

Atcham Parish Council

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Virtual Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 11th November 2020 MINUTES

1. Chairman's 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, Shropshire Councillor C Wild, L Pardoe clerk to the Council. Apologies were received from Councillor R Trow and A Home-Roberts who were working. Also present one member of the public.
3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest. There were none declared at this point
4. Public Session. The Chairman moved the public session to the end of the meeting to ensure that all matters on the agenda were fully covered within the limited time span.
5. Confirmation and acceptance of the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday September 2020. It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting, proposed by Councillor J Caswell, seconded by Councillor S Shedden and agreed by all members present. The member of the public interrupted the meeting at this point to ask where the Public session was going to be. The Chairman explained that it would be held at the end of the meeting as just stated.
6. Clerk to report on matters arising not covered on the agenda.
 - The clerk reported that she had received a communication from Derek Furlong at Shropshire Council and that as the land is not owned by Shropshire Council there was nothing else that he could do due to the ownership issue. His only option now was to pass it on to Estates and Highways which he was going to do today. It was agreed that the clerk would chase this matter up with English Heritage.
 - The clerk reported that she had received an e-mail from Jason Hughes regarding the street lights on the main bridge. They were looking at a more sympathetic solution by mounting the lighting on parapets similar to the English and Welsh bridges in Shrewsbury. The consultants are looking at the design which he will share with the Parish Council once it has been detailed.
7. Shropshire Councillors report. Councillor Wild reported that there had been a spate of burglaries recently targeting farms and equipment such as chainsaws. She reiterated the need for people to use the smartwater kits. There are still a few kits that have not been claimed by some residents. This would be highlighted in the Village Pump in the next edition.

She asked members if they knew of anyone who was struggling during this lockdown to please contact her and she would assist in whatever way she could.
8. Police Report; circulated to members electronically. There was no police report.
 - Councillor Shedden to report on Community Speedwatch. Councillor Shedden reported that there were three new volunteers one from Crosshouses and two from Berwick Wharf. These have been trained and once lockdown is over they will be able to go out and do some speed checking.
9. Highways Matters;
 - Clerk to update on footpath from Emstrey Island through the village and on to the Wroxeter turn. The clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from an officer at Shropshire Council that she was no longer working in that department but she was certain that one of her

colleagues would be getting in touch with the Parish Council. To date the clerk has still not received any communication on this matter.

- The Chairman reported that one of the bad potholes in Malthouse Lane had been marked for repair. However just a few yards further down the lane there were several more that were needing repairing also. He said that he would keep an eye on when they turned up to repair the pothole and go and have a word with the contractors to see if they would do the others at the same time.

10. Planning Matters;

- a) Clerk to report on previous applications
 - Reference: 19/02720/FUL; Land east of Passey Close; Awaiting decision
- b) Council to consider new applications.
 - Reference; 20/04457/FUL; Tower House, Berwick Wharf, Uffington.
After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would offer No Comment to this application.

11. 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 C Morris, seconded by Councillor J Caswell and agreed by all members present.

S/O	Staff	Salary	172.01
BT	Staff	Office exp	19.00
BT	HMRC	PAYE	43.00
BT	Npower	Lighting	1.33
BT	Npower	Lighting	1.10
BT	R Hutchinson	grasscutting	160.00
	Total		396.44

- b) Council to ratify the payments made on line by the clerk for the Parish Council. Members all agree to ratify the payments made on line by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor C Morris, seconded by Councillor C Wildblood and agreed by all members present.
- c) Council to accept the Bank Reconciliation for October 2020 as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor C Morris, seconded by Councillor J Caswell and agreed by all members.
- d) Council to agree to the nationally agreed pay award for the clerk backdated to April 2020. This was agreed by members proposed by Councillor C Wildblood and seconded by Councillor S Shedden and agreed by all members present.

12. Correspondence-to be circulated to members. This was noted

13. Council to agree accessibility statement for the website. After a brief discussion it was agreed to adopt the Accessibility Statement as presented by the clerk. This had been drafted by the staff responsible for this at Hugo Fox who maintain the website on behalf of the parish Council. Proposed by Councillor S Shedden, seconded by Councillor J Caswell and agreed by all members present.

14. Parish Matters

- Councillor Shedden asked the clerk to contact the two new Community Speedwatch volunteers at Berwick Wharf.

15. Public session. The member of the public introduced himself as the selected candidate for Labour in the forthcoming elections next year for the Severn Valley ward. The Chairman explained that Atcham parish Council is a non-political body and would not have any political issues raised at the meetings. Mr Healey then stated that he would contact Shropshire Council to see what he could get done for the Parish Council in relation to the potholes on Malthouse Lane and he would report back to the next council meeting.

16. Date and time of next meeting; it was agreed that this would be on Wednesday 13th January 2021. Via Zoom or at the Malthouse Atcham

17. The member of the public and Shropshire Councillor C Wild then left the meeting.

18. The members of the Parish Council agreed that the clerk should contact Mr Healey and ask him not to intervene with Shropshire Council as all matters should be raised by the clerk as the proper Officer and the elected Shropshire Councillor.
19. The Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 8.00pm

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