

# ATCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018 AT 7PM AT THE MALTHOUSE, ATCHAM

**PRESENT:** Chairman Cllr. Wildblood, Shropshire Cllr. Claire Wild, 15 public

**Clerk:** Mrs R. Turner

### **APM 001/18 WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

### **APM 002/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

PC Walton, West Mercia Police.

### **APM 003/18 MINUTES OF APM HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **APM 004/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 2017 APM**

None.

### **APM 005/18 ANNUAL REPORT FROM POLICE**

A written report had been provided, as follows. Over the last 12 months, there have been 108 calls to Police regarding Atcham. The vast majority 57 are to report RTCs and highway incidents. Of the remainder many are non-crime incidents including reports of suspicious behaviour, dropped 999 calls and general information messages. Only 2 are to report theft related incidents specifically a shed break and theft of garden ornaments. There have been no dwelling burglaries, no offences associated with any of the licensed premises and the only offences of violence or threats are 4 reports of domestic violence or abuse. There has only been one vehicle crime reported at Attingham Park and upon viewing the report believe that to be more of a case of someone hitting a parked car and leaving the scene rather than a concerted effort to steal from within.

### **APM 006/18 ANNUAL REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR**

Shropshire Councillor Claire Wild had provided a written report. Adult Social Care increasing by £8 to £10 mil by year, ageing population and demographics. Ringway contract ending March 2018, then Kier take over and pot holes will be dealt with asap in April. Member of the public raised reduction in Central Government funding.

### **APM 007/18 CHAIR'S REPORT**

2017/2018 - has been relatively uneventful, however, the main issues we considered have been:

The development at Salop Leisure. Love to Stay. Although hard to envisage from drawings and plans, the end result is quite remarkable, I wish Mark Bebb and his team success with this venture.

The problems associated with Emstrey Roundabout are still not resolved, Highways England clearly do not want to understand the issues I have brought to their attention.

Drainage in the village still seems to be causing problems, although I have not heard of any issues recently, it is however a problem which I feel will continue to be something we will have to deal with in the future.

Dog fouling and litter are also issues that give us concern. I have put up notices with regard to dog fouling in the village and on the old bridge. Catching the offenders is a difficulty which I expect all local councils have problems with.

Sadly Rebecca, our parish clerk is leaving us for pastures new, I would like to thank Rebecca for the help she has given me and would like to wish her well for the future.

Lorna Pardoe will take over the post at the start of April. Welcome Lorna.

I would also like to thank all my fellow councillors for giving up their time to attend our meetings throughout the year. A special thank you to Claire Wild from Shropshire Council for her support throughout the year.

## **APM 008/18 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The 2016/17 accounts were as follows (2017/18 accounts not yet finalised):

<b>Balances as per bank statements 31.03.17</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Current account	4,087.82	
Savings account	221.72	
		4,309.54
Less unpresented payments	0.00	328.80
Add uncredited receipts	0.00	0.00
<b>Net bank balances as at 31.03.17</b>		<b>3,980.74</b>
<b><i>The net bank balances reconcile to the Cash Book as follows:</i></b>		
<b>CASH BOOK</b>		
Opening balance	1,961.39	
Add receipts in year	7,514.82	
Less payments in year	5,495.47	
<b>Closing balance per cashbook as at 31.03.17</b>	<b>3,980.74</b>	

<b>Atcham Parish Council - Budget report and bank reconciliation</b>				
<b>End of year 2016-17</b>				
		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Fixed costs</b>		<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
Salary		1,765.06	2,320.00	2290.20
Expenses, WFHA, misc. admin		264.57	490.00	225.21
Mileage				72.90
Subs		35.00	35.00	35.00
Insurance		265.00	280.00	273.75
Audit		80.00	85.00	83.00
Street light contract		40.00	100.00	40.00
Street light energy		58.12	150.00	132.78
Highway maintenance		1,481.14	1250.00	1360.00
Training				55.00
Room hire		90.00	90.00	90.00
Website				521.00
<b>Total fixed payments</b>		<b>4,345.40</b>	<b>5,058.34</b>	<b>5178.84</b>
<b>Non fixed costs</b>				
VAT		229.21		116.63
Churchyard grants		75.00	75.00	0.00
The Pump magazine		200.00	200.00	200.00
<b>Total non fixed payments</b>		<b>304.21</b>	<b>275.00</b>	<b>316.63</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>4,649.61</b>	<b>5,333.34</b>	<b>5,495.47</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Precept		3,483.28	5,090.00	5090.00
VAT refund		892.68		229.21
Interest		0.08	0.00	0.12
Envt grant		672.00	672.00	1250.00
CIL		0.00	0.00	0.00
Transparency Grant		660.00	0.00	945.49
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>5,708.04</b>	<b>5,762.00</b>	<b>7,514.82</b>

Due to loss of grant funding, the council has had to increase the precept in 2018/19 to £6,124 (£61.87 per Band D household) to enable environmental/highway maintenance tasks it does to continue.

### **APM 009/18 REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

None.

### **APM 010/18 OTHER PARISH MATTERS**

- i) *Grange Farm contractors speeding – request for signage erected on entry and exit from the farm to remind drivers to calm speeds*

Alistair has spoken to them about speeding before – will do so again and will try to organise signage.

*ii) Grange Farm contractors (gardening contractors) fires*

Has got waste exemption for burning green waste and wood. Was not there on day it happened but put fire out as soon as was aware and has told contractor not to burn unless he is there.

*iii) Malthouse Lane-deposits of mud and dirt from farm vehicles & request for dedicated road sweeper where needed*

His farm contracting operation now at main base in Cross Houses but can't control the landlord's contractors. Try to use alternative access via fields when weather makes it possible to. Write to Longnor estates – via Balfours – Alistair to arrange a meeting with managing agent.

*iv) St. Eata's Lane fence*

Previous investigation suggested the fence was put by the developer but the company is no longer in business – it is often the norm for such fences to be maintained by residents after erection. It was suggested that perhaps residents need to sort it out jointly as it is not the council's responsibility.

*v) Malthouse Lane and roads and pavements into Mytton and Mermaid - poor state of repair and pooling of rain*

Cllr. Wild reported that this is in the works programme but timescale is not known. Pavements and road condition to be reported to Colin Blower and the owner of the Mytton and Mermaid.

*vi) Atcham bridge surface and condition of posts entering the bridge*

Raise with English Heritage.

*vii) Dog fouling*

Signs have gone up.

*viii) Concerns re speeding – raised option of CSW.*

Residents are asking for a speed limit review. The chairman suggested that the community write to the parish council so a request can then be made to the police to review.

*ix) Neighbourhood Development Plan*

A resident of Cross Houses, who is suggesting a NDP is done covering Cross Houses and surrounding parishes, claims £500k from Weeping Cross in CIL – this may be 25% if a NDP or 15% without. He felt the community should be involved and was asking the PC to have a vote on whether to do a NDP. Noted.

Meeting closed 7.45pm

**NEXT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019, 7PM**