

# ATHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20 September 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 C Savage, Parish Clerk.

## **79. Provision of Defibrillators for Atherington parish.**

Mr Horton had advised that he was unable to attend the meeting due to being on holiday. It was agreed to invite him to the next meeting.

## **80. Matters Raised by the Public/Police Report**

1. Update of Bonds Farm Application. Details of the present position were read to the meeting. Mr Savage reported that an amendment to the present application would be lodged with North Devon Council. The amended plans would take into account concerns that had been raised. There would now be 5 affordable homes, including 1 low cost home to buy, and five open market houses. Public parking spaces had been removed from the plan.  
The revised plans would be available at the next Parish Council meeting. It was planned to hold a public exhibition in late October, with plans going to the Planning Committee, probably in December.
2. Parishioners were sorry to hear that Mr & Mrs Street were planning to move from the village. It was noted that opposition to the planning application had not been a personal issue against the landowners, who were well respected in the village.
3. A letter had been received from a parishioner who had almost been hit by a speeding car after the last meeting. It was agreed to forward the letter to the police if the parishioner is in agreement.
4. It was suggested that the road safety could be increased by replacing 'Give Way' sign on the High Bickington road with a 'Give Way' sign, and for Barnstaple Hill to be 'access only'.
5. A written report had been received from the police:  
During the past month 7 calls had been logged. 2 were missing person reports relating to the same youth; 2 road Traffic collisions on the B3227; 1 jack knifed lorry on the B3227; 2 calls relating to a party at a property in the village – suitable advice given to the owner,  
One crime had been reported – an assault following a dispute over a scratch on a car.  
The telephone number to contact the police on non emergency matters had been changed from 08452 777 444 to 101. The 101 number was being rolled out across the country, although callers would be put through to the local call centre based on the location of the call being made. The cost of the call would be 15p, regardless of the length of the call.

## **81. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from PC Adrian Micallef and PCSO Jerzy Rozputynski.

## **82. Declarations of Interest**                      None.

## **83. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 16 August 2011**

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

## **84. Matters Arising from the meetings**

None.

## **85. County Council**

Cllr R Edgell reported that he had been assured that the HGV sign would be erected. This had not yet been done.

He explained the Snow Warden Scheme. DCC would deliver 5 tonnes bulk salt (or 3 tonnes bagged salt) to parishes joining the scheme. Wardens that had undergone training would be covered by DCC third party insurance. **It was resolved** to advertise for a volunteer snow warden in the Atherington Argus.

**It was resolved** to invite David Wines to meet Cllrs Milton and Weeks to look at problem areas in the parish.

## 86. Highways

It was reported that water was still flowing across the road at Glebe due to the drain still being blocked. It was thought that the problem may be a broken drain under the road.

The drains on Barnstaple Hill had still not been cleared.

Blocked/broken drains were reported at Tray Lane, Rectory Lane and at Fishleigh.

87. District Council                      Nothing to report.

88. Neighbourhood Watch            Nothing to report.

## 89. Planning

### 1. Applications:

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 Hazlecroft, UMBERLEIGH.

**It was resolved** to recommend approval.

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

**It was resolved** to recommend approval.

### 2. Decisions – Approval:

52329 Listed building application for replacement of 3 windows at Bemridge Farmhouse, Atherington.

52414 Listed building application for change of use of garage to study at Higher Zeal, Langridge Ford, Atherington.

## 90. Finance

### 1. Transfer of £1500 to business A/c

**It was resolved** to transfer £1500 from the 30 Day A/c to the Business Account.

### 2. Payments:

D Jones & Son – grass cutting	£ 44.00	Cheque No. 549
Clark's salary	£125.00	
Expenses	£ 2.76	£ 127.76
Aon Insurance – cover for pavilion	£1028.00	Cheque No. 550
Audit Commission	£ 144.00	Cheque No. 552

It was reported that NFU had quoted £618.94 to cover the pavilion for one year, a substantial saving over the Aon quotation. It was resolved to have further talks with NFU with a view to transferring the council's business to them.

The other three accounts were approved for payment.

## 91. Amenities.

**It was resolved** to enquire into the parish's entry in this year's Best Kept Village Competition.

92. Church Hall                      Nothing to report.

93. Playing Field                    Nothing to report – there would be a meeting the following evening.

94. Correspondence                None.

## 95. Matters Arising at the Chairman's discretion.

1. The Chairman reported that he had attended the meeting of Chittlehampton Parish Council where it had been reported that one of the arches of the bridge at UMBERLEIGH was beginning to silt up. **It was resolved** to support a request for this to be monitored and appropriate action being taken by the Environment Agency.

2. It was resolved to inform those who had volunteered for training for the defibrillators of the meeting with Mr Horton, as soon as this was confirmed.

96. Date of next meeting: 18 October 2011

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:30pm.