



Minutes of a meeting of Atcham Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 7.30pm in Atcham Memorial Hall

24/081 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Cllrs Keith Daley (Chairman), Simon Adney, Stephen Cook, Gareth Jones, Martin Ruston.

Apologies: Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Laura Dixon and Rob Trow.

Clerk: Alison Utting

Also: SC Cllr Claire Wild, 1 representative of Brunning & Price, and 4 members of the public (most left after item 24/085).

24/082 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

24/083 MINUTES - It was resolved that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 11th September 2024 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

24/084 PROGRESS REPORT

a) Road safety measures at Emstrey Bank

A follow-up meeting was held on 4th November between representatives of the parish council, police, Shropshire Council (Traffic Engineering), and Salop Leisure. Temporary 'No Overtaking' signs are to be replaced with permanent signage within the next few weeks. Shropshire Council is awaiting the quotation from Keir for double solid white 'no overtaking' lines from the roundabout to just past the Salop Leisure entrance. If all is agreeable, this could be in place by the spring. Reduction of speed limits is to be considered as part of a wider consultation next year. A request has been submitted to put Emstrey Bank on the high priority list for speed monitoring by West Mercia Police. The police would also welcome any reports from civilian drivers with webcam footage of events they consider to be dangerous. Reports can be submitted via the WMP website and can lead to successful prosecutions.

b) **Mytton & Mermaid extra car park**

Following the public consultation there were one or two improvements to the scheme which have been worked on. A Car Park Management Plan and Flood Plan will form part of the planning submission, which B&P hope to submit within the next few weeks. Once the planning application is published by Shropshire Council, anyone can submit responses via the online Planning Portal and the Parish Council will consider its response at its next public meeting.

A new parking attendant has been recruited to replace one who left.

Re flooding: B&P also reported that they have checked all their drains but that there is a big blockage on the B4380 which will have to be cleared by Shropshire Council because of the busy road. B&P contractors have reported this to SC.

c) **Parking restriction road markings**

The formal application for the TRO (double yellow lines and no parking in bus laybys) will be published in the newspaper soon, with a response period of 3 weeks. If there are any negative or controversial responses, a further 12-week consultation process will become necessary. Otherwise, work should go ahead fairly soon. The H-bar markings and some white line replacements are queued with Shropshire Council highways and will be progressed as soon as contracts allow.

d) **Planters and grass mound** - Winter planting has been done, with thanks to Love Plants at Salop Leisure for the donated plants. No update on the grass mound.

e) **Replacement notice board** -This is now in situ, with thanks to Brunning & Price for donating and installing. Cllr Ruston agreed to be the keyholder and put up notices as needed.

f) **Removal of vegetation from the outside of the Old Bridge** -This has been done by a Councillor.

g) **Road repairs and white line replacement** -In SC schedule for next year. Clerk has emphasised urgency of white line replacement at St Eata's Lane junction. CW believes this is queued with the TRO road marking.

h) **Change of website and email (to gov.uk)** -The current provider is offering update to gov.uk at no extra charge (£9.99 per month). The £100 government grant is still currently available (30% of grant fund remaining). The provider can

set up gov.uk email accounts for Cllrs and Clerk at an ongoing cost of £17.49 per month. It was agreed that the Clerk should progress both the website change and the email accounts.

- i) **Change of bank** - The online application has been completed but cannot be processed until the signature form is sent. Signatories to provide this before Christmas. Lloyds charging takes effect from mid-January.

24/085 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION - Some details of the TRO process were clarified at a resident's request.

24/086 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Claire Wild confirmed that she had been in communication with the Planning Consultants regarding the car park application. They are optimistic that the full application will be submitted within the next few days.

24/087 ANY OTHER REPORTS

- a) SALC – New Chief Officer appointed (Chris Mellings)
- b) Police – Policing priorities for Atcham have been updated as follows:
 1. Road traffic collisions (Emstrey)
 2. Other traffic offences (dangerous/inconsiderate parking)
 3. Speeding (40mph zone)

24/088 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Changes affecting Atcham will be implemented on 1st April 2025. The Sovereign Park development (which lies to the north of the A5) will no longer be part of Atcham parish but will become part of Sutton & Rea Brook, for election and parish council purposes. This will also affect the parish precept.

24/089 PLANNING

- a) There were no new **planning applications** received in advance of this meeting.
- b) There were no new **planning decisions** published in advance of this meeting.
- c) It was noted that the inspectors have halted their examination of the Shropshire Local Plan. More details will be made available in December.

24/090 POLICIES

It was resolved to adopt the new Financial Regulations (based on NALC model document published May 2024)

24/091 PLACE PLAN

The current Place Plan has the following priorities listed for Atcham:

1021 Quiet Lane from Cross Houses to Atcham (passing places, signage, etc.)

1022 Road safety markings in Atcham village (B4380, to deter speeding)

1024 Traffic calming and junction improvements (Malthouse Lane/B4380)

1036 Parking restrictions (junctions, bus laybys, access) – in progress.

(1029 Replacement of streetlights on Atcham Bridge (partly completed) has now become part of maintenance schedule and removed from the Place Plan.)

It was resolved that these be retained and the following priorities added:

- a) Road safety improvements at Emstrey Bank (double white lines, signage to prevent overtaking) – in progress.
- b) 40mph speed restriction from Emstrey Island to Emstrey Farm, possibly all the way to Atcham village perimeter.
- c) 30mph speed restriction in Atcham village (current 40mph zone)

24/092 MAINTENANCE MATTERS

- a) **White markers (The Glebe)** - It was resolved to install additional white markers to prevent vehicles parking on the grass splay at the entrance to The Glebe, at a total cost of £424.58. To be carried out by grounds contractor. Prop: MR, Sec: SC, unanimous.
- b) **Defibrillator** – It was agreed that Cllr Daley be trained in maintenance and reporting.

24/093 FINANCE

- a) Council noted the following **payments** made since the last meeting:

Amount	Details	Power to spend
331.80	Clerk's salary (Oct)	LGA 1972 s112
76.40	PAYE (month 7)	LGA 1972 s112
11.99	Website fee	LGA 1972 s142

Council agreed to make the following **payments**:

Amount	Details	Power to spend
443.36	Clerk's salary (Nov + backdated pay award)	LGA 1972 s112
67.40	Clerk's expenses	LGA 1972 s112
104.20	PAYE (month 8)	LGA 1972 s112
11.99	Website fee	LGA 1972 s142

The following receipts were noted: £28.94 bank interest.

- b) Council approved the **accounts** and **bank reconciliation** to date.
- c) There were no suggestions for the **annual budget**.

24/094 PARISH MATTERS

Saturday 30th November Christmas Craft Fair at the Malthouse.

The footpath between Emstrey and Atcham is getting very overgrown again in places. Cllrs/residents to report on FixMyStreet.

24/095 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) NHS Shropshire., Telford & Wrekin – myrecovery app (for muscle and joint pain). Videos and articles to help you understand, manage and improve your condition; Tailored exercise programmes; Information about local services and how to access them, etc.
- b) Shropshire Council/Veolia – £1000 grants available to community groups and projects.
- c) HM Government is going to consult on remote/hybrid meetings (consultation underway), reintroducing effective sanctions, and removing the legal requirement to publish councillors' addresses.
- d) Shropshire Council – new dog fouling signs available. Trying to find out prices.
- e) Shropshire Council – discussions on 'partnering' with PCs no longer taking place.
- f) Scheduled road closure: BURNT TREE COTTAGE JUNCTION WITH A458 TO JUNCTION SOUTH OF B4380 ATCHAM BRIDGE 10th December 9am - 5pm (tree cutting to maintain electrical network).

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 7.30pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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