

# ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19 April 2011 at St. Mary's Church, Atherington at 7.30pm.

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

**In attendance:** 8 parishioners, County Councillor R Edgell, District Councillor A Cook, PCSO Jerzy Rozputynski, Parish Clerk.

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

It was reported that there had recently been an instance of dogs roaming. The owner had been informed of the consequences of sheep worrying, and advised to keep his dogs under control.

Concerns were expressed over the proposed development at Bonds Farm. It was noted that more information was awaited from South West Water regarding the sewerage system. It was strongly thought that this problem should have been identified at the pre-planning stage.

The ownership of the 'conservation area' was still unclear. It was suggested that the Parish Council, who rents the land, should request DCC for confirmation of ownership.

PCSO Jerzy Rozputynski reported that there had been 7 logs reported during the past month. These included one relating to a traffic incident, 1 party of youths spilling onto the street, 1 break-in, and one call relating to lights flashing into a window.

There had been no further development regarding Community Speedwatch, due to spending cuts.

It was reported that there was a problem caused by parked cars obscuring the view of the road. As the cars did not cause an obstruction, there was little that the police could do.

## **195. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs M Squire and Mrs M Wilson.

## **196. Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs White and Umpleby declared a personal interest in the Bonds Farm planning application.

## **197. Approval of Minutes of meetings held on 15 March and 4 April 2011**

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

## **198. Matters Arising from the meetings**

Min. 178.1 Highways had advised that the traffic lights on A377 were in place due to the potential danger posed by a retaining wall which had been deemed to be unsafe

Min. 178.2 The lengthsman had been instructed to attend to the blocked drains.

Min. 178.3 The water leak at Hightown had been repaired by May Gurney on behalf of South West Water.

Min. 178.5 Highways had asked the traffic team to respond regarding the HGV sign at Chantry Hill.

## **199. Provision of Defibrillators for Atherington parish**

**It was resolved** to enquire from the BHF why they had changed the model of defibrillator that they were supplying, to one that was not supported by the Ambulance Service.

## **200. County Council**

Cllr R Edgell congratulated Cllr Cook on his remarkable length of service, having been a parish councillor at Chittlehampton for 60 years.

He reported that the County Council budget had been cut by £54m. The council's priority continued to be maintaining front line services. It was hoped that there would again be no increase in the Council Tax next year.

Together with Somerset County Council, DCC had bid for funding for superfast broadband across rural areas.

**201. Highways**

Cllr Edgell reported that DCC had been given £9.3m for road repairs following the bad winter weather. DCC and South West Highways were committed to working closer together to provide a good service. Highways were looking into the condition of Bridleway 16. Cllr Edgell promised to investigate the possibility of providing a disabled parking bay outside the old post office.

**202. District Council**

Cllr Cook thanked Atherington for receiving him at meetings, which he enjoyed. He congratulated Cllr White in his future role as District Councillor.

Cllr Cook was thanked for all his work for the parish.

**203. Neighbourhood Watch**

It was reported that concerns had been raised over tactics used by some security companies in selling their products.

Everyone was warned not to give personal and bank details to telephone callers.

**204. Planning****1. Applications:**

51852 Installation of one photovoltaic solar tracker system, Eastacombe Farm, Atherington.

Cllr White declared a personal interest.

**It was resolved** to recommend approval.

51449 Ref: Erection of 10 dwellings with garages, access road & village parking (amendment of proposed three storey dwellings to proposed two storey dwellings at Bonds Farm, Atherington.

Cllrs White and Umpleby declared a personal interest.

**It was resolved** to recommend approval for the reduction of the three storey properties to two storey's, which met one of the concerns of the parish council.

Concerns were expressed over the proposed digester and the basis that the developer claimed ownership of the land required for the access. **It was resolved** to request that Planning kept the parish council updated with any new information.

It was noted that the plans did not show the existing gardens adjacent to the development. It was also noted that the application stated that there was no watercourse nearby.

**2. Decisions** None received.

It was agreed to circulate to councillors copies of the Planning Inspector's report of the Quiet Waters Appeals.

**205. Finance****1. Change in HMRC requirements**

The Clerk reported that as from 6 April all parish councils were required to register as employers, and to pay parish clerks salary net of tax

**2. Current Balance**

Business A/c	£ 153.87
Business 30 Day A/c	£5747.20

**3. Payments:**

K Abrahan – audit	£ 60.00	Cheque No. 534
DALC – subscription	£ 88.16	Cheque No. 535
Clark's salary	£125.00	
Expenses	£ 3.08	£128.08
		Cheque No. 536

The three accounts were approved for payment.

Thanks were received from the Playing Field Committee for the Parish Council loan.

**206. Amenities.**

It was reported that the pillar supporting the Victorian lamp had only been sealed about three weeks earlier. Clerk to check if a grant had been given.

**207. Church Hall**

It was reported that the kitchen walls had been plastered. Work would now be continuing in the kitchen.

**208. Playing Field**

it was reported that progress was continuing to be made, with the toilet floor now being laid. Everything was on course to meet the deadline.

It was noted that additional funding may be available from the County Council.

**209. Review of Standing Orders**

Deferred.

**210. Correspondence**

1. The Devon Record Office were looking for volunteers to transcribe the Tithe Apportionment in order that it would be available on-line. Details to be included in the next edition of the Argus.
2. This year's Insurance reminder had been received. Clerk to obtain quotations from other companies by the next meeting.

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

Cllr White was congratulated on him being elected unopposed as District Councillor for the Chittlehampton Ward.

It was noted that the 2011 Minutes were now available on the Argus website. Those for 2010 would be posted as soon as possible.

**212. Date of next meeting:** 17 May 2011.

An additional meeting would be called if further information relating to the Bonds Farm development became available.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:50pm pm.

Signed .....

Chairman

Date .....