

ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17 January 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, PCSO Jerzy Rozputynski, Parish Clerk.

135. Matters Raised by the Public/Police Report

PCSO Jerzy Rozputynski reported that 5 calls had been made to the police during the past 30 days. Four calls related Road Traffic Collisions. The fifth related to a person driving off without paying for petrol.

It was hoped to organise a session with the speed gun shortly, and he would be liaising with Mr Gosden.

Cllr Milton reported on an accident on Barnstaple Hill in which he had been involved, earlier in the evening. He had been hit by a foreign lorry, despite signs warning that the road was unsuitable for large vehicles. The driver had indicated that he had been following his sat-nav.

Concern was raised that lorries travelling to Wixland were still doing so via Atherington, instead of using the Kingsford Hill road. In view of the accident on Barnstaple Hill, it was agreed to invite the Transport Manager of NWF to the next meeting. **It was agreed** to report the accident to him, and request additional signage.

Cllr Milton reported that he had met Highways, and had identified drains which needed cleaning. Some would need to be jetted due to it not being possible for the lengthsman to use rods. Cllr Edgell would speak to Highways regarding this work. It was agreed to pass Cllrs Weeks and Milton's telephone numbers to the Highways Superintendent, requesting a meeting on a Monday or Tuesday.

It was reported that there was a blocked drain near Fishleigh, although it was actually in Tawstock parish.

136. Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence were received.

137. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Boyce declared a prejudicial interest on planning applications 51449 and 53255.

138. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 15 November 2011

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

139. Matters Arising from the meeting

None.

140. County Council

Already covered earlier in the meeting.

141. Highways

Already dealt with earlier in the meeting.

142. District Council

None.

143. Neighbourhood Watch

None.

144. Planning

Cllr Boyce retracted his declaration of interest on the two planning applications to be considered.

1. Applications:

51449 Erection of 10 dwellings (5 affordable) with new access and residential access and residential access road (further amendment to show bungalow on plot 7, visibility proposals & extended site boundary) at Bonds Farm, Atherington

Cllr Umpleby reported on a meeting that he had attended with the planners, where a number of concerns were raised, including drainage and surface water drainage. It was NDC's view that the

developer should be allowed to connect all the properties to mains sewerage, and that SWW should make the necessary provision for this. This was not the view shared by the judge at a recent court case, where it had been stated that planning authorities had the power to ensure that the provision was shared by the developer.

The Highway issues had not been resolved. The objections related to the closeness of other junctions. A detailed wildlife survey had not been carried out, something which NDC did not appear concerned about.

Although the property on plot 7 was now described as a bungalow, it still retained a room in the roof, resulting in a high ridge level.

In response to a criticism on the role played by Cllr Domleo with regard to the application, Cllr Domleo explained that he had been instructed by the parish council to act as a liaison between the council and the developer. He strongly refuted the accusation that he had been working too closely with the developer.

It was reported that as English Heritage had not been properly consulted, there was a possibility that the application may be called in by the Secretary of State, who would make the decision.

Cllr Edgell left the meeting.

It was resolved to respond to NDC with the following comments:

1. The council was disappointed that the latest set of plans had not been supplied, making it difficult to make an informed response.
2. The dwelling on plot 7 should be a single storey bungalow, with no room in the roof. The ridge height of the entire roof should be the same as that above bedroom 1,
3. The bungalow should have a hipped roof to lessen the impact on the neighbouring, existing, property.
4. If permission is granted for the development, it should be a condition that the properties are not to be connected to the sewerage system until SWW had updated its plant in the village. There were already ongoing problems at the sewerage plant which would be increased if more properties were connected to it.
5. The affordable homes should be built at the same time as the open market properties.
6. A full flood assessment should be carried out by the Environment Agency.
7. A 20mph speed limit should be in place in the middle of the village on account of the close proximity of a number of road junctions/entrances.
8. The grassed area on the east side of the entrance should be levelled to that of the visibility splay, and should not be on two levels as proposed.

53255 Listed building application demolition of outbuildings (agricultural shed, garage, garden shed) at Bonds Farm, Atherington.

It was resolved to defer making a recommendation on this application, pending the decision from the planning committee on application 51449.

2. Decisions – Approval:

52896 Siting of below ground slurry store together with erection of safety fencing at Little Weir Farm, Atherington.

524941 Installation of solar panels at ground level at Greater Knowle Farm, High Bickington.

144. Finance

1. Setting of Precept for 2012/2013

It was resolved to increase the Precept by 2% to help cover the increased insurance premium for the Pavilion.

2. Setting of Budget 2012/2013

The clerk circulated a draft budget for 2012/2013. This was agreed without change.

3. Payments:

1. Clark's salary	£250.00		
Expenses	£ 3.22	£253.22	Cheque No. 557
2. St Mary's PCC – 2 nd 50% of Grant		£189.00	Cheque No. 558
3. St Mary's PCC – Hire of Church Hall		£100.00	Cheque No. 559
4. DCC rent for land		£ 30.00	Cheque No. 560

The four accounts were approved for payment.

145. Amenities.

No report received.

146. Church Hall

Nothing to report.

147. Playing Field

CLlr Domleo reported that good progress was being made with the interior finishing.
The VAT claims had not yet been received.

148. Correspondence

1. The application form for this year's Best Kept Village competition had been received.
2. Notification had been received from DCC that Barnstaple Hill would be closed to traffic 19-23 March.

149. Matters Arising at the Chairman's discretion.

The Chairman reported that there was a possibility that something would be organised to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June.

150. Date of next meeting: 21 February 2011

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