

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF ATHERSTONE
PARISH

Date of meeting	Wednesday 7th May 2008 at 6.30 p.m.
Place of Meeting	The Town Council Chamber, The Old Mortuary, North Street.
Present	Town Cllrs. R.Barker, B.Beeson, R.Chambers, D.Clews, G.Davis, M.Davis, L.Freer, R.Freer, R.Jarvis, M.Shaw, M.Singh, N.Sweet. R.Fildes (Atherstone Police) NWBC. Cllrs. L.Dirveiks, D.Pickard D.Clay, M.Wrigley, Mr. & Mrs. J.Vickers. G.Wilding (Press)
Apologies	Town Cllr. C.Peat, County Cllr. R.Grant, P.Farrugia.
Chairman	Cllr. Macchi
Clerk	G.Day

Cllr. Macchi opened the meeting by welcoming all the attendees.

1/ Cllr. Macchi then presented the Annual Report of the Town Council.

It was noted that some of the details of the Town Councillors was not up to date, to be corrected for the final report.

Cllr.R.Barker reported there is to be a substantial increase to the amount of trains stopping at Atherstone, which could have an impact on parking.

The Chairman reported that she had enjoyed the year and thanked everyone for their support.

2/ In the absence of Mr.P.Farrugia the Parish Plan and the Action Plan & Objectives were presented by Councillor G.Davies on behalf of the Atherstone Forum.

Cllr. G.Davies said the Forum was planning to publish the Plan in a glossy brochure format.

The Chairman thanked Mr.P.Farrugia and the members of the Forum on behalf of the Town Council.

3/Any other business.

A discussion took place regarding the maintenance of Atherstone Town Cemetery. The Chairman reported that the Council was unable to discuss the problem with the contract at present but would take steps to resolve the situation at the cemetery, on an emergency basis if necessary.

A member of the public reported that the Family History Society has now logged all the cemetery cards and now wished to look at or borrow the Burial Records books. The Chairman indicated that they should write in to the Town Council where it could be considered under correspondence

A lengthy discussion then took place on the parking situation in the town various points were made.

Parking in Atherstone is still a criminal offence and comes under the jurisdiction of the police; it is not now expected to be de-criminalized until 2010/11 when it will become a civil matter.

Could the CCTV operators call the police to anyone illegally parked? Concern was raised whether the CCTV operators could still directly contact the local police who now responded to Stratford. R.Fildes to check and clarify the situation.

Could the Community Support Officers take action on parking? This is subject to the discretion of the Chief Constable but did happen in some areas.

The Chairman presented Honorary Citizen medals to Mr. & Mrs.J.Vickers.

The meeting closed at 7-15pm.