Minutes of the ordinary Council Meeting of Atworth Parish Council held on Wednesday 16th March 2022 at 6:30pm in the village hall.

Present: Cllrs Gooding, Palmer, and Snowball
In attendance: Georgina Berry – Parish Clerk, Trevor Carbin - Wiltshire councillor, and three members of the public

160/21 **Preliminaries:**

a. **Apologies:** Cllr Winnie and Cllr Telling
b. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Snowball declared an interest as a Village Hall Committee member

161/21 **Public Participation:**

In line with the councils Standing Orders Public speaking time is restricted to 15 minutes.

Previous Chair Effie Gale-Sides addressed the council in regard to the information board project that was started 2 years ago. The Atworth history board and Footpath maps. There was discussion around improvements or amendments to the drafts. These would be anticipated as the final drafts. ***Action:*** *As a courtesy EGS will drop a proof through the doors of the houses that will feature on the boards.*

152/21 **Reports from partner organisations**

a. **Wiltshire councillor:** Cllr Carbin reported that Wiltshire Council had set its budget. There will be 3% rise but of that 1% is a social care levy. Cllr Carbin reported that he attended the Western Area Planning Committee meeting and that application PL/2021/05520 (Unit 8 Atworth Business Park) was permitted with 11 conditions.
b. **Village Hall Committee:** Richard Clark's report was presented to the council.
c. **Youth Club:** Cllr Palmer updated the council on the lease update. The council were aware that it would be required to pay the legal fees for amending the lease. They have now been quoted £1250 +VAT.

153/21 **Previous meeting minutes:**

a. Minutes of the January 19th 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting ***Resolved:*** *The minutes of this meeting were formally, unanimously, approved by the council were signed by the chairman as a correct record.*

154/21 **Finance**

a. **Receipts** - noted
b. **Invoices for payment:** the following invoices were approved for payment

AUTHORITY	DESCRIPTION	£
HA 1980 S.96	Grounds maintenance	372.33
LG(FP)A 1963 S.5	EE – Clerk mobile phone	19.20
LGA 1972 S 112(2)	Salary & WFH allowance	481.88
LGA 1972 S 112(2)	Tax & NI	106.80

c. **Budget Monitoring:** the January statement was noted and approved

155/21 **Planning:** *There were no planning applications received.*

156/21 **Highways, Footways, and Footpaths:**

a. CATG meeting minutes: Cllr Palmer reported back from the CATG meeting. The 20mph survey will be completed but the CATG aren't able to confirm when. The same goes for the moving of the roundabout on the Bath Road and the kerb dropping scheme. The requested 'slow' sign outside snapdragons is unlikely to be funded by the council as it doesn't meet the requirements of Wiltshire council. These are all ongoing projects
b. Cllr Palmer highlighted that she had been made aware of Auto Speedwatch cameras: ***Action:*** *MP will research these and report her findings back to the council*
c. The council thanked Cllr Carbin for his efforts in the village survey. He reported that he is still working on the analysis of the findings but that he will report to the council when he concludes the work.

157/21 **Parish maintenance:**

a. **Parish steward:** The council had no new jobs for the steward
b. **Tree planting scheme:** Cllr Snowball sent round a draft flyer. The council approved the cost of £90 to print 500 of them. ***Action:*** *The clerk will proof-read the flyer before it is sent for printing.*
c. **Mead Park bench:** Cllr Winnie reported that the bench will be back in place by the end of February
d. **Brick bus shelter:** the shelter at the East end of the village. Cllr Snowball has replaced the glass and will claim £34 in expenses.
e. **Tree felling on the Rec:** As the Village hall representative Cllr Snowball asked the council if they would consider contributing towards the £3,000 cost the village hall committee has faced in removing the ash trees with dieback. The council were clear that it would not be in a position to contribute this year as the budget has already been agreed and they precept applied for. The council also mentioned that it would not be able to contribute in the future without a business plan or properly drawn up case from the village hall.
f. **Interpretation boards:** See public participation

158/21 **Clerks report:**

a. **Policy review:**
   Financial regulations: ***Action:*** *the clerk will draft an updated copy for the next meeting*
   Notice board policy: ***Approved***
   Pre-application meeting with developers' policy: ***Action:*** *MP will review for the next meeting*
b. The councillor actions list was reviewed. Most jobs are still ongoing.
c. Cllr Snowball told the council of his plans for a village Jubilee celebration. Cllr Snowball is putting together a committee and members of the council volunteered to join it. The council were grateful to Cllr Snowball for his efforts to celebrate the jubilee.

159/21 **Date of next meeting:**

a. Wednesday 16th March 2022 – Ordinary Council meeting – to be held in the village hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 20:20.