

# ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18 October 2011 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:** 10 parishioners, County Councillor R Edgell, Mr Colin Savage, Mr Dennis Buswell, Parish Clerk.

**97. Provision of Recreational Equipment**

Mrs Leaver was unable to attend the meeting as originally planned due to her forthcoming departure from North Devon Council. Arrangements for a visit will be made when her replacement is in place.

**98. Presentation by Mr Colin Savage and Mr Dennis Buswell on the revised Bonds Farm development**

Mr Savage reported that the Housing Needs questionnaires had been returned, which had indicated a need for 5 affordable homes. Three of these would be rented properties, with possibly 2 to purchase. Three of the households had been identified on the earlier survey.

Mr Buswell explained that an exhibition would be held in the Church Hall on 29 October, 11am – 3pm. The revised plans were due to be submitted within the next few days, and would be considered at the December meeting of the Planning Committee.

**99. Presentation by Mr Ian Knight, Acting Senior Community Engagement Manager, South Western Ambulance Service NHS Trust**

Mr Knight would be attending the November meeting.

**100. Matters Raised by the Public/Police Report**

Police officer not present.

It was reported that there had been an increase in theft of machinery from farms.

Concern was expressed that the drain outside Glebe was still blocked, despite being reported to Highways on a number of occasions. It was also reported that there blocked drain in Rectory Lane.

A problem was reported with the drain at the lay-by near Coronation Cottage, where the surface water was not flowing into the grating. This was likely to cause a serious problem in the winter when the water was likely to freeze.

**101. Apologies for absence**

No apologies for absence were received.

**102. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**103. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 20 September 2011**

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

**104. Matters Arising from the meetings**

Min. 79. A representative from the South West Ambulance NHS Trust would attend the November meeting to give a presentation on Community Defibrillators.

Min. 85. Mr Wines had visited the village and had been shown the problem areas, in particular in relation to drains. A letter detailing the action to be taken was read to the meeting.

**105. County Council**

Cllr R Edgell reported that the Leader of DCC was again holding meetings throughout the county. The nearest would be at Park School in Barnstaple at 6.30pm on 25 October. Another meeting would be held in Torrington on 17 November.

In answer to a question he reported that funding for Chumleigh Academy now came direct from central government and not DCC.

Cllr Edgell was thanked for the £4000 community grant he had given towards work at the pavilion.

Concern was expressed that lorries were still using Chantry Hill. It was resolved to write to the haulage companies concerned requesting that their drivers observe the signs.

**106. Highways**

It was noted that the HGV sign had not been placed in the requested position.

**It was resolved** that the sign should remain where it had been fixed, and that another sign be requested.

**107. District Council**

In answer to a question Cllr White promised to enquire into the possibility of NDC accepting plastic food trays for recycling. It was noted that other councils already accepted plastic trays.

**108. Neighbourhood Watch**

It was noted that farm machinery was being targeted for theft.

**109. Planning**

**1. Applications:**

52822 Listed building application for internal alterations together with re-roofing of utility room at Mole Cottage, Atherington.

**It was resolved** to recommend approval.

52802 Listed building application for insertion of two rooflights & replacement of three windows at Lower Zeal, Langridgeford, Atherington.

**It was resolved** to recommend approval.

52883 Siting of ground mounted solar panel array (32 panels, 7.68kw) at Little Hall Barn, Atherington.

**It was resolved** to recommend approval.

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

**It was resolved** to recommend approval.

**2. Decisions – Approval:**

52579 Retrospective application for erection of one shed together with proposed erection of one polytunnels & change of use of land from agricultural to domestic curtilage at Hazelcroft, Umberleigh

52675 Erection of one agricultural building for secure storage of machinery/equipment & feed at Apple Tree Farm, High Bickington, Umberleigh.

**3. Planning Correspondence**

Notice of withdrawal of application 52316.

**110. Finance**

**1. Receipt**

NDC – 50% Precept and Grant £2404.00

**2. Payments:**

1. Aon Insurance – cover for pavilion £1028.00 Cheque No. 551

2. Clerks salary £125.00  
expenses £ 2.76 £127.76 Cheque No. 553

3. D Jones & Son £ 44.00 Cheque No. 554

The three accounts were approved for payment.

**111. Amenities.**

The Chairman reported that he had the wreath for the War Memorial.

**112. Church Hall**

It was reported that work was continuing.

**113. Playing Field**

It was reported that the Playing Field accounts were now available.

Those involved with the work in building the pavilion were congratulated for their work.

**114. Correspondence**

A letter had been received from Mr Abraham advising that the five year agreement for auditing the council's accounts had now expired. **It was resolved** to renew the contract for a further 5 year's.

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

None.

**116. Date of next meeting:** 15 November 2011 at 7pm.

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