

ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16 July 2013 at St. Mary's Church Hall, Atherington at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs W White (Chairman), A Boyce, M Milton, Ms C Norman and Mrs D Thiele.

In attendance: 8 parishioners, PC Adrian Micallif, PCSO Jerzy Rozputynski, Parish Clerk.

39. Police Report

It was reported that during the past months calls to the police from Atherington had been 1 report of a car hitting sheep on the A377; 1 request for contact; 1 single vehicle etc.

No crime had been reported.

In the North Devon area the theft of trailers was one of the biggest concerns.

PC Micallif could not see that the 20s Plenty 20mph campaign notices would be a problem as they would not be confused with official signs.

40. Matters Raised by the Public

It was reported that one of the wire gabions at the bottom of Barnstaple hill was collapsing.

41. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G Weeks and R Edgell.

42. Declarations of Interest

Cllr White declared a personal interest in planning applications 55937.

43. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 18 June 2013

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

It was agreed that the Minutes would be available 2 weeks after the meeting.

44. Matters Arising from the meeting

Min. 27. It was reported that Drunken Pit Lane had been cleared by DCC.

Min. 29. It was reported that residents of Tray Lane were unhappy that the parish council was considering making a request to change the footpath without any prior consultation with them.

It was noted that Cllr Edgell had viewed the area after the last meeting, but it was not known what the outcome had been with DCC.

45. County Council

Cllr R Edgell not present, having tendered his apologies.

46. Highways

It was reported that the bank opposite Hillsvie Cottage was in need of cutting, as did the grass at Umberleigh Bridge on land owned by DCC.

A request was received for a 'Road Narrows' sign on the Torrington road, just before Eastacombe. It was reported that the road repairs opposite Springfield was below standard, and considered dangerous for cyclists. Clerk to report matters to Highways.

It was noted that the A377 was to be closed to enable retaining wall construction work to be carried out. It was agreed to enquire why other work near Umberleigh was not being carried out at the same time.

It was agreed to request a meeting between parish councillors and Highways.

The loose manhole cover had not been repaired, although it had been inspected. Clerk to contact South West Water.

47. District Council

Nothing to report.

48. Neighbourhood Watch

Nothing to report.

49. Planning

1. Applications:

55942 Outline application (all matters reserved) for conversion of former workshop building to single end terrace dwelling, Old Post Office (land at) The Square Atherington

55943 Outline application (all matters reserved) for demolition of existing workshop & storage buildings & erection of single dwelling on footprint Old Post Office (land at) The Square Atherington.

Concern was expressed over the lack of parking for the two proposed, and the existing properties if the planning application was approved.

It was resolved to hold a site meeting the following evening before making a recommendation.

55937 Listed building application to amend listed building consent 50902 in respect of retaining existing kitchen window, no first floor addition or roof lights to garage, relocation of utility room to new outbuilding & removal of wc from kitchen White Hart House Atherington

It was resolved to recommend approval.

2. Decisions: None received.

50. Finance

1. Payments:

D Jones & Son – grass cutting	£110.00	Cheque No. 608
Clark's Salary & Expenses	£136.30	Cheque No. 609
Torrige Gates	£163.22	Cheque No. 610

The three accounts were approved for payment.

51. Amenities.

A request had been received from the PCC for financial help towards the cost of repairing the Victorian lamp and pillar.

Mr Kneil attended the meeting as had been requested in connection with Minute 14 of the meeting held on 20 April 2010.

Mr Kneil agreed to liaise with other members of the Amenities Committee regarding the money still left in the account. He would report back at the next meeting.

Cllr Mrs Thiele left the meeting.

42. Playing Field

Work was continuing in painting the play equipment. The Pavilion was continuing to attract moor bookings, which had resulted in some parking problems.

Future work would involve the cycle track, and enlarging and surfacing the car park.

53. Review of Standing Orders

Deferred to the next meeting.

54. Correspondence

1. DCC advised a Road Closure from Kingford to Weirmarsh on the A377, from Tuesday 3 September 2013 for a period of 8 weeks. This closure was to enable South West Highways to carry out the retaining wall construction works to the highway and river bank.
2. Clerks & Councils Direct.

55. Matters Arising at the Chairman's discretion.

Cllr Boyce reported that the Grant Aid money for the defibrillator had been received. Full accounts would be available at the next meeting.

56. Date of next meeting: Thursday 20 August 2013

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