

# ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19 June 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 and G Weeks.

**In attendance:** 7 parishioners, County Councillor R Edgell, Mr S Howe, Parish Clerk.

## **21. NWF Traffic through Atherington**

Steve Howe, Operations Director NWF Agriculture attended the meeting and answered questions from councillors and parishioners regarding problems with NWF traffic in the village.

He confirmed that whilst they could control their own transport, they had difficulty with their suppliers vehicles. He stressed the importance of making a note of the registration number and owner of any vehicle that caused a problem, or was travelling in the wrong direction. With this information he would be in a better position of curing the problem. If necessary NWF drivers would be disciplined. All drivers were aware of the routes that should be taken. He gave assurances that he would investigate why vehicles were travelling through the village on their way to Wixland, and why this was regularly occurring on Sundays.

Mr Howe confirmed that the company was looking to grow, but stated that there was no plans at present to increase the number of vehicles based at Wixland.

It was noted that there were a number of NWF shareholders living in the village, and that Planning Enforcement were being kept informed of the problem. The parish would continue to explore every avenue until the problem was resolved.

It was reported that some drivers were extremely impatient and arrogant.

In order to help resolve the wider traffic problems in the village, it was agreed to arrange a meeting with DCC Highways and NWF. Cllr Edgell to contact Paul Young (DCC) for possible dates for a meeting.

## **22. Police Report**

None – police not present.

## **23. Matters Raised by the Public**

1. Mrs Margaret Squire had sent her thanks to the parish council for the presentation to her at the previous meeting, and to everyone for their kindness whilst she was parish councillor.
2. It was reported that a hedge on the A377 near Umberleigh Bridge needed cutting in order to improve visibility. It was believed that the hedge belonged to DCC. Cllr Edgell to make enquiries.
3. Cllr Boyce answered various questions relating to the provision of a defibrillator. The Umberleigh Village Hall meeting was the following week, when it was hoped that agreement would be given to mount the defibrillator on the wall of the hall. It was hoped to secure some funding from the local Lions and Rotary
4. Cllr Boyce agreed to ensure that future parish council agendas would be placed on the notice board.
5. Mr James enquired into the reason why a letter written to the council had not been made public. The Chairman explained that he was following legal advice. Mr James considered this to be unsatisfactory and expressed his view that the contents should be made known to parishioners.

## **24. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Umpleby.

## **25. Declarations of Interest**

None.

## **26. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 15 May 2012**

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

## **27. Matters Arising from the last meeting**

None.

**28. County Council**

Cllr R Edgell reported that he had enjoyed the opening of the Pavilion, which had been a great milestone for the village.

He had not received a response from Highways regarding the date of carrying out the necessary work on Chantry Hill.

**29. Highways**

It was reported that the hedge near Eastacombe had still not been cut. Clerk to report the matter again to Highways.

It was reported that the bollard outside Bonds Farm had still not been repaired, and was now in a dangerous state. Clerk to report..

**30. District Council**

Cllr White reported that the problem with flies in the parish had been reported and that Environmental Health were investigating.

**31. Neighbourhood Watch**

Although there had not been any cases in Atherington, it was reported that there had been a number of Quad Bike thefts in the area.

**32. Planning**

**1. Applications:**

53888 Listed building application for removal of garden wall, The White Hart, Atherington  
**It was resolved** to recommend approval.

54132 Creation of manege, alterations to access & change of use of agricultural barn to stable & store, Crossways, Atherington  
**It was resolved** to recommend approval.

**2. Decisions**

53856 Erection of covered yard at Furze Down Farm, Umberleigh.

**33. Finance**

**1. Payments:**

1. Clark's salary	£125.00		
Expenses	£ 16.80	£141.80	Cheque No. 569
2. K Abraham – internal audit	£ 60.00		Cheque No. 570

The accounts were approved for payment.

**2. Requests for grant**

**1. Atherington PCC**

It was resolved to award a grant of £189 to Atherington PCC towards the cost of maintaining the churchyard.

Cheque No. 571

**2. Atherington PCC**

It was resolved to award a grant of £200 to Atherington Childrens Playing Field towards the cost of grass cutting.

Cheque No. 572

**34. Amenities.**

Nothing to report.

**35. Church Hall**

Nothing to report.

**36. Playing Field**

Nothing to report.

**37. Correspondence**

1. NDC had advised that the follow-up meeting regarding the future of the Parish Grant scheme would be held on Thursday 5 July. The enclosed questionnaire was completed.
2. A survey had been received from DCC regarding winter services. To be circulated to councillors and considered at the next meeting.

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

1. **Seat. It was resolved** to replace the seat which had been damaged. It was agreed to obtain a quote from Portsmouth Arms Sawmills.
2. **Community Speedwatch.** It was reported that there would be a community Speedwatch meeting on 27 June.

**39. Date of next meeting:** 17 July 2012

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