



Atworth Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Atworth Parish Council held on
22nd April 2021 following the Annual Parish Assembly held
at 7pm via Zoom

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Attended:

Cllrs. Effie Gale-Sides (EGS) (Chairman), Penny Telling (PT), Maddy Palmer (MP), Stephen Walkden (SW), Heather Chaplin (HC), David Winnie (DW), Andrew Gooding and Richard Clark (RC) (vice-chairman)

Clerk: Vacant

Guests:

Cllrs. Phil Alford & Trevor Carbin (Wiltshire Council)

Ref. Agenda items

046/21 1. Introduction

EGS welcomed those present to the meeting.

047/21 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Kathleen Hartley (KH)

048/21 3. Declarations of Interest

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interests, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 17th September 2017

Noted that RC is chairman of the AVH charity.

049/21 4. The meeting was closed.

Questions to the Chair of the Council by Members of the Public

No members of the public joined the meeting.

Reconvene meeting

050/21 5. To Receive Reports from our partner organisations

051/21 5.1 Wiltshire Council

Cllr Alford stated that he had enjoyed coming to the Parish meetings and wished Councillors well in their new term of office. This would be his last meeting as Atworth moves back to the Bradford area.

052/21 5.2 Village Hall committee

RC gave the meeting an update on the changing room refurbishments. The meeting room has been completed with the only outstanding item being the flooring in the small hallway which is to be finished in May.

The Hall can open from 17th May but must still comply with the Covid regulations for indoor meetings. Most bookings are looking to come back after 21st June when restrictions are lifted.

RC gave his thoughts on the container application for the Recreation Ground. There has been more vandalism with the gate locks and hinges broken.

053/21 5.3 CATG report

Nothing to report

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5.4 Atworth Youth Club

No further information had been received concerning 4Youth. MP has arranged to meet members of AYC committee.

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5.5 Police report

No report had been received this evening.

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6. Planning Applications

6.1 No Planning Application this month

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7. Minutes of Previous Meeting

7.1 To consider, approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in March 2021

PT proposed and DW seconded that the minutes of the March meeting be accepted as a true record and all were in favour.

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8. Clerk's Report

8.1 Parish Steward report

"I cleared a few drains, filled a couple of potholes and sided out, cut back a hedge and painted the railings leading to Mount Pleasant. I will tackle the footway siding out more on the next visit" – Steve Wallen (Parish Steward) 30/03

8.2 Clock repairs

The clock repairer, Simon Boyd, will be attending in the next couple of weeks to undertake a repair.

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9. Finance

9.1 Approval of Payment Schedule and authorisation of cheques

Approvals for the meeting taking place in			Apr-21				
Date	Payee Name	DD/Ch q No	Net £	VAT £	Gross £	Payment Details	Approved By
	Wiltshire Council	DD	£ 2,606.18	-	£ 2,606.18	Works inv. 90374292	Retrospective approval required
	Westcotec	DD	£ 3,254.95	£ 650.99	£ 3,905.94	SID device for the village	Retrospective approval required
	IdVerde	DD	£ 310.28	£ 62.05	£ 372.33	Grounds inv. GM803009	Retrospective approval required
	Philip McMullen	DD	£ 565.12	-	£ 565.12	March Salary and Office Allowance	
	HMRC	DD	£ 141.20	-	£ 141.20	HMRC income tax for wages	
	EG / Zoom	DD	£ 11.99	£ 2.40	£ 14.39	Zoom inv.80279944	
	Atworth Village Hall	DD	£ 6,000.00		£ 6,000.00	Letter from AVH Chairman	
	EG M&S	DD	£ 1.25	£ 0.25	£ 1.50	Leaving card	
	EG ASDA	DD	£ 3.75	£ 0.75	£ 4.50	Photo frames frames X 2	
	EG ASDA	DD	£ 19.17	£ 3.83	£ 23.00	Bottles of wine - awards and gift	
	EG ALDI	DD	£ 4.16	£ 0.83	£ 4.99	Flowers for awards	
	WALC	DD	£ 410.20	£ 82.04	£ 492.24	SUBS 21/2 -10	
	AES Services Ltd	DD	£ 275.00	£ 55.00	£ 330.00	Moving yellow grit bin	INV 5086
	IdVerde	DD	£ 310.28	£ 62.05	£ 372.33	Grounds inv. GM805549	
	Newsquest	DD	£ 425.00	£ 85.00	£ 510.00	Wiltshire Times Job Advert	DD

AG proposed, HC seconded and all were in favour of the Approvals list being signed off.

9.2 Approval to accept Budget Monitoring Statement for the year end 2020/21

Atworth Parish Budget Monitoring 2020/21				
March 2021				
	Annual Budget	Spend to date	Balance Remaining	CODE
<u>Expenditure</u>	£	£	£	
CLERKS SALARY	5,600	6,750	(1,150)	4000
CLERK'S OFFICE EXPENSES	560	675	(115)	4005
WI VILLAGE CLEAN & TIDY	580	576	4	4010
GENERAL ADMIN	500	634	(134)	4020
INSURANCE	4,300	3,257	1,043	4030
WALC	500	408	92	4050
SLCC	50	44	6	4052
BENCHES	3,800	1,062	2,738	4065
SID DEPLOYMENT	400	-	400	4070
VILLAGE MAINTENANCE	1,700	82	1,618	4100
AUDIT FEES	300	275	25	4157
VILLAGE HALL RATES	135	-	309	4200
REC RATES	170	174	(4)	4201
VILLAGE HALL	6,000	6,000	0	4203
WATER RATES	145	146	(1)	4205
GRASS CUTTING	4,500	3,723	777	4215
ARMISTICE WREATH (S.137*)	20	17	3	4250
YOUTH CLUB RENT	30	25	5	4261
PRESENTATIONS	100	50	50	4265
HIGHWAYS WORK	5,000	5,861	(861)	4300
COMMUNITY RESILIENCE EQUIPMENT	450	-	450	4320
INFORMATION BOARDS	3,000	81	2,919	4331
TREE PLANTING AND WILDINGS	2,000	2,725	(725)	4332
NOTICE BOARDS	0	-	0	4335
VILLAGE ENHANCEMENTS	1,250	1,716	(466)	4336
CLOCK TOWER	0	-	0	4337
VAT on payments	0	1,348	(1,348)	515
TAX deductions on payments		60		120
Total Expenditure	41,090	35,515	5,635	
<u>Income</u>	£	£	£	
PRECEPT	28,328	28,328	-	1176
B/F from existing balances	12,762		12,762	1180
HMRC				120
VAT				115
Total Income	41,090	28,328	12,762	
Net Expenditure	-	7,187	(7,127)	
Balance Brought Forward	24,378			
Current Balance (Cashbook)	17,191			
Current Balance (Deposit A/c)	-			
-Current Balance (Bank)	17,192			
=Unpresented cheques	£1			
ring-fenced funds				
Defibrillator	554			
QUEENS LONGEST REIGN PLAQUE	1,000			
VILLAGE ENHANCEMENTS	500			
Funeral Bier	50			
	2,104			

DW proposed MP seconded and all were in favour that the budget monitor was adopted as a true record.

060/21 10. Agenda Items

10.1 HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Atworth Parish Council put on record that "It was with great sadness that we have learnt of the death of HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh. The Union flag had been lowered to half-mast at our Clocktower as a mark of respect. We mourned his loss. We are thankful for his life and work, and our thoughts are with his family at this sad time".

AG proposed, HC seconded, and all were in favour.

10.2 **Parish Clerk vacancy**

EGS updated the Councillors on the steps taken and where the vacancy had been advertised.

10.3 **Flowers for planters at the Clocktower**

Veronica Goodenough, Atworth garden designer, has been asked to plant flowers in the new planters at the Clocktower. Invoice awaited after planting.

10.4 **WALC Subscription**

It was agreed to join for a further year to provide assistance to the new Council.

10.5 **Traffic update**

The SID will be delivered by Westcotec before the end of April.
There appears to be an increase in the number of lorries through the village and SW reported that there are regular fast lorries coming through at approx. 3am.

10.6 **Section of stone at the base of the clocktower**

No replies have been received from three local stonemasons to undertake the repair.
SW to contact a resident to ascertain if he could undertake the repair.

HC proposed, RC seconded, and all were in favour.

10.7 **Verges.**

A Section 90 agreement is required to be signed and put in place with Wiltshire Council to cover the verges where small trees and whips have been planted. Wiltshire Council will no longer be responsible for maintaining these areas.

RC proposed, HC seconded, and all were in favour.

10.8 **Unacceptable behaviour in Atworth.**

A notice had been prepared listing all the areas of vandalism that had occurred over the past month. Suggested that this be put on Facebook, notice boards and forwarded to the Police.

SW proposed, PT seconded, and all were in favour.

061/21 **11. Correspondence**

11.1 Replacement of bench at the entrance to Mead Park

A resident had requested that this bench be replaced as it was well used by residents.
Agreed this will be on the agenda for the May Council meeting

11.2 Allotments

A request had been received for an allotment in Atworth, however the Parish Council does not have any.

11.3 Signage at entrance to Mount Pleasant.

It had been pointed out that a sign was missing at Purlpit. Steve Wallen, Parish Steward, had been asked about the “No cycling, No horses” sign. There had been no reply.

11.4 Studley Farm – Solar Application, Alpaca Communications

A date had been requested to set a date for a meeting between Enso Energy and Councillors to answer any questions that Councillors or the community might have. Agreed this will be on the agenda for the May Council meeting

11.5 Horse Chestnut tree planting enquiry

An enquiry was made on behalf of a child to plant a Horse chestnut grown from a seed. The Parish Council owns no suitable land. Village Hall trustees to consider this request.

062/21 12. Councillor’s Announcements

12.1 EGS was thanked for her past work and for easing new Councillors through the transition period.

063/21 13. Date of the Next Meeting of Atworth Parish Council

13.1 The next meeting will take place on **19th May 2021** at 7.00pm. This will be the first meeting of the new Parish Council and its AGM. The meeting will be held in person with social distancing measures in the Village Hall.

Signed.....

Date

