

Atcham Parish Council

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MINUTES

1. Chairman's welcome the chairman welcomed all to the meeting
2. Present, Councillor C Wildblood-Chairman, Councillor S Cook, Councillor J Caswell, Councillor R Trow. Apologies were received from Councillor S Adney who was on honeymoon, Councillor S Sheddon who was on leave, Councillor L Dixon who was indisposed.
Also, present Shropshire Councillor C Wild, L Pardoe clerk to the meeting, two members of the public and Chris Taylor and Dave Richards from Shropshire Council to speak on Community Fibre Partnership.
3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest
Shropshire Council representatives to speak on Community Fibre Partnership. Chris Taylor spoke about Shropshire Councils programme which is delivering superfast broadband to the rural parts of Shropshire that are not commercially viable without public subsidy. There is now a follow on project from the Government which aims to deliver gigabit ((Project Gigabit)) to 85% of UK premises by 2025 and with as many premises as possible by 2033. Shropshire Council feel that the priority for this new national project should be address the remaining premises gaps that do not currently have superfast broadband. The new Gigabit Project will commence procurement for Phase 1b in spring 22 with deployment in Shropshire expected to start in 2023. As an interim measure Shropshire Council have added £1,000,000 into the national UK Gigabit Voucher Scheme. This scheme can support residents and businesses to get a gigabit solution. Openreach have worked with David Richards, on behalf of the Atcham residents on developing a potential community scheme which could use the vouchers. Whilst the scheme is focused on supporting sub superfast premises it is available to those that want to upgrade to gigabit speeds. The scheme needs people to commit to taking on a new gigabit broadband contract at the end of the deployment. The scheme is managed by Building Digital UK.
Dave Richards provided an update. The scheme is to help residents obtain access to a gigabit network. Superfast broadband adequacy has become particularly noticeable during the pandemic with many people working from home and needing more capacity. Openreach have provided a quote for a community scheme using vouchers that would require all of the included 70 residents/businesses to sign up to upgrade to the new network once it is completed. Openreach have quoted £209,000 for 70 properties in Atcham village.

For more information on the scheme please contact the clerk on atchampc@gmail.com who will forward your enquiries on to Mr D Richards.

The Chairman thanked them both for attending and Chris Taylor then left the meeting. Mr Richards stayed to see the rest of the meeting

4. Public Session. No one wished to speak.
5. Confirmation and acceptance of the minutes of the meeting in July 2021. It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting proposed by Councillor S Cook, seconded by Councillor R Trow and agreed by all members present.
6. Clerk to report on matters arising not covered on the agenda. There was nothing to report all items were covered on the agenda
7. Shropshire Councillors report. Councillor Wild has been chasing for the lights on Atcham Bridge to be re-instated as soon as possible as we have been waiting for years for these to be done.
8. Council to discuss the e-mail from Victim Support. This was noted.
9. Highways Matters;
 - Chairman to update members on site meeting with D Gradwell from Shropshire Council. The meeting went well and part of the footpath has now been cleared off from Homestead Barns to Attingham Park. However, this has highlighted the issue that the bushes are now overhanging the footpath and need trimming. The clerk to contact Balfours to get these trimmed back.

- The Chairman still wants the footpath to Tern Bridge cleared off and also from Emstrey Island to Homestead Barns.
- Council Lights on Atcham bridge.

10. Planning Matters;

a) Clerk to report on previous applications to report on previous applications

- Reference: 21/01940/ADV (validated: 15/04/2021)
Address: Land At , Emstrey Roundabout, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Proposal: Application under section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to erect and display 1no 8m high three sided internally illuminated totem sign. Permission Refused.
- Reference: 21/02134/FUL
Address; Proposed Industrial Development land south of Thieves Lane
Proposal: Erection of Warehousing units and associated development. Permission Refused.

b) Council to consider new applications.

- Reference: 21/03784/FUL (validated: 03/08/2021)
Address: Berwick New House Barns, Berwick Wharf, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Proposal: Construction of an accessible gravel access path from the new barn
After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council needed more information as to the width and length of the footpath before they could make an informed decision. Their reservations are listed below.
 - It has been pointed out that the fields in question are used to overwinter cattle and a dog proof fence would be needed to prevent any issues of dogs worrying the livestock or the cattle approaching walkers.
 - To keep the livestock and walkers separate with a dog proof fence will need to be done sympathetically so that it fits in with the local landscape and surroundings and does not detract from the locale.
 - Members are concerned that this entrance will be used to circumnavigate the main entrance to Attingham Park.
 - The question of how many people would be parking at the Barns to use this footpath.

Proposed By Councillor S Cook, seconded by Councillor C Wildblood and agreed by all members present.

- Reference: 21/03320/FUL (validated: 05/07/2021)
Address: 30 Easthope Way, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6JG
Proposal: Erection of two storey front extension to provide ground floor bedroom and wet room.
After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council have no objection to this application in principle as long as it is done sympathetically with the neighbouring properties. Proposed by Councillor C Wildblood, seconded by Councillor S Cook and agreed by all members present

11. Finance

a) Council to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk. It was agreed to pay the invoices as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor S Cook , seconded by Councillor C Wildblood

Sep	S/O	Staff	Salary	
	BGC	R Hutchinson	Grass cutting	125.00
	BGC	PKF Littlejohn	Audit	240.00
		total payment for the month		667.30

b) Council to accept the Bank Reconciliation for June 2021 as presented by the clerk, it was agreed to accept the Bank Reconciliation as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor S Cook, seconded by Councillor C Wildblood and agree by all members present.

12. Parish Matters

- Councillors to report any matters not covered on agenda for discussion only.
- Councillor S Cook asked if there was a defibrillator in the Parish. The clerk to enquire if there is one at the Mytton & Mermaid. There are two at Attingham Park but they would be unavailable to the public after the gates are closed at 5.00pm
- Councillor Wildblood reported that there have been instances where the Mytton & Mermaid customers had been using the Malthouse Car Par as an overflow. The Memorial Hall Committee would look into this matter.

13. Date and time of next meeting; It was agreed that this would be held on Wednesday 10th November 2021

14. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.00pm