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Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 10th July 2019
At the Malthouse, Atcham starting at 7.30 pm.

MINUTES

1. Chairman welcome, the chairman welcomed all to the meeting
2. Present Councillor C Wildblood- Chairman, Councillor C Morris- Vice chairman, Councillor S Shedden, Councillor J Caswell, L Pardoe clerk to the council & Apologies were received from Councillor A Home-Roberts & Shropshire Councillor C Wild due to a prior commitment. One members of the public
3. Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office for Vice-chairman. This was done in the presence of the Council and signed by the clerk.
4. Co-option of new Councillor. There were no candidates at this point.
5. Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office
6. In the absence of anyone from Smart Water the clerk gave a brief explanation of how Smart water works and the benefits of having it. The Police & Crime & Commissioner is supporting this with a 25% grant for Parish Councils to become a Smart Water Village. The Parish Council would buy enough packs for the village and receive a grant for 25%. With this the Villages would have large signs at both ends of the villages, the police would support the roll out of it. The Parish Council would give a pack to each household which would then be registered with Smart water via an app on a tablet or mobile phone and once 70% of the properties are registered then the signage would be provided by the PCC. The Police will assist to roll this out to all the hamlets within the parish and also help to take it to the residents. The cost to the Parish Council would be £8.90 per pack. Each Parish has its own unique number and each resident has their own unique code. Once this is rolled out to all households then it may be possible to do something similar for the businesses in the parish.
7. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest. Councillor J Caswell declared an interest in item 19f on the agenda
8. Public Session. There was no one who wished to speak.
9. Confirmation and acceptance of the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 8th May 2019. It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting, proposed by Councillor C Morris, seconded by Councillor J Caswell and agreed by all members present.
10. Clerk had nothing to report all matters were covered on the agenda.
11. Shropshire Councillors report.
The public consultation on the strategic sites for the local plan review which includes Ironbridge is being held at Buildwas Village Hall on the 17th July from 7pm -9pm. I encourage someone to attend.
There was a Highways meeting for all the surrounding Parishes on the 18th June on the Proposed Ironbridge site. The Highways planning will include the road B4380 from Buildwas to Atcham as this is considered to be the main route to Shrewsbury from the site. There will be further meetings, the next scheduled for October
12. Shropshire Councillor to update on the Buildwas Power Station Plans and progress. See above
13. Council to appoint Planning Committee consisting of at least three members. The clerk explained the importance of responding to the request for comments as without three responses she was unable to

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signed.....

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formulate a response on behalf of the council. Three being the requisite number to be quorate. She explained that even if members had no comment this was a valid comment and could be used to formulate a response. It was agreed that ALL members would respond to the clerk even if they had no comments to make on an application.

14. Council to adopt Clerks/Councillors protocol. After a discussion it was agreed to adopt. This document proposed by Councillor S Shedden, seconded by Councillor C Morris and agreed by all members present.
15. Council to review their Place Plan Priorities and update if necessary. After discussion it was agreed to amend these to the following.

Critical Strategic

Local Highway improvements.

- i. The road between Crosshouses and Atcham is in need of improvements and more passing places. This would make it safer for people to walk between the two villages.
- ii. Speed and safety enhancements through the village of Atcham on the B4380. This is a fast road and the speed limits needs enforcement. The use of road markings could help to alleviate the speeding on the road by making the road appear narrower.i.e shark teeth marking on edge of the carriageway.
- iii. Traffic Management on the B4380, the turns into The Mytton and Mermaid and also the village of Atcham itself leaves drivers sitting in the middle of a fast road, there needs to be some way of slowing the traffic down on its way through the village with line markings and gates.
- iv. Traffic Management on the B4380 ;The left turn to Uffington from Shrewsbury is just a few yards in front of the entrance to Attingham Park and there have been numerous near misses when drivers coming from Uffington turn out thinking that drivers are turning on to the Uffington Road rather than the entrance to Attingham Park.
There needs to be some communication with the National Trust to try and improve this situation. Last year there were 511,000 visitors through the gates at Attingham Park and this number will increase with the additional houses that are being built on the outskirts of Shrewsbury. This will make the situation much worse.

Local Community

- v. The Village Hall is in need of upgrades to include:
 - New Kitchen, the kitchen has been in place many years and the units are in need of updating to be able to cope with the extra demands on the kitchen for functions.
 - New Floor in main room, the existing floor has been down many years and is in need of renewing.
 - New Toilets, these need updating
 - New partition door, this is needed to separate the hall on occasions.
 - A PA System for events in the Village Hall would allow a greater variety of events to be held,
 - Broadband provision in the Hall would facilitate more and varied events in the Hall
- vi. 2 New Street Lights at The Glebe

16. Police Report; circulated to members electronically.
 - Councillor Shedden reported that there were new members being trained and that they would soon be able to start operating the Community Speedwatch. She has a meeting on 25th July at the Police Station with the Police & Crime Commissioner about speeding issues and would report back in September. Mark Harris has taken over now from Adnan Ali.

17. Highways Matters;

- Council to consider poor street lighting at the end of the Glebe. See item 19e on the agenda. The clerk had received an e-mail quote for solar lights from a local company based at Battlefield. Members agreed that Councillor C Wildblood and J Caswell would meet someone from this company on site and look at what they might need to get sufficient light at the end of The Glebe.
- Council to discuss the state of the trees by the side of the river past the bridge. Councillor C Morris reported that the one willow tree was cracked and imminent danger of falling onto the road. He gave precise directions where this and another very dangerously damaged tree were on the side of the B4380. The clerk to report these to Shropshire Councils Tree Officer for their opinion and for them to get the trees dealt with by the landowners.

18. Planning Matters;

- a) Clerk to report on previous applications
 - Reference:19/01618/FUL; Rose Cottage Emstrey Bank SY5 6QRawaiting decision
- b) Council to consider any new applications;

Reference: 19/02550/FUL (validated: 07/06/2019) After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council fully support this application subject to conforming to the relevant Listed Building regulations. Proposed by Councillor C Morris, seconded by Councillor J Caswell and agreed by all members present.

- Reference : 19/02551/LBC (validated;07/06/2019)
Address: Chilton Grove, Atcham, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6QN
Proposal: Alterations in connection with conversion of barn into music room and guest accommodation .After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council fully support this application subject to conforming to the relevant Listed Building regulations. Proposed by Councillor C Morris, seconded by Councillor J Caswell and agreed by all members present.
- Reference: 19/02854/FUL
Address: Atcham Grange, Malthouse Lane, Atcham.
Proposal; Construction of private access road and junction with B4380.
After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council fully support this application. Proposed by Councillor C Morris, seconded by Councillor C Wildblood and agreed by all members present,
- Reference: 19/02720/FUL
Address: Land to the East of Passey Close, Shrewsbury
Proposal; Erection of 12no dwellings, including access road, parking, and open space .After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council have no objection to this application in principle. Proposed by Councillor J Caswell, seconded by Councillor S Shedden and agreed by all members present.

Council to discuss Planning application 16/02618/FUL Land at Weeping cross south of Oteley Road Shrewsbury following receipt of e-mail from Shropshire Council regarding the lack of a Safe Play area by a resident on the new estate. The members discussed this situation and whilst they were sympathetic with the lady in question there was nothing that they could do as the planning application had already been passed with no provision for any children's play areas.

19. Finance

- a) Council to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk. It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk, proposed by Councillor J Caswell, seconded by Councillor S Shedden and agreed by all members present.
- b) Council to accept the Bank Reconciliation for June 2019 as presented by the clerk it was agreed to accept the bank reconciliation as presented by the clerk proposed by Councillor J Caswell, seconded by Councillor C Morris and agreed by all members present.
- c) Council to ratify the payment of Insurance Premium by the clerk via BACS. This was agreed by all members.
- d) Council to consider making Atcham a Smart Water Village. This was agreed by all members in principle see item 6 above
- e) Council to consider the cost of solar lights for The Glebe. This was agreed by members in principle see item 17(i) above

Councillor J Caswell left the meeting at this point.

- f) Council to consider any grant applications received. After a brief discussion it was agreed to grant £10,000.00 to the Malthouse for the improvements to the kitchen area. Proposed Councillor C Morris, seconded by Councillor S Shedden and agreed by all members present.
Councillor J Caswell returned to the meeting.

20. Correspondence-this was noted

21. Parish Matters

- Councillors to report any matters not covered on agenda for discussion only.
Councillor C Wildblood reported that the footpath from the Turn Bridge towards Atcham Village heading west is overgrown and dangerous for pedestrians. Pedestrians are not able to pass on this footpath and are only able to walk in single file.
The footpath from Atcham Bridge toward Emstrey Island on the right hand side towards Shrewsbury is badly overgrown and there is grass growing in the gutter blocking up the drains when there is any considerable rainfall.
The fence by the Mytton & Mermaid is insecure and dangerous and liable to collapse. Clerk to write to them asking them to deal with it.
The clerk was asked to look into the cost and possible siting of a defibrillator in the village.

22. Date and time of next meeting; It was agreed that this would be held on Wednesday 11th September 2019 at The Malthouse starting at 7.30 pm.

23. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.35pm.