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**Minutes of a Meeting of Atworth Parish Council
held on 19th May 2021 at 7 p.m. in Atworth Village Hall**

Attended: Cllrs David Winnie (DW), Stephen Walkden(SW), Andrew Gooding(AG),
Maddy Palmer(MP), Penny Telling(PT)

Clerk – vacant

Guests: Trevor Carbin (TC) (Wiltshire Council)
Plus three members of the public

Ref: Agenda Items

- 064/21 1. Welcome & Apologies**
DW welcomed those present to the meeting. There were no apologies for absence.
- 065/21 Signature of Declarations of Acceptance of Office**
Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms were signed by all Councillors and witnessed. These were collected to be passed on to the new Parish Clerk.
- 066/21 Election of Chairman**
David Winnie was proposed as Chairman by AG and seconded by PT and he confirmed that he is willing to stand. All were in favour and DW was confirmed in post.
- 067/21 Election of Vice Chairman**
SW was proposed as Vice Chairman by DW and seconded by MP and he confirmed that he is willing to stand. All were in favour and SW was confirmed in post.

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Closure of meeting for public participation

(This provides an opportunity for members of the public to raise questions about and comments on items which are on the agenda)

Heather Chaplain, who attended the meeting as a member of the public, said that she knows a stonemason who may be willing to undertake the repair to the stonework on the clock tower. She offered to contact him to see if he was interested and to obtain a quote for the work. This offer was gratefully accepted.

There were no other questions from the public.

The meeting was re-convened.

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Report on recruitment of a new Parish Clerk

DW reported that we had received five applications for the post and that interviews of three candidates had taken place. The post has been offered verbally to Georgina Berry, who has accepted subject to contract. Ms Berry is currently also serving as Parish Clerk to Broughton Gifford Parish Council and her extensive experience made her the ideal candidate.

PT proposed and SW seconded that we proceed with a formal contract of employment with a start date of 24th May 2021.

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Representative Nominations

To allocate councillors to the following:

Village Hall – MP
CATG & Traffic - PT
Youth Club – MP
Personnel & Finance – DW
Planning – MP
Communications – SW
Village Improvements & Maintenance – AG

The above nominations were proposed by AG and seconded by MP and all were in favour.

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Approval of Previous Minutes

SW proposed and PT seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd April 2021 be accepted as a true record and all were in favour.

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Agenda Items 9 to 12

It was agreed that agenda items 9 to 12 would be deferred until the June meeting, by which time...

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Councillors' Announcements (AOB)

- a) SW reported that there had been some damage to the Perspex covers of the bus timetables at the bus shelters. He will contact Faresaver to ask for them to be repaired.
- b) SW will also contact our CPO to report on the incidents of misbehaviour experienced over recent weeks, resulting in some minor damage.
- c) MP is arranging a preliminary meeting with the PR representatives of Enso Energy regarding the planned solar installation at Studley Farm.
- d) TC agreed to press the Highways Engineer for an early date to attend an on-site meeting to assess the traffic situation in the village and discuss possible solutions.
- e) Meeting dates for the rest of 2021 will be confirmed as soon as discussions have been held with the new Parish Clerk.

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Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed.