

# ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17 April 2012 at St. Mary's Church Hall, Atherington at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllrs W White (Chairman), A Boyce, R Domleo, M Milton, Ms C Norman, J Umpleby and G Weeks.

**In attendance:** 12 parishioners, County Councillor R Edgell, PC Adrian Micallif, Parish Clerk.

## **187. Matters Raised by the Public/Police Report**

PC Adrian Micallif reported that one crime had been reported during the past month – a 'drive-off' from the petrol station without paying.

Three incidents had been logged: 1 road traffic accident; 1 instance of misbehaviour; 1 suspicious vehicle. Generally the past month had been quiet in the whole area.

It was reported that the Playing Field committee had drafted a Protection Policy in the name of the Parish Council. Copies were circulated to councillors for approval at the next meeting.

A number of events had been planned, including the Jubilee celebrations which would be a non-profit making event on 2 June. The opening of the Pavilion would be performed by Seth Conway at 3pm. On 4 June a commemorative tree would be planted and a plaque unveiled. Cllr White would be presenting the jubilee mugs.

ITV would be filming the finish project on 28 May, for screening on 1 June.

Mr Gower reported that he had sent a letter to the parish council outlining his concerns. The Chairman advised that he had taken legal advice and that the letter had been noted, but would not be discussed.

It was reported that NWF lorries were still operating in the wrong direction, and that a sign at Wixland directed vehicles in a direction which was opposite to that agreed in the planning application. It was agreed to write to NWF expressing the council's disappointment that no one was present at the meeting, as had been promised. It was agreed to point out that vehicle movements were in breach of planning conditions and that it would be necessary to report the matter to Planning Enforcement. It was agreed to request a copy of their instructions to drivers regarding the routes that they should take. The council would expect them to send a representative to the next meeting.

Copy of letter to be sent to Kevin Wickham at NDC.

## **188. Apologies for absence**

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

## **189. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interests.

## **190. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 20 March 2012**

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

## **191. Matters Arising from the last meeting.**

The Ambulance Service had advised that no funding was available towards the cost of a Community Defibrillator. It was agreed to proceed with the provision of a defibrillator for Atherington, and to arrange a meeting for anyone interested. Cllr Boyce to arrange.

The Chairman would contact Chittlehampton Parish Council regarding a joint defibrillator for Umberleigh.

## **192. County Council**

Cllr R Edgell reported that the County Council had made savings of £30m over the past two years by not employing additional staff to replace those who left or had retired.

**193. Highways**

David Wines advised that he would be inspecting the signing of the junction between the A377 and the B3227, to see what improvements could be made to reinforce the correct message to road users. This could be a case of re lining the junction and 'No Entry' markings. He would place an order with SWH to carry out any necessary works.

He would also look at the B3227 to Langridgeford and identify the hedges that were encroaching the highway and approach the landowners to remove them.

He confirmed that the B3227 and Easter Hill still formed part of our primary salting network and would be pre salted when the gritters were out.

Cllr Edgell reported that Highways were considering the best course of action regarding the trench alongside the road ob Barnstaple Hill.

Tenders were being sought to remove the debris under one of the arches of Umberleigh Bridge.

It was reported that the bollard in the village had been hit by vehicles and was in need of attention.

**194. District Council**

Cllr White reported on a meeting that he and the clerk had attended at the Civic Centre regarding the future of Parish Grants. There had been a strong support for the grant, especially from the smaller council's who relied on it to provide a service to the community. It had been acknowledged that the money represented extremely good value to the taxpayer. A further meeting would be held in June.

He also reported that the present Standards Committee would finish in July, when it would be replaced by an Ethical Committee, under his chairmanship.

**195. Neighbourhood Watch**

It was reported that a meeting would be held for anyone wishing to be involved with Community Speedwatch.

**196. Planning**

**1. Applications:** None received.

**2. Decisions:** None.

**197. Finance****1. Payments:**

1. DALC subscription		£ 90.66	Cheque No. 564
2. Clark's salary	£125.00		
Expenses	£ 1.88	£126.88	Cheque No. 565

The two accounts were approved for payment.

**198. Amenities.**

It was reported that there was a possibility that the entry to the Best Kept Village competition may be organised by the Tea Club.

**199. Church Hall**

Nothing to report.

**200. Playing Field**

It was reported that a meeting had been held the previous evening to make arrangements for the jubilee celebrations and to agree the Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy.

Four bookings had already been received for the pavilion, which was a good start.

The normal Fete and Barbecue would be held in July.

**201. Correspondence**

Notification had been received of a road closure by BT between Bonds Farm and Andrews Park on 5 July.

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

None.

**203. Date of next meeting:** 15 May 2012

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm.