

ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16 August 2011 at St. Mary's Church Hall, Atherington at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: 13 parishioners, County Councillor R Edgell, PC Adrian Micallif, Mr Colin Savage, Mr Dennis Buswell, Parish Clerk.

60. Matters Raised by the Public/Police Report

PC Adrian Micallif reported that no incidents had been reported in the parish during the past month. There had not been any reported incidents or crime at this year's North Devon Show. He was pleased to report that there had been very little crime in the whole area.

The Chairman advised councillors not to pass any views on the Bonds Farm development as a further planning application may be submitted.

The Chairman explained that the planning committee had deferred making a decision on the Bonds Farm application due to certain issues being unresolved, including the sewerage problem.

A lengthy discussion then took place

- Cllr Edgell expressed his concern that the objectives from Highways had not been taken into account. It had been estimated that the development would generate 100 vehicle movements per day. The proposed entrance was only half that recommended from a road junction.
- A survey had found that the average speed of traffic through the village was just over 20mph. This was disputed by parishioners. Those living close to the road considered traffic speed to be much higher.
- It was thought that the junction in the village could be made safer by the introduction of a Stop sign on the High Bickington road.
- The developer expressed his disappointment at the outcome of the planning meeting. A lot of interest had been expressed at the public exhibition from people looking to occupy the proposed affordable homes and open market properties, but he had not received any feedback since the exhibition. He had tried to address all the issues raised wherever possible, and would be looking to address any new issues.
- It was noted that South West Water had a legal obligation to connect all the properties to mains sewerage.
- Mr Savage outlined the history of the scheme, and how the present financial climate had impacted on the type of affordable homes that were now offered. He offered to re-survey the parish in order to establish current needs, but noted that his office was still in contact with those who had already been identified.
- The developer said that he would be drawing up new plans to take concerns into account, and would be holding another public exhibition.
- In closing Cllr Domleo stated that he believed that he had acted correctly throughout the whole procedure, and added that he did not believe that the proposal should have split the village as it had done.

61. Co-option of Parish Councillor

Ms Carol Norman had expressed an interest in being co-opted as Parish Councillor. Cllr Boyce proposed that Ms Norman be co-opted. Cllr Weeks seconded the proposal, with all councillors in agreement.

The Chairman welcomed Ms Norman to the council.

Cllr Ms Norman completed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

62. Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence were received.

63. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Boyce declared a prejudicial interest in the Bonds Farm planning application.

64. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 19 July 2011

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

65. Matters Arising from the last meeting None.

66. Provision of Defibrillators for Atherington parish

No response had been received from High Bickington Parish Council regarding the model that they had purchased and how funding had been arranged.

Mr Robert Horton from the South West Ambulance NHS Trust would be attending the next meeting to explain Community Defibrillators.

67. County Council Nothing to report.

68. Highways

It was reported that the grass verges at road junctions were in need of cutting more frequently to improve visibility and safety.

It was reported that there were blocked drains at the lay-by on Easter Hill and outside Glebe, although these had already been reported to Highways.

69. District Council

Cllr White reported that each District Councillor had a total of £1000 to award for community projects.

70. Neighbourhood Watch Nothing to report.

71. Planning**1. Applications**

52491 Installation of solar Panels at ground level at Greater Knowle Farm, High Bickington

It was resolved to recommend approval.

2. Decisions None received.

3. Correspondence. Notice had been received of an Appeal being made against the decision to refuse planning application 51845 for replacement windows at Chapel Cottage.

It was resolved to write to the Planning Inspectorate asking for the Parish Council's views in support of the application to be taken into account.

72. Finance**1. Payments:**

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| 1. Clerks salary | £125.00 | | |
| Expenses | £ 13.84 | £138.84 | Cheque No. 546 |
| 2. D Jones & Son | | £ 44.00 | Cheque No. 547 |

The two accounts were approved for payment.

73. Amenities. Nothing to report.

74. Church Hall Nothing to report.

75. Playing Field

Good progress was continuing to be made on the Pavilion.

76. Correspondence

1. Notification had been received from DCC of the implementation of the policy to switch off all none essential street lights from 12:30 – 5:30am. As this excluded those on A and B class roads, the policy only affected the street lights in Atherington.

2. Barnstaple Town Council advised that they would be running a Planning School on Saturday 8 October. Cllrs Boyce and Mrs Norman indicated an interest in attending. This was agreed and the payment of £30.00 authorised.

Cheque No. 548

77. Matters Arising at the Chairman's discretion.

None.

78. Date of next meeting: 20 September 2011

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.05pm.

