

Wednesday 18 September 2019
MINUTES

PRESENT at Astley Parish Council meeting held at 7.30pm in ASTLEY VILLAGE HALL:-
Parish Councillors: Cllr Bedell (Chair), Cllr Colclough, Cllr Prinold, Cllr Robinson, and Andrea Gabbitas (clerk)

Also in attendance: Shropshire Councillor Lezley Picton, Corporal Sarah Hodson and two members of the public.

1. OPEN FORUM

1.1. Astley village residents had reported that farmers had spread chicken manure on some of the nicer weekend evenings of the year. The rule is that manure has to be cultivated within 24 hours of being spread, and this rule appears to have been properly followed. Overall it was agreed that this is a downside of living in the countryside, and there is little that can be done.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr Lloyd, Cllr Galliers and Cllr Wheeler.

3. **Declaration of interest** *Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting, and which is not included in the Register of Interests. Declaration of any interest in a matter that may result in bias. An interest may be declared at any time during the meeting. No interests were declared.*

4. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 17 July 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

5. **Updates**

5.1 Councillor Picton, Shropshire Council provided an update on the following points:

- Steven Brown of Shropshire Council had responded to the letter about highways matters and road safety in the Parish area. The response explains that the Council is unable to address traffic calming measures unless police say that there is a significant safety concern, which is not the case in Astley. Other concerns are classed as community concerns, and resources are not available to address these.
- Occasionally, additional funds become available mid-year. It may be worth the Parish Council articulating in a concise document the traffic calming measure it would like to see. This could then be submitted if such a fund were to become available (eg a gated entrance to the parish area). This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- If there are still potholes, these should be reported on 'My Shropshire', and they should be re-reported if not repaired.
- Cllr Picton confirmed that the new relief road should not impact on Astley Parish as it is on the other side of Shrewsbury.

5.2 Corporal Sarah Hodson of RAF Shawbury was available to answer questions, but did not have any particular matters to report.

6. **Official and parish matters**

6.1 Parish Plan and Place Plan: This item considered both the Astley Parish Plan, and the Shropshire Place Plan. No further representations or comments were made on the Astley Parish Plan, which has been reviewed this year. With regard to the Shropshire Place Plan, a few small amendments to the text were suggested, and the Clerk will send these to Shropshire Council.

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6.2 Defibrillator for Bings Heath: Cllr Bedell has done some preliminary research. The Ambulance Service has recommended a local supplier, who is able to supply the recommended unit and cabinet for a total cost of £1450. The first step is to identify potential sites. Cllr Bedell will consider this and report to the next meeting.

7. Progress report

7.1 New sign for defibrillator – this has not yet been completed.

7.2 Update on website development – none reported.

7.3 Response to petition re speeding on A53/Upper Astley and letter to Mr Steven Brown, Shropshire Council – discussed earlier in the meeting.

7.4 Letters were sent to Astley House and also Church Farm, as agreed at the last meeting of the Parish council, asking for attention to be given to the hedgerows and trees adjoining the public road.

8. Planning applications

8.1 Planning decisions notified to the Parish Council: None received.

8.2 Planning applications or decisions received after circulation of the agenda:

16 Astley Court, Proposal: Alleviate end loading weight on over-extend branches by up to 25% (spread only) for 1 Sorbus tree. The Parish Council has no objection to this application.

9. PARISH ACCOUNTS Meeting 1900 Date:18/09/19

9.1 Cheque 514 A Gabbitas (Clerk's salary August/Sept)	412.9
9.2 Cheque 515 HMRC (tax re Clerk's salary)	103.2
9.3 Cheque 516 A Gabbitas (Home working allowance)	54
9.4 Cheque 517 Eon Energy (lighting maintenance)	69.36
9.5 Cheque 518 JT &AR Frank (bus stop maintenance)	90
9.6 Cheque 519 Astley Village Hall (Room Hire)	45

(Cheques were signed by Cllr Bedell and Cllr Colclough).

10. Correspondence

10.1 Message from Office of the Police and Crime offering a meeting to discuss publicity and sharing information from the PCCs office – meeting will take place on 4 October

11. Extra information and items for future agenda

None received.

12. Reports from meetings & training

None received.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 16 October, 7.30 pm at Astley Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

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