

Wednesday 19 June 2019
MINUTES

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

Also in attendance: Shropshire Councillor Lezley Picton, Corporal Paul Humphreys and five members of the public.

1. OPEN FORUM

A number of local residents spoke about the revised and reduced size of the planning application (9/01894/FUL/ PP-07604769). Residents continue to have concerns that the revised application remains too large, and also concerns about the distance between the properties. Residents said that the photograph submitted by the architect is misleading because it shows a bank of trees, and this does not reflect the true picture.

The Chair mentioned that the road signs close to Bank House (past Astley Court on the exit to the A53) are still leaning, despite having been reported to Shropshire Council some time ago. The Parish Council Clerk will report this via the new online reporting portal.

2. APOLOGIES

None received.

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.*

Councillor Prinold declared an interest in agenda item 8.1.

4. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 15 May 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

5. **Updates**

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

- Place Plans – the Place Plan needs to be up to date at all times.
- Bus services are still being reviewed, and the focus is currently on the contract with the provider. Park and ride costs will go up to £2, although this is still one of the cheapest in the country.
- As of September there will be two planning committees (South Planning Committee for areas South of Dobbies island, and North Planning Committee for north of Dobbies island).

5.2 Corporal Paul Humphreys of RAF Shawbury reported that Families Day and also RAF Cosford Open Day have both taken place and were successful. Corporal Humphreys has been promoted and the Parish Council will therefore have a new contact from RAF Shawbury.

6. **Official and parish matters**

6.1 Annual Governance and Accountability Return

6.2 Receive and note the report from the Internal Auditor - the report from the internal auditor was considered and approved.

6.3 Annual Governance Statements - the annual governance statements were all considered and approved.

6.4 Accounting statements - the accounting statements were all considered and approved.

6.5 Analysis of variances- approved.

6.6 Bank Reconciliation – approved.

6.7 Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights – approved and will be placed on the website and on noticeboards.

6.8 Parish Website – update

- 6.9 Receipt of petition: speeding in Upper Astley (received at Annual Meeting of the Parish on 15 May 2019). There was a discussion about the petition and the subsequent supporting information submitted. The Parish Council agreed that there is still an issue on the A53 and speeding remains a problem. This issue is included in the Astley Parish Plan. It was agreed that the Parish Council write to Mr Steven Brown, Head of Highways, highlighting the issues raised by the petition and the community concern about speeding on the A53. Highways officers have already been made aware of these problems, and Mr Brown is requested to provide a response to answer the Parish Council.
- 6.10 Noticeboard at Upper Astley – this is in a state of disrepair and it needs a new back, in the same way as the noticeboard at Battlefield. It was agreed that the Clerk make an initial inquiry as to the cost of this work.
- 6.11 Casual Vacancy – there had been no request for an election. Ms Alicia Wheeler had written to the Parish Council and expressed an interest in becoming a parish councillor. It was agreed that Alicia Wheeler be co-opted to become a parish councillor.

7. Progress report

- 7.1 New sign for defibrillator has been ordered. Clerk to request an update.
- 7.3 Update on website development – nothing to report.

8. Planning applications

Cllr Prinold left the room for the discussion of this item.

8.1 Planning applications notified to the Parish Council: 9/01894/FUL/ PP-07604769, 17 Astley Court Astley - Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of bay window and conservatory. Consideration was given to the revised plans and the comments made by local residents. Significant changes have been made to the size and also to the flue, although there is still strong local objection from nearby residents.

It was agreed that the Parish Council objects to the revised plan on the basis that it is unsuitable for the conservation area. Whilst it is positive that the flue has been altered, the Parish Council feels that the overall size and footprint of the proposed development is still too big for the conservation area and is out of character with the surrounding area.

Planning decisions notified to the Parish Council:
None received.

9. PARISH ACCOUNTS Meeting 1906 Date:19/06/19

9.1 Cheque 506 A Gabbitas (Clerk's salary June)	206.45
9.2 Cheque 507 HMRC (tax re Clerk's salary)	51.60
9.3 Cheque 508 Came & Co (insurance renewal)	355.87
9.4 Cheque 509 SDH Accounting (internal audit)	130
TOTAL	714.09

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

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE _____

10. Correspondence

None received.

11. Extra information and items for future agenda

None submitted.

12. Reports from meetings & training

None received.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 17 July, 7.30 pm at Astley Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm .

*CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE*_____