

Wednesday 20 March 2019  
MINUTES

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

Also in attendance: Shropshire Councillor Lezley Picton.

1. OPEN FORUM

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

- Reporting of pot holes, defective street lights, missing road signs etc. Shropshire Council has a new system for the reporting of these matters and although it has not been fully launched, the early signs are very promising. The web address for reports is:  
<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/roads-and-highways/report-a-fault-or-concern/>
- There are a number of Parish Councils looking at purchasing vehicle activated signs (VAS) signs such as the ones installed in Baschurch. These cameras capture data as well as giving a positive or negative message regarding the car's speed and can also use a pictorial graphic. Purchasing the signs in bulk can bring the costs down from £2,500 per camera to £2,000.
- Cllr Picton received a copy of a letter from a land owner in Bings Heath who stated they had not been notified of a planning application. The Planning Team will be dealing with this but adjoining properties were notified and a site notice was in place. The Council has no responsibility to notify landowners, this is the reason for the site notice.

Group Captain Chris Mullen and also Corporal Paul Humphreys attended from Shawbury and provided the following update:

- The Helicopter Noise Liaison Group took place last night.
- Group Captain Chris Mullen has been in post for three months, although he has previously lived in Shropshire and learnt to fly here.
- Flying from the base currently averages 100 hours per day and this will go up to 115 soon, and up to 130 hours in the autumn. This should make little difference to local residents. The helicopters are now quieter and there has been a reduction in the number of complaints about noise.
- The number of personnel on the base will increase by about 100 this summer
- The *Be Seen Be Safe* campaign has helped to reduce accidents by encouraging horse-riders to wear high visibility equipment.
- A change in legislation on 10 March increased the *no drone zone* surrounding the runways to 5km during airfield operating hours. Information is available on the RAF Shawbury website.
- The engine running area within the base has moved, to try and contain the noise. Information will be placed on the website when engine runs are to take place.

2. APOLOGIES - Cllr Shelley

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 February 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

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## 5. Updates

Updates were dealt with in the Open Forum, but Corporal Humphreys responded to some questions about the RAF Shawbury matters raised in the Open Forum.

## 6. Official and parish matters

6.1. Facebook – there was a discussion about the possible use of Facebook for parish council news. It may be possible to use an existing page such as the village hall. It was agreed that Cllr Lloyd would speak with the administrator of the Village Hall Facebook page to explore further.

6.2 Parish Plan – this is due for a refresh as it has been in place for five years, and there was a discussion about the best way to achieve this. Information will be posted on the website and the Plan will be discussed by the Parish Council in July 2019.

## 7. Progress report

7.1 New sign for defibrillator – it was agreed that an A3 sized sign be used. Clerk to provide words to signage company – suggested words to be approved by Village Hall Committee: When Parking Leave Space for Defibrillator.

7.2 Street Lighting – there is a possibility of joining the Shropshire Council street lighting contract. The Parish Council can join the waiting list for this, although the exact timing is not clear.

7.3 Update on website development (if required)

## 8. Planning applications

None received.

There was a discussion about the Greenfields Planning Decision which has two clauses in place– a traffic management plan, and a landscape plan, both of which are subject to community consultation. It was agreed that a comment be submitted to the planning department and also to Greenfields, to say that having spoken to local residents, there is a busy period during the early part of the morning (7.30am to 9am), and the afternoon (3.30pm to 5pm) as children walk to and from school. The site access proposal in the traffic plan is to access the site between 7am and 8am. It would be preferable for general site traffic to access the site between 6.30am and 7.30am, and lorries between 9am and 3.30pm. In fact, the planning applicant said they were happy with these conditions during their attendance at the Parish Council, and it would be desirable to have this confirmed as part of the traffic management plan.

Planning decisions notified to the Parish Council.  
None received.

Planning decision received after circulation of agenda.  
None received.

## 9. PARISH ACCOUNTS Meeting 1903 Date:20/03/19

9.1 Cheque 492 A Gabbitas (Clerk's salary March)	195.49
9.2 Cheque 493 HMRC (tax re Clerk's salary)	48.80
9.3 Cheque 494 A Gabbitas (home working allowance)	54

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>298.29</b>
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Cheques were signed by Cllr Bedell and Cllr Colclough.

## 10. Correspondence

10.1 Letter from Shropshire Mind received 18 March, request for help distributing wallet cards and drink mats – Cllr Galliers will refer this request to the Village Hall Committee.

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

Cllr Shelley has indicated that he wishes to resign as a parish councillor, and there will therefore be a vacancy in the near future.

**12. Reports from meetings & training**

Cllr Lloyd provided a report from the Helicopter Noise Liaison Group on 19 March.

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

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm .

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