

Wednesday 17 April 2019  
MINUTES

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

Also in attendance: Shropshire Councillor Lezley Picton.

1. OPEN FORUM  
There was a brief discussion about the work for the new Northwest relief road. People are taking shortcuts through the parish area and this could get worse if and when work is done to the roundabouts on the A49. Concerns can be emailed to Shropshire Councillor Picton, and she will feed in any comments to the development discussions.
2. APOLOGIES  
Cllr Bedell and Cllr Galliers.
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.*
4. **Minutes**  
The minutes of the meetings held on 20 March 2019 were approved and signed as a true record with a small amendment to reflect the proper name of 'RAF Shawbury'.
5. **Updates**
  - 5.1 Councillor Picton, Shropshire Council provided an update on the following points:
    - A fund is available to parish councils for 'clean-up activities' and applications can be made for items such as fluorescent clothing.
    - There is a consultation on the changes to the bus services. This is about the Park and Ride service and also about cutting the services subsidised for Arriva.
    - Place Plan meetings are taking place and the Rural North Place Plan meeting is the appropriate one for Astley, meetings are on 15 May and on 22 May.

**6. Official and parish matters**

6.1. The application for exemption from external audit (as Parish Council has payments and receipts under £25k per annum it can complete a certificate of exemption from external audit) was approved and signed by the Chair.

6.2 Amendment to Standing Orders. The following motion had been submitted to the Clerk signed by five parish councillors. The motion was considered and approved:

*Notice is hereby given of a motion to revoke standing order 2k. This motion is proposed in accordance with Standing Order 32 b which says, 'A motion to add to or vary or revoke one or more of the Council's standing orders, not mandatory by law, shall be proposed by a special motion, the written notice whereof bears the names of at least 5 councillors'.*

*The motion is,*

***'Standing order 2k says, 'the Chairman of the Council may be elected up to a maximum of three years in office'. This standing order shall be revoked with immediate effect'.***

6.3 Consultation on reductions to Shropshire bus services – it was agreed that the Parish Council make a response to the consultation as it will have a detrimental impact on the rural

communities of Astley Parish, and in particular will impact on people who are committed to use public transport due to health, age and resources. In addition, with the building work and new housing at Hadnall and Shawbury, the reduced bus service will increase traffic on the roads which are already busy, and make the roads more dangerous. Many local residents already have significant walks to their bus in order to commute to work or school, and this is going to add to their problems. These proposals will reduce services for local people; are a regressive step and could have a negative impact on the Shropshire economy.

#### 6.4 Review of Parish Plan 2014

It was agreed that the review be undertaken in the following steps:

- a notice be placed on the website to state that the review of the Parish Plan is ongoing, and the main issues identified in the original 2014 Parish Plan are still relevant. Local people are invited to submit their comments on the Plan and whether any changes are required.
- the consultation period ends at the Annual Meeting, and final comments can be submitted during that meeting, or in writing beforehand.
- the Parish Plan, incorporating any amendments, will then be adopted at a future meeting.

#### 7. Progress report

- 7.1 New sign for defibrillator has been ordered.
- 7.2 Facebook –It was agreed that this be put on hold for the time being as there is no particular demand for a new Facebook site.
- 7.3 Update on website development – this should be discussed further at the June meeting, in particular how we can achieve a tidy-up of the site, and update the photographs.

#### 8. Planning applications

Planning decisions notified to the Parish Council:

- 8.1 The Levels, Bings Heath, Erection of single storey side extension – permission granted.
- 8.2 Atterley, Bings Heath, Erection of single and two storey extensions with associated alterations. – permission granted.

#### 9. PARISH ACCOUNTS Meeting 1904 Date:17/04/19

9.1 Cheque 495 A Gabbitas (Clerk's salary April)	206.45
9.2 Cheque 496 HMRC (tax re Clerk's salary)	51.60
9.3 Cheque 497 SALC (annual subscription)	206.36
9.4 Cheque 498 Npower (electricity supply)	80.76
9.5 Cheque 499 Npower (electricity supply)	168.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>714.09</b>

9.6. End of Year Budget Report: The end of year budget report was noted, together with the final budget proposals for 2019/20.

*(Cheques were signed by Cllr Lloyd and Cllr Colclough).*

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

## **10. Correspondence**

10.1 Confirmation received from Greenfields site:

'In respect to the vehicular access to site and to avoid the busy times now detailed by the local residents. We are happy to respect these and will change the time of vehicles to arrive as follows: general site traffic to access the site between 6.30am and 7.30am, and lorries between 9am and 3.30pm'

10.2 The Parish Council has been informed that an appeal has been made against a planning decision as follows:

Land Adj Atterley, Bings Heath: Outline application for the erection of detached bungalow - An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Shropshire Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the above proposal.

## **11. Extra information and items for future agenda**

None submitted

## **12. Reports from meetings & training**

None received.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 15 May, 7 pm at Astley Village Hall, to be followed by the annual meeting of the Parish.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm .

*CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE*\_\_\_\_\_