Atworth Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, 17 July, 2013

Attending: Cllrs, Effie Gale-Sides, Maureen Weston, Charles Boyle, Alan Bagnell, Ruth Griffin, Ros Cooper, Juliette de Malpas-Player, Arnold Snowball
Cllr Terry Chivers – Unitary Member
Mitch Roberts – Parish Clerk
PCSO Rose Baldock
8 members of the public

Cllr Effie Gale-Sides had advised that she would be late arriving. The meeting was chaired by Cllr Maureen Weston

1 Apologies – Cllr Willliam Bird, PC Barry Dalton

2 Minutes

To approve and sign the minutes, of the May 2013, Atworth Parish Council Meeting. (The Annual Meeting)

Resolution to approve the minutes. Charles Boyle, Ros Cooper

3 Declarations of Interest - None

4 Presentation – Certificate of Thanks to Stephen Clark. This was carried out prior to the meeting, as Stephen had other commitments.

5 Formal closure of the meeting – at this point Cllr Effie Gale-Sides arrived and chaired the meeting.

6 Public Question Time – There were none**.**

7 Reconvene the meeting

8 Police Report – this was brought forward, to permit PCSO Baldock's early departure.

- There was a 2 vehicle RTC at the Stonar School crossroads on 17th June in the morning which led to the roads being closed for some time. Fire, ambulance and the Police helicopter were all in attendance and a female driver was cut from the wreck of one of the cars. Her injuries were not believed to have been as serious as first thought. PCSO Ledbury had liaised with the landowners following this incident in order to get the grass verges cut back improving the visibility.
- We have taken a few reports of young persons in and around the Atworth Industrial estate climbing up on to the roof of business premises and acting in an anti-social manner. This is a dangerous thing for anyone to do and we would urge the children not to go up there.

- We have had a report of the theft of saddle stones from nearby Ganbrook Farm on the Holt road. Those committing these rural crimes are operating in your area so we ask everyone to keep an eye out and report anything suspicious.

9 **`ATAG Report –** Ken Spencer provided an update, which is attached at appendix A.

A discussion followed, with the following decision being made,

- The Parish Council supported the objective to request CATG to consider double white lining of the A365 to the west of the village
- The Parish Council also supported the objective to make the existing pedestrian crossing safer, by making the crossing pedestrian enabled and extending the zigzags. CATG to consider this also.
- It was also decided that ATAG and the Parish Council should meet with Terry Chivers, to discuss the other objectives within the ATAG report.
  Meeting scheduled for 29th July at 5pm.

Resolution regarding these decisions made Juliette de Malpas-Player and Ros Cooper

10 Matters Arising

- Youth Club Lease Renewal – LANDLORDS FEE (£540) requested and paid. Renewal in progress.
- Queens Diamond Jubilee – Time Capsule – Final request for contents made. Burial site and date now required – Plaque to be fixed at the clock tower and the media should be invited to attend, as should local school children. **ACTION PARISH CLERK**
- Civil Emergency Response Plan Update– local councils are also updating theirs – awaiting sight of those. **ACTION PARISH CLERK**
- School Travel Plan Review – now complete and comparison carried out with the 2007 exercise. Steven Bennet, Churchfields Head, is supportive of the need to 'make safe' the pedestrian crossing and also the need to address the narrow pavements issue.
- Parish Plan Review – Charles Boyle asked if this could be delayed, to accommodate the presence of John Polhill, who chaired the original steering group.
- Village gateways – generally good feedback, also from adjacent villages. NPTC follow up checks should provide evidence for further action, if required
- Speed Watch Constraints – Police Commissioner Presentation, Sep 16th. ATAG will attend and update the parish Council accordingly.
- Telephone Box Adoption – in progress – BT now ask Wiltshire Council for their consent, followed by a 90 day consultation period.

11 Agenda Items

- Financial Audits – internal complete, external in progress
- Pedestrian Crossing Safety Aspects – the findings/feedback package, can now be shown to our unitary member, who can make sure that the issue is seriously considered by CATG and the Area Board. **ACTION PARISH CLERK**
- Copse of Pines – Ownership Aspect – Stuart Renfrew, Wiltshire Council, has now acknowledged that the site is owned by Wiltshire Council. He has advised that they are willing to transfer the site as a village asset. Charles Boyle asked if a sum of money could be levered in from Wiltshire Council to assist the Parish Council in raising the standard of the copse. **ACTION PARISH CLERK**
- Community Safety Meetings – Atworth representative required. The Parish Clerk will attend.
- Parking for Village Hall and Rec users – Leafield Marine, at the Dowty site, have agreed to let us use their car parking facilities, at the weekends and evenings.
- Councillor Surgeries Proposal – It was agreed that Effie Gale-Sides, Terry Chivers and the Parish Clerk would make themselves available, on the third Wednesday of every other month, i.e. alternating with scheduled full council meetings. Venue is the village hall and timings are 7-8pm. **ACTION PARISH CLERK**
  Resolution Maureen Weston and Ruth Griffin
- Coronation Rd – Dead Tree – consent requested for felling
- Rec – Play equipment – Underinsured
  Resolution required to increase the insurance premium by £266.91 – Maureen Weston and Ros Cooper

12 Correspondence

- Post Office Lane – Junction with Bath Rd – Car parking issues
- Wiltshire Council - Grass cutting contract difficulties
- Over 55's – Letter of Thanks. It was made clear that this was a one off grant, to cover the hire of the hall.
- Holt – Designated Neighbourhood Area

13 Planning Applications

Reference	Application details
W/13/01087	Single storey rear extension 8 Chapel Rise, Atworth

14 Authorisation of Cheques

- 000898 540.00 Youth club lease – landlord's costs

- 000899 30.00 WI Refreshments – Annual Parish Meeting
- 000900 28.80 Village Hall Sign
- 000901 1515.53 Village Hall Insurance
- 000902 108.00 Councillor Training
- 000903 150.00 Tea Parties Grant
- 000904 95.70 Grass cutting contract
- 000905 1782.54 Clerk's salary – 3 months
- 000906 318.24 HMRC – tax on salary
- 000907 24.00 Get Mapping License

Resolution required to approve these cheques
Arnold Snowball and Charles Boyle

15 Financial Statement – May 31, 2013

Bank Balances

Current Account – Barclays	5799.77	
Deposit Account – Santander	6025.06	

Add monies owed to Council

VAT Refund Due	94.21	
Monies banked but not shown	12.00	11931.04

Deduct monies owed by Council

Cheques not yet cashed.		
000902 – 000907 inclusive	2478.48	

Total Current Net Cash Assets **9452.56**

Fixed Assets

5 Bus Shelters	13261
7 Wooden Seats	2483
Funeral Bier	1707
Youth Club Premises	268421
War Memorial	43000

Resolution to accept the financial statement
Maureen Weston and Charles Boyle

16 Any Other Business

- Zig Zag bus service – Terry Chivers advised that the consultation period ends on Aug 2nd

- Past elected members need to be thanked for their contribution, via the village magazine. **ACTION PARISH CLERK**

17 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at Chalfield Manor, on Sep 18, 2013
Invitations to visit the facilities prior to the meeting, will follow with agenda.

Date 19 July, 2013 **Signed.** *Mitch Roberts* Parish Clerk

Appendix A

ATAG Report to Atworth Parish Council - 17th July 2013

This report is in response to the Atworth Parish Council request for the same, as received from the Parish Clerk on the 1st July 2013.

1. Village Gates and Road Markings

The installation of the village gates and of the improved road markings on the western A365 out of and into Atworth have no doubt improved the behaviour of drivers who take note of these features of the road.
However, ATAG have received many reports from the more careful and law-abiding drivers who pass through, and live in, the village, complaining of incidents of serious risk-taking in overtaking along this stretch of road. And regrettable though it may be, it is plain that the new road markings have not resolved the problems which they were intended to address. In fact one can watch that part of the road for only a short time before one of these examples dangerous of driving will be seen.
However well-intentioned, road hatching as an indicator to encourage driver safety, does not have the force of the law which applies to double-white lines (DWLs) - far more drivers drivers will respect DWLs than the hatchings. Therefore ATAG will persist in its campaign for DWLs along that stretch. We know that this stretch, and the stretch by the two bends near the keeper's cottage, meet the DfT indicators for double-white lines, and that now, the highways department acknowledge this fact. ATAG reminds the council that in July 2012 it voted unaminously to support the provision of DWLs at these points.

2. Pavement Widths

ATAG has seen the comments raised by parents of children who walk along the A365 to and from school, pursuant to the review of the School Travel Plan. On the 19th June 2013, four members of ATAG's Organising Committee measured the pavement widths and found 7 points where the width was significantly less than one metre. It is very unpleasant and unsafe for mothers with young children walking to school. ATAG wishes the parish council to lend its support to correcting this deficiency.

3. Pedestrian Crossing

ATAG has read the report by Gary Ashton, in which the crossing is declared as "… *currently operating satisfactorily*." ATAG utterly and absolutely rejects this conclusion and will campaign for proper pedestrian operated lighting to control the crossing. ATAG wishes the parish council to support this view.

4. The County Substantive Highway Scheme Budget

Following the county's traffic grant increase to £m4.3, it has boosted the Area Board's Substantive Highway Schemes Budget this year from £100,000 to £250,000. Bids are currently invited. ATAG wishes that the parish council should instruct its traffic issues representatives to pursue the following in the CATG on behalf of Atworth residents:
- widening of Atworth's pavements, whilst protecting resident's boundaries, at the points noted by ATAG ;

- provision of pedestrian controlled lights at the crossing;
- installation of double-white lines on the western approach of the A365, after the required study;
- provision of chicanes as traffic calming measures at the eastern and the western ends of the A365.

On Behalf of the ATAG Organising Committee, July 2013