

APPROVED

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF ATHERSTONE
PARISH 2022**

Date of meeting Wednesday 25th May 2022 at 6.30 p.m.

Place of Meeting NWBC Meeting Chamber Civic Suite South Street
Atherstone CV9 1DE

Present:

Atherstone Town Cllrs: Mark Jordan, Pauline Gurney, Keith Barnett
Jacky Chambers, Angie Spencer, Denise Clews, Stacey Wightman,
David Wright, Sara Bishop, Ray Jarvis

Town Clerk: Odette Ghent
Public: Martin Short, Susan Evans
Gary Chamberlain – Atherstone Partnership
Graham Read, Dave Skelcher – Atherstone Town Community Football Club

Chairman: Cllr Mark Jordan
Clerk: Odette Ghent

Cllr Mark Jordan opened the meeting by welcoming all the attendees.

**1. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
OF 28th April 2021.**

The minutes of the 28th April 2021 were approved.

Matters Arising: there were no matters arising.

Matters from the public:

Martin Short asked who the Footpath Officer was it was suggested he contact WCC.

He also thanked ATC for their generous support given to the White Hart Community Allotment following damage to it at Merevale site.

Mr Short asked if ATC would consider a Memorial Community Orchard for the late Cllr Lorna Dirveiks. Many towns adopt such schemes which give community access to free fresh fruit and combat food poverty.

ATC were asked to consider if and where this would work in Atherstone.

Cllr Chambers suggested a possible location by the canal on the land opposite Merevale allotments its scrubland by Minions Close. Formerly known as Jacklins allotments.



Gary Chamberlain (GC) asked if ATC intend to adopt the report from the IPM (Institute of Place Management) this was a meeting held with the Community Development assistant director Simon Powell.

GC reiterated they were keen to work with ATC to develop the plan.

Cllr Wright confirmed this is joint effort with WCC/NWBC/ATC to implement the plan – a £20m bid. Neil O'Brien is due to visit NWBC shortly.

2. PRESENTATION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Cllr Mark Jordan presented the Annual Report of the Town Council outlining the work and responsibilities of Atherstone Town Council.

(Copies of the Annual Report are attached to these minutes or are available on request from Atherstone Town Council or can be viewed online at www.atherstone-tc.gov.uk)

3. LOCAL ORGANISATIONS INVITED TO GIVE UPDATES

Atherstone Town Community Football Club

Graham Read and Dave Skelcher attended the meeting reporting their delight at winning the 2022 Midland Football League Division 1 Championship Shield, they last won it in 2006. The team were outstanding and have put Atherstone on the map.

The average gate can be up to 400 so it's well supported and the percentage of children attending games has increased.

The club have requested an extension to the lease from NWBC for another 30 years which will be a condition of applying for funding as a minimum of 25 years is required.

The site can be available for use 7 days per week by different organisations and they are working with NWBC to develop a partnership, they want to upgrade their facilities so it can become fully functional 7 days per week.

Cllr D Clews having attended a recent match confirmed it's a great community spirit there and has seen a great improvement in the club over the last couple of years.

Following a recent presentation, NWBC Councillors and Officers are guiding the club on what is needed in the business case.

More collaboration between the club and NWBC is needed, Cllr Wright confirmed that relationships have recently improved. The management of the club has changed, and trust has been built up with tremendous effort for the partnership to continue with long term aims to meet their aspirations.

The Atherstone Sports Club is in the process of getting a lease and it has been suggested joining up of the organisations to become mutually beneficial.



Atherstone Partnership - Gary Chamberlain reported their AGM is Tuesday 14th June 2022

Queens Platinum Jubilee - Cllr Ray Jarvis thanked ATC for their support with the forthcoming celebrations which will be following national guidelines and starting on 2nd June 2022 with the Town Criers Shout.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm

Date of the next meeting: 24th May 2023

Date of Approval 24.5.23

Signed Cllr Keith Barnett – Chair of Atherstone Town Council

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