 Installation of 2 windows at Eastacombe Farm, Atherington

It was noted that NWF vehicles were not observing the agreed one way system as stated on the recent planning application. It was agreed to inform Mr Kelly, Planning Manager, of the problem.

**144. Finance**

**1. Current Balance:**

Business A/c	£2473.21
Business 30 Day A/c	£5746.49

**2. Request for increase in grant from Atherington Children's Playing Field Committee**

A letter had been received from the Playing Field Committee requesting an annual grant of £400. It was noted that in 2010/2011 the Parish Council had made a grant of £374. This amount was 50% of the grant received from North Devon Council, but this was dependant on the number of parishioners on the Electoral Register.

**It was resolved** to make a grant of £400 for 2011/2012.

**3. Payments:**

1. Atherington PCC – grasscutting grant	£187.00	Cheque No. 525
2. ACPFC – hire of pavilion	£ 60.00	Cheque No. 526
3. D Jones & Son – Grasscutting Oct/Nov	£ 44.00	Cheque No. 527
4. DCC – rent of land at Bonds Cottage	£ 30.00	Cheque No. 528
5. Clark's salary	£250.00	
expenses	£ 2.42	
	£252.42	Cheque No. 529

The five accounts were approved for payment.

**145. Review of Standing Orders**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**146. Amenities.**

No report received.

**147. Church Hall**

Cllr Milton reported that the new floor had been laid.

**148. Playing Field**

Cllr Domleo reported that good progress had been made to the pavilion, with work started on the insulation blockwork.

**149. Correspondence**

Various circulars and periodicals were noted.

**150. Matters Arising at the Chairman's discretion.**

None.

**151. Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday 15 February

Cllrs Mrs Wilson and Umpleby apologised for not being able to attend the next meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:20pm.