

ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21 June 2011 at St. Mary's Church, Atherington at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: 12 parishioners, County Councillor R Edgell, Parish Clerk.

24. Matters Raised by the Public/Police Report

There was no report from the police.

Mr Neil thanked all concerned for ensuring DCC repaired the road through the village.

Cllr White confirmed that the Bonds Farm development would be considered by the planning committee at its meeting on 13 July, at 2pm. There would be the opportunity for anyone to speak at the meeting. It was hoped that Cllr Umpleby would again represent the parish council, and present its concerns. He explained the history of the application, noting that the developer had a legal right to connect all the properties to mains sewerage, although it was known that there was only enough spare capacity for five properties.

It was agreed to write to Mr Kelly highlighting the parish's concerns over the mains sewerage capacity.

The clerk read a letter from Cllr Domleo, who was unable to be present, urging councillors to support the application.

It was thought that it was right for councillors to have concerns over the application when so many parishioners had serious concerns over the sewerage provision, and the suitability and need for the development. It was also noted that many people were now unhappy with the scheme since the change from shared ownership to rented properties.

Cllr Boyce expressed his gratitude for the exemplary manner in which the Chairman had ensured that the whole process had been handled properly.

25. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R Domleo and J Umpleby.

26. Declarations of Interest

Cllr White declared a personal interest in the Bonds Farm planning application.

27. Approval of Minutes of meetings held on 17 May & 7 June 2011

Min. 6. The second 'DALC' was amended to 'DCC'.

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

28. Matters Arising from the meetings

It was noted that no reply had been received from NWF or Crediton Millers regarding lorries using Barnstaple Hill.

29. Provision of Defibrillators for Atherington parish

It was noted that Chittlehampton Parish Council were of the opinion that the model they had purchased was preferable, and that Atherington Parish Council should endeavour to purchase the same model.

It was agreed to contact High Bickington Parish Council to enquire which model they had purchased, and how the money was raised.

30. County Council

Cllr R Edgell reported that the government had awarded Devon with an additional £9.3m funding for road repairs. This was on top of the £6.5m already allocated by Devon County Council. He requested the parish council to identify stretches of road in need of repair. It was agreed to report a hump in the road at the top of Kingsford Hill to High Bickington P.C.

31. Highways

It was agreed to report the bad poor road surface at Langridge Ford to Highways, together with blocked drains on Barnstaple Hill, and outside Glebe and Eastacombe.

It was agreed that it would be helpful if David Wines, the new Highways Neighbourhood Officer were to meet Cllrs White and Weeks. Clerk to contact Mr Wines.

It was reported that the damaged bollard outside Bonds Farm had still not been replaced. Clerk to contact Highways.

It was reported that the path at Rock Hill had been cleared.

32. District Council

Cllr White reported that he had started his computer training at NDC.

33. Neighbourhood Watch

Nothing to report.

34. Planning

1. **Application:** 52235 Listed building application for 4 replacement windows & 1 door together with internal alterations at Rectory Cottage, Atherington.

It was resolved to recommend approval.

2. **Decision - Approval:** 51852 Installation of one photovoltaic solar tracker at Eastacombe Farm, Atherington.

35. Finance

1. Payments:

D Jones & Son	£ 44.00	Cheque No. 541
St Mary's Church – Grass cutting grant	£189.00	Cheque No. 542
Clark's salary	£125.00	
Expenses	£ 3.68	£128.68
		Cheque No. 543

The three accounts were approved for payment.

36. Amenities.

It was noted that the grass was in need of cutting at the top of Barnstaple Hill, near the seat. Clerk to request that this area receive attention.

37. Church Hall

Nothing to report.

38. Playing Field

Mrs Boyce reported that a donation of £500 had been received from Rotary. Cllr Edgell reported that he may be able to assist with his county councillor grant if there was a single item that could be identified.

Work inside the pavilion was continuing, with the plaster board being installed. Suitable windows were being sourced.

It was still hoped that the project would be complete by the end of September or early October.

39. Correspondence

1. Minutes of High Bickington Parish Council meeting. Copies of minutes would now be received on a regular basis in order to identify problems which may affect both parishes. Copies of Atherington PC would be sent to High Bickington.
2. A request had been received from North Devon Council for permission to pass on councillor contact details to members of the public who may request them. This was agreed.
3. A reminder had been received from North Devon council for councillors to return their election expenses claim.

40. Matters Arising at the Chairman's discretion.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had been invited to have a representative on Umberleigh Village Hall Committee. Cllr Weeks offered to be the representative. All in agreement. The Chairman thanked Cllr Weeks for his offer.

41. Date of next meeting: 19 July 2011

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:20pm.