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Parish Council Meeting
held via ZOOM on Wednesday 13th January 2021.

MINUTES

1. Chairman's welcome, The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and read out the following statement for the benefit of Mr Healey.
Good evening Mr Healey.
Whilst Atcham Parish Council members acknowledge your apology after your very vituperative e-mail after your attendance at the November meeting of Atcham Parish Council, they do not accept it.
Your comments were vexatious and uncalled for and if you repeat such behaviour again the Parish Council will refuse to allow you into any future meetings either online or in the local hall when we are able to resume physical meetings.
Mr Healey apologised to members and said that he hoped they would be able to move forward in a civil way.
2. Present Councillor C Wildblood-Chairman, Councillor C Morris- Vice-chairman, Councillor S Shedden, Councillor R Trow, Councillor A Home-Roberts .Apologies were received from Councillor J Caswell who was unwell. Also, present L Pardoe, clerk to the Council, Shropshire Councillor C Wild and three members of the public
3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest. There were none declared at this point.
4. Public Session. The Chairman welcomed Mr & Mrs Cook to the meeting and said he hoped to be able to welcome them in person in the future. Mr Cook asked if it could be explained what the term "No comment" meant in the minutes relating to a planning application for The Tower House. The Chairman explained that this was that the parish council had looked at the application and had deemed that the application was not contentious and did not affect anyone, so the council had no comments to make on the application. Mr Cook thanked the Chairman for that.

The Chairman asked Mr Healey if he wished to speak. He began by saying that he was the Labour Candidate. The Chairman stopped him and reminded him that we are not a political body and will not tolerate any political statements at the Parish Council meeting. Mr Healey responded that he would accept and respect that as long as there were no other political statements made at the meeting.
5. Confirmation and acceptance of the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 11th November 2020 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 on the events relating to the Old Bridge at Atcham where a large portion of the bridge had been dislodged on to the footpath making it a danger to life as the river was now accessible from the bridge. The Chairman and she had reported it to Shropshire Council three times over the Christmas /New Year period and it had eventually been barricaded off safely and was now awaiting repair. She had been in contact with English Heritage and Historic England in bid to find out who exactly was responsible for the bridge. In an e-mail from Historic England their representative stated that she had been in communication with Shropshire Council who said the bridge belonged to them. The clerk had then asked Gurnek Singh if it was possible to have the fascia stone with the date details on it cleaned up. He responded that Shropshire Council had no money in their budget for that at present, but he would ask for it to be added to the schedule of works to be done. Mr & Mrs Cook spoke about the bridge briefly.
7. Shropshire Councillors report. Councillor Wild reported that the problems with Confluence Cottage had now been resolved. She reported that the COVID-19 was very dangerous and was getting everyone.

She urged everyone to be very vigilant and careful. If anyone needed to enter anyone's house for any reason, they should remember the 6-minute rule. That is not to stay inside other peoples houses for more than 6 minutes unless you were in a bubble with them. Councillor Wildblood thanked Councillor Wild for her assistance with Confluence Cottage and also getting the matter with the bridge, so the bridge was now safely cordoned off until it is repaired.

8. Police Report; circulated to members electronically.
 - Councillor Shedden to report on Community Speed watch. As we are in National Lockdown there is nothing happening now.
9. Highways Matters.
 - Councillor S Shedden reported that she had walked the footpath from Atcham to the Emstrey Island on New Years Day and that there were quite a few people out walking the footpath and that they had cause to step on to the main road due to the footpath being overgrown with brambles. The clerk to write to Environment Agency and Longner Estates and start a dialogue with them to request that the brambles be cut back.
10. Council to consider purchasing a new streetlight for the cul de sac in The Glebe.
 - The Chairman explained to the members of the public the reason for looking at this *and Standing Orders were lifted to allow Mrs Cook to speak*. She requested that Berwick Wharfe be considered for some lighting. Also, their Street furniture was very faded and needed replacing. Clerk to arrange a site meeting with traffic engineer D Gradwell when the Lockdown restrictions have been eased. The council members discussed this and agreed that the clerk should contact the company who had supplied the two new light and request a quote for an additional light. Mr Healey asked why they were allowed to speak in the meeting, and he was not. The clerk explained that they were residents and were making valid comments about the matter the council had been discussing.11111111
 - Council to consider where they will plant some new trees. There is an area where a couple of trees have died at the entrance to the Glebe. It was considered a good idea to look inogt planting a couple of trees to replace the dead ones Councillor C Morris suggested flowering cherries.
11. 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.
12. 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 S Shedden, seconded by Councillor C Morris and agreed by all members.

Payments for the month of Dec 2020				
	S/O	Staff	Salary	172.01
01-Dec	BT	Staff	Back Pay	290.00
	BT	HMRC	PAYE	113.00
		Total		575.01
05-Jan	S/O	Staff	Salary	172.01
06-Jan	BT	Staff	exp & WFHA	130.29
	BT	HMRC	PAYE	73.00
	BT	Berrington PC	PUMP Grant	350.00
	BT	SALC	Training	7.50
	BT	Staff	Expenses	35.99
		Total		768.79

- b) Council to ratify the payments made online by the clerk for the Parish Council. This was agreed by all members Proposed by Councillor S Shedden, seconded by Councillor C Morris and agreed by all members present.

- c) Council to accept the Bank Reconciliation for December 2020 as presented by the clerk It was agreed to accept the Bank Reconciliation as presented y the clerk Proposed by Councillor A Home-Roberts, seconded by Councillor R Trow and agreed by all members present.
- d) Council to ratify budget as set at the Finance briefing meeting held in December. The members ratified the budge set at the Finance briefing held in December Proposed by Councillor C Morris, seconded by Councillor S Shedden, and agreed by all members.
- e) Council to ratify the increase on the pay spine for the clerk as agreed at the finance briefing held in closed session in December. This was agreed by all members Proposed by councillor S Shedden, seconded by Councillor C Morris and agreed by all members present.
- f) Council to set the precept for 2021/2022 It was agreed to set the precept for the forthcoming financial year at a figure of £13,996 proposed by Councillor C Morris, seconded by Councillor S Shedden, and agreed by all members present.

13. Correspondence-this was noted.

14. Parish Matters

- Councillors to report any matters not covered on agenda for discussion only. There were no other matters to be discussed.

15. Date and time of next meeting; It was agreed that this would be held on Wednesday 10th March 2021.
Via Zoom

16. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10 pm

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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