

Atcham Parish Council

Wednesday 10th March 2021

MINUTES

1. Chairman's welcome, The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. He explained how the public session worked for the benefit of the new members of the public attending the meeting.
2. Present Councillor C Wildblood-Chairman, Councillor C Morris-Vice-Chairman, Councillor J Caswell, Councillor S Shedden. Shropshire Councillor C Wild, L Pardoe clerk to the meeting and four members of the public. Apologies were received from Councillor A Home-Roberts and R Trow who were unable to attend due to work commitments.
3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest. There were none declared at this point.
4. Public Session. **Standing Orders were lifted to allow Members of the public to speak.** One member of the public said that he had written to Shropshire Council about the street furniture at Berwick Wharf and had received a response where they had said that they had no budget to replace faded signage their funds were committed to Adult Social Care. Councillor Wild explained that the budgets are tight, and the Conservatives are committed to spend an additional £40 million on the highways over the next four years.

It was agreed that Dave Gradwell and members of the Parish Council would meet and look at some possible traffic calming when lock down has eased. As soon as it is possible the clerk will arrange this to happen.

Another member of the public stated that there had been a lot of tree clearing on the Upton Magna Road. Councillor C Wild explained that this work is being done by The National Trust as many of the trees were rotten. All the appropriate permissions had been given. The National Trust also want to reinstate the tow path so that residents can safely walk from Upton Magna to Atcham.

Another member of the public asked to discuss the Councils CIL money. The Chairman explained that as this was not on the agenda for this meeting it could not be discussed here. It would be on a future meeting agenda.

Another member of the public asked for the planning application for 12 properties at Plassey Close to be opposed so that it would go to Planning Committee. The Chairman explained that this application had been discussed at a previous meeting and commented on the application then and that it was now in the hands of Planning Department.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

5. Confirmation and acceptance of the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 13th January 2021. It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting proposed by Councillor S Shedden, seconded by Councillor C Morris and agreed by all members present.
6. Clerk to report on matters arising not covered on the agenda. The clerk reported that she had been approached by the National Trust with a view to them attending one of our council meetings to share their 10-year Estate Management Plan with the Parish Council. She has arranged to hold a separate meeting for this along with Berrington Parish Council and Wroxeter and Uppington Parish Council via ZOOM. This will be hosted by SALC Zoom platform to enable the meeting to last longer than the 40 minutes on the free platform. It has initially been set for Tuesday 20th April starting at 7.00pm and will enable them to share their plan with members of all Parish Councils and residents followed by a question-and-answer session.

The clerk reported that she had received a very vague and unsatisfactory response from J Ingoldby at Shropshire Council about clearing the grass back from the footpath from Emstrey Island to the turn to

Wroxeter to allow pedestrians and cyclists to use it safely. She suggested that in conjunction with the Chairman and any other councillor who wanted to attend to walk the footpath and draw up and plan for getting the work done and then approach local contractors for quotes and spend some money from the CIL pot.

7. Shropshire Councillors report. Councillor Wild reported that the litter by the Petrol Station had now been sorted out. She did suggest that the Parish Council might write to the owners of the Petrol Station and request that they clear up around their bins and forecourt daily to prevent this happening again. The Chairman said that there was a couple who have been litter picking on a regular basis during their daily walks. Councillor Wild explained that the budgets are tight, and the Conservatives are committed to spend an additional £40 million on the highways over the next four years. The number of children in care has gone from 280 to 500 during the pandemic

8. Local Council Elections-Clerk to update members on procedure. The clerk had attended a briefing run by the elections team and explained that the process this time would be different due to the pandemic. They would need to visit the parish council website and follow the instructions there. She would update members as and when she received any additional information.

9. Council to discuss Boundary Review. Councillor Wildblood said that he had received a request from a resident of Wroxeter parish who felt more aligned with Atcham and wished to be included in the parish of Atcham.

10. Police Report; circulated to members electronically.
 - Councillor Shedden to report on Community Speed watch. There is still nothing going on as we are in lockdown. Atcham has been given the go ahead to have a community speed watch scheme and has some new members who are trained and ready to go when lockdown is eased.

11. Highways Matters;
 - Clerk to update on the trees for planting the council had instructed the groundsman to obtain some trees for the site and he has sourced two local companies that can supply him with the trees. It was agreed that he be instructed to get the best trees he can for the site with the best deal.
 - Councillors to report any highways matters.
 - Council to consider request from Upton Magna Parish Council to request a salt bin for the corner on Pelham Road towards Berwick Wharf following a road traffic accident due to icy conditions. Members agreed to this request. Clerk to contact Shropshire Council.

12. 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. At the time of writing the agenda there are no new applications.
 - Ref:21/00424/ADV validated 28th January 2021.
Address: Land off Thieves Lane, Shrewsbury
Proposal: Erect and display 1no. Internally Illuminated Tri Sided 8mtr Totem Sign
Councillor Caswell reported that there appeared to be something happening on the proposed site on Emstrey Island. It was felt that this would be distracting to drivers.
 - Ref:21/00109/FUL validated 27th January 2021
Address: Love2stay Touring and Glamping Caravan Centre
Proposal: Change of use of land and the siting of additional 14No static caravans for holiday use and associated works. Members asked for clarification what exactly is being requested as there is some confusion in the details on the plan. Is it static vans or glamping pods we are being asked to consider?

13. 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 C Wildblood and agreed by all members present.

05-Feb	S/O	Staff	Salary	302.30
	BT	HMRC	PAYE	73.00
			Total	375.30

- b) Council to ratify the accounts paid online by the clerk. This was agreed proposed by Councillor S Shedden, seconded by Councillor C Morris
- c) Council to accept the Bank Reconciliation for February 2020 as presented by the clerk. It was agreed to accept the bank reconciliation as presented by the clerk proposed by Councillor J Casswell, seconded by Councillor S Shedden and agreed by all members present.

14. Parish Matters

- Councillors to report any matters not covered on agenda for discussion only.

15. Council to discuss Annual Parish Meeting dates and topics

Date and time of next meeting; Wednesday 12th May 2021. It is expected that this will be a face to face meeting in The Malthouse

16. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50pm

*On 4th April 2020, the government brought The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020 into force to allow local authorities to conduct meetings remotely. **Members of the public may access these meetings through the Zoom platform by sending an email to the Parish Clerk at atchampc@gmail.com stating their device type and whether they wish to contribute audibly or visually and audibly.** In response the Parish Council will provide the Meeting ID, password, and the time of the meeting. This request needs to be with the clerk at least 36 hours before the meeting is due to start.*

The rules for members of the public to speak will be the same as normal meetings, that is, during the opportunity to do so in the agenda item allotted for the purpose. Due to time limitations the speaker should limit their question/presentation to 3 minutes.

Please note that members of the public will only be allowed to speak on matters that are on the agenda.