

ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18 June 2013 at St. Mary's Church Hall, Atherington at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs W White (Chairman), A Boyce, J Frayne and Mrs D Thiele.

In attendance: 5 parishioners, County Councillor R Edgell, Parish Clerk.

22. Police Report

A report had been received from PCSO Rick Napier. Since 7th May 2013 five calls from the parish had been received by the police generating an incident log: 3 were road related; 1 anti-social behaviour; 1 theft.

Three crimes had been reported during the same period: 2 dog related, and 1 assault. All remained undetected while investigations continued.

Crime Trends in the area were the theft of generators (2 in past week in Brayford area), diesel theft and break-ins to out buildings.

23. Matters Raised by the Public

It was reported that at a meeting of Safer Atherington Streets it had been proposed to petition the village to assess the level of support for 20's Plenty signs to be displayed, and if residents were willing to have them on their property. The cost of twenty A3 size signs was £33.50, plus the cost of plywood £40. Before going ahead it was agreed to check the legal position regarding the erection of the signs. It was noted that they would not be confused with official speed limit signs

24. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G Weeks.

25. Declarations of Interest

Cllr White declared an interest in the item relating to the Local Plan.

26. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 21 May 2013

Minute 9 was amended to include the word 'help', which had been omitted.

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

27. Matters Arising from the meetings

Min. 10. Cllr Mrs Thiele had contacted DCC, as they had cleared Drunken Pit Lane in the past. They had promised to investigate.

28. County Council

Cllr R Edgell reported that Julie Papworth had taken over the area from David Wines. Road problems etc should however, still be reported to Paul Stewart.

29. Highways

It was reported that the manhole cover near the Old Sawmills was still loose, although it had been inspected.

It was also reported that a contractor had recently cut the hedge near the Rectory Lane 30mph sign, and had left the branches in the road. it was not known if the contractor was working for DCC. Clerk to make enquiries.

Some of the residents of Tray Lane had requested that the footpath be moved and the road widened. Cllr Edgell offered to inspect the area after the meeting.

30. **District Council** Nothing to report.

31. **Neighbourhood Watch** Nothing to report.

32. Planning

1. **Applications:** None received.

2. **Decisions - approval:**

55713 Approval of details in respect of discharge of condition 3 (archaeology) attached to planning permission 55398 at Umberleigh House, Umberleigh.

3. Planning Enforcement

Planning Enforcement had advised that residential occupation of the agricultural building had ceased and all domestic paraphernalia removed, thus complying with the Enforcement Notice which had been upheld on appeal 15 March 2011.

4. Bonds Farm

It was agreed to enquire into the present situation regarding Bonds Farm farmhouse.

33. Finance

1. Completion of Annual Return

1. Section 1 of the Annual Return was agreed by councillors and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. It was noted that the accounts had been agreed and adopted at the meeting held 9 May 2013.
2. Section 2 of the Annual Return was agreed and signed.

2. Payments:

1. Clark's Salary & Expenses £ 127.40
The account was approved for payment.

3. Receipt

The balance of the loan to the Playing Field Committee (£500) had been received.

34. Amenities.

A reply had been received from Mr Kneil on behalf of the Amenities Committee stating that the balance in the bank account had been promised to the Playing Field Committee. It was agreed to invite Mr Kneil to the next meeting, in order that the matter regarding the donation for the Victorian Lamp may be resolved.

35. Playing Field

It was reported that Building Control had signed off the Pavilion. The inspector had expressed his amazement that such a facility could be provided for the cost involved. Councillors agreed that it was a wonderful effort by all involved, especially considering the size of the village. The climbing frame had now been painted.

36. Correspondence

Correspondence received referred to various items on the agenda. No additional correspondence had been received.

37. Matters Arising at the Chairman's discretion.

It was reported that the damaged section of the churchyard wall had been repaired. It was believed however, that the wrong materials had been used. The PCC were aware of this, but the wall had been repaired quickly as a safety measure. They would await the advice of their architect when he carried out their Quinquennial Inspection later in the year.

Cllr White declared an interest in the following item, and left the meeting.

38. Local Plan Update.

Cllr Frayne reported that following the response to the North Devon Local Plan being submitted to North Devon Council, it had been necessary to make an amendment to the development boundary. Although it was known that the owner of one area included within the revised development boundary was willing to have his land developed, it was not known if the same applied to the other areas. North Devon Council had advised that only land where it was known that the owner would give permission for development could be included within the revised boundary. Consequently it had been necessary to remove some areas.

38. Date of next meeting: 16 July 2013

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:58pm.