

ASTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Astley Parish Council on Wednesday 17th June at 7.30pm. (Remote Meeting using Zoom)

PRESENT

Councillors K Lloyd (Chair), E Bedell, S Robinson, M Colclough

Also Present:

Gail Power (Locum Clerk), Cllr Lezley Picton, Shropshire Council

1. **APOLOGIES** None were received.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** None.
3. **MINUTES OF MEETING 18th MARCH 2020**
RESOLVED: Minutes resolved as a true record.
4. **MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING 21st May 2020**
RESOLVED: . Minutes resolved as a true record. It was noted that the Agenda Item date for the meeting had been incorrect (15th April 2020), that the meeting date was 21st May 2020.
5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Councillor Lezley Picton was invited to give an update to the council. Cllr Picton informed the council that as well as usual business working, she was involved in two groups that Shropshire Council have set up with multi-agencies – economic growth recovery and a social task force group. The economic group will look at how to support local economy and businesses during the recession, the social task group will look at issues which will include housing. Cllr Picton said that she is also involved with plans for re-opening of facilities which included leisure centres and museums but added that Market Halls may not be re-opening until next year.

Cllr Picton gave apologies again to the Council, that verges in Astley had recently been sprayed with weed killer, when only weeds on the pavements should have been sprayed. Unfortunately, in spraying the verges, flowers that had been planted had been killed. The Chairman asked Cllr Picton if she could let the council know what weed killer had been used as the flowers had died quickly. Cllr Picton confirmed that she would find this out and let the council know.

The Chairman referred to recent heavy rainfall and said that the drains on Astley Lane had not coped with the heavy rain and had become blocked, causing some flooding. Cllr Picton said that she would report this back to Shropshire Council, Cllr Picton suggested that the Parish Council also report this to Shropshire Council.
6. **OFFICIAL AND PARISH MATTER**
 - 6.1 **Locum Clerk** To approve extension of Locum Clerk Contract of Employment for 3 months, 1st June 2020 to 31st August 2020.
RESOLVED: Approved
 - 6.2 **Internal Audit Report** To note Internal Audit Report for 2019-20.
RESOLVED: Noted.

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6.3 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) To approve:

- a. Certificate of Exemption
Resolved: Approved
- b. Annual Governance Statement 2019/20
RESOLVED: Approved
- c. Accounting Statements 2019/20
RESOLVED Approved
- d. Analysis of Variances
RESOLVED: Approved
- e. Bank Reconciliation
RESOLVED: Approved
- f. Notice of the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights
RESOLVED: Approved

6.4 SALC Affiliation Fees 2020-21 (Shropshire Association of Local Councils) To approve renewal of membership fee £237.66 for 2020-21.

RESOLVED: Renewal of membership was approved.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7.1 Reference: 20/02185/OUT (validated: 05/06/2020)

Address: Proposed Dwelling East Of The Dog In The Lane, Astley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Proposal: Outline application (access for consideration) for the erection of one dwelling to include amendments to existing vehicular access and the removal of trees.

RESOLVED: Object on the grounds:

1. **Not within the Parish Plan of open countryside.**
2. **Access to and from the A53 would be exceptionally dangerous due to the blind bend.**

8. PARISH ACCOUNTS

8.1 Receipts To note receipts:
£6,736 – 24.4.2020, Shropshire Council – Precept
RESOLVED: Noted.

8.2 Payments To note following payments:
Chq no. 549 - £368.10, Came & Co – Insurance renewal 2020-21
Chq no. 550 - £63.40, HMRC – Tax, Locum Clerk salary May 2020
Chq no 551 - £262.20, Locum Clerk Salary and home working allowance May 2020
RESOLVED: Noted.

8.3 Payments To approve:

- 8.3a. Chq no. 552 - £237.66 – SALC, renewal of affiliation fees 2020-21 (subject to approval minute ref 6.4)
 - 8.3b Chq no. 553 - £135.00 SHD Accounting, Internal Audit fee
 - 8.3c Chq no 554 - £271,80 Gail Power, Locum Clerk salary and home working allowance June
 - 8.3d Chq no 555 - £63.40 HMRC, Tax – Locum Clerk salary June 2020
- RESOLVED: All payments approved.**

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

15th July 2020. This will be a remote meeting unless government guidance permits gatherings inside.

The meeting was closed at 8.10pm.

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