

ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 May 2011 at St. Mary's Church, Atherington at 7.30pm.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting councillors signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Present: Cllrs W White (from 8.30pm), A Boyce, R Domleo, M Milton, J Umpleby and G Weeks.

In attendance: 4 parishioners, Parish Clerk.

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Chairman

Cllr Umpleby proposed Cllr White. Seconded by Cllr Milton, all in favour.

Vice Chairman

Cllr Domleo proposed Cllr Umpleby. Seconded by Cllr Boyce. All in favour.

2. Matters Raised by the Public/Police Report

It was reported that the No Parking lines needed repainting. Clerk to report.

It was noted that the bollard had not been replaced, and that the HGV sign had still not been installed.

It was reported that Crediton Mills lorries were using Barnstaple Hill, with one becoming stuck for 1½ hours.

It was agreed to write to NWF and Crediton Mills requesting that drivers use the agreed route.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr W White (who would be attending later), and County Councillor R Edgell.

4. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Boyce declared a prejudicial interest, and Cllr Umpleby and White a personal interest on the Bonds Farm planning application.

5. Approval of Minutes of meetings held on 19 & 26 April 2011

The Minutes of the meetings were agreed and signed as true records.

6. Matters Arising from the meetings

Min. 194. DALC had advised that DALC, as the landowner, should have advised the Parish Council, as tenant, that some of the land may be needed for an entrance to the proposed development. No response had been received from DCC.

Min. 216 It was noted that the sewerage system would not be improved unless the planning application was approved.

Cllr Domleo proposed that the parish council should clarify its position to the planning department by stating that "The Parish Council supports the application, dependant on the sewerage system be made adequate for all the properties on the development, prior to completion."

The proposal was carried. 3 votes in favour, 1 abstention.

Upon his arrival later in the meeting, Cllr White advised that he had spoken to the planning officer who had advised that approval was likely to be given, and that the developer was within his rights to connect all 10 properties to mains sewerage. South West Water would then have to make the necessary improvements to the sewerage plant.

7. Provision of Defibrillators for Atherington parish

The British Heart Foundation had advised that they were only able to provide funding for the Zoll defibrillator, despite this not being supported by the ambulance service.

Cllr White had obtained a list of potential funders, who may be able to assist.

8. County Council

When tendering his apologies Cllr R Edgell had advised that the government had made an additional £9.3m available for road repairs. DCC were asking parishes to identify stretches of road in need of attention. It was agreed that this should be placed in the Argus.

9. Highways

The Clerk advised that DCC Highways was being reorganised. David Wines would now be looking after all the roads with the parishes in Cllr Edgell's ward.

It was agreed to request that the roadside hedges be cut as some of the road signs were becoming obscured by vegetation, especially in the UMBERLEIGH area.

10. District Council Nothing to report.

11. Neighbourhood Watch Nothing to report.

12. Planning

1. Applications: None received.

2. Decision - Refusal: 51845 Listed building application for insertion of replacement double glazed windows at Chapel Cottage, Atherington.

It was resolved to express the council's disappointment with the decision, which appeared to be contrary to energy conservation.

3. Quiet Waters

Cllr White reported that Alan Barnett was willing to meet councillors at the Civic Centre to discuss NDC's responses to the applications and the criticism of NDC at the recent planning appeal.

13. Finance

1. Adoption of Accounts 2010-2011

The Clerk reported on the balance sheet which had been circulated.

It was resolved to adopt the accounts as a true record of the financial affairs of the council.

2. Completion of Audit Commission Annual Return

Section 2 of the annual return was agreed and signed.

3. Receipt: 50% Grant & Precept £2404.00

4. Payments:

1. ACPF – Grass cutting grant	£200.00	Cheque No. 537
2. D Jones % Son – Grass cutting	£ 44.00	Cheque No. 538
3. Clark's salary	£125.00	
Expenses	£ 3.22	£128.22
		Cheque No. 539
4. Aon Insurance	£916.82	Cheque No. 540

The four accounts were approved for payment.

14. Amenities.

It was noted that first judging for the Best Kept Village would be taking place this month.

15. Church Hall

Cllr Milton reported that the next job would be to install the kitchen. Drainage issues were being investigated.

16. Playing Field

Cllr Domleo reported that steady progress was continuing to be made.

17. Correspondence

1. North Devon Council was holding a training session on the Code of Conduct at the civic Centre on Friday 27 May at 10am. More sessions could take place later in the year.

2. Chumleigh Community Schools Federation advised that a meeting would be held on Thursday 26 May at 6pm to consider the proposals for Chumleigh Community College and Chumleigh Primary School's application to be granted Academy status.

3. Cllr Domleo advised that a meeting would be held the following evening at Mullacott Cross

18. Matters Arising at the Chairman's discretion. None.

19. Date of next meeting: 21 June 2011

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm.