

**Wednesday 21 November 2018
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 Robinson, and, Andrea Gabbitas (clerk)

Also in attendance: Shropshire Councillor Lezley Picton.

OPEN FORUM

There were nine members of the public in attendance. Representatives from the Greenfields planning application spoke about their application and the various documents they had sent to the Parish Council before the meeting. This is a small charity supporting people with learning disabilities. The application is to demolish the old smokery and develop an hydro-therapy pool which will provide services for 35 to 40 people supported by the charity. This will involve one or two groups each day, and should not generate much new traffic. This application has been submitted to Shropshire Council but consultation has not yet opened. As soon as this happens it will be considered formally by the Parish Council.

Residents commented on the application 18/04234/FUL. There were concerns about the water table as there have been problems with flooding in the area, and an extra property might raise the water table. There was also a concern that if this is approved it could set a precedent and lead to more open development in the Hatch Lane area. Residents commented that they have flooding in their gardens and they are concerned that this development could make it worse. Also, from the online plans it is difficult to see how close the development will be to the border. It was agreed that, separately to the planning application, the Clerk would write to Steven Brown at Shropshire Council and raise the issue of the water problem in the cul de sac off the Bings Heath to Ebury Wood lane.

It was noted that the collapsed drain on the A53 has now been repaired.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Prinold and 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.*

Cllr Robinson declared an interest in agenda item 8.1.

4. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 17 October 2018 were approved and signed as a true record.

5. **UPDATES**

5.1 Councillor Picton, Shropshire Council provided an update on the following points: The Shropshire Local Plan will be open for consultation starting next week. Most growth will be around the market towns and there are no plans to change Astley. Affordable housing will continue to be a priority, but this can be up to 80% of the local house price which means that in some areas expensive properties could be considered to be affordable. Place Plans are becoming more important and there will be a meeting on this in the new year.

There are 100 more looked after children in Shropshire.

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The financial problems with the Community Enablement team have been resolved, and there will be a greater emphasis on Place Plans.
Shropshire Council has been allocated extra funds to solve the problem of pot holes.
The council is setting up a housing company to buy affordable rent and buy properties across the county.

6. OFFICIAL AND PARISH MATTERS

6.1 Future first aid course – during the defibrillator launch event on 22 November names will be sought to take part in the proposed course in February 2019. This will be given further consideration at the next meeting.

6.2 Risk Assessment – it was agreed that

the bus shelter should be changed to medium risk, because if anything should happen to it, it would be very expensive to repair.

The defibrillator needs to high risk, due to the risk of theft.

The payment of sick pay and cost of locum clerk should be increased to medium.

6.2. Appointment of Internal Auditor: it was agreed that Mrs S Hackett of SDH Accounting be appointed as the Internal Auditor, at an estimated cost of £130 for 2018/19.

7. PROGRESS REPORT

7.1 Litter pick by RAF trainees on 19 November was a great success.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(Cllr Bedell chaired the meeting for the duration of agenda item 8.1)

8.1: Planning applications notified to the Parish Council:

(Cllr Robinson left the room during the discussion of this item)

18/05178/OUT – Land Adj Atterly, Bings Heath – proposal for erection of a detached bungalow. The proposal is to self-build a property. Self-build is a building category supported by Shropshire Council. The Parish Council agreed unanimously that it objects to this application. The reasons for this are:

primary reason is because the development is within open countryside and it therefore contravenes the Astley Parish Plan.

secondly, it contravenes Shropshire Council Local Plan because it lies in open countryside. Councillors referred to the important issue raised by a number of local residents during the public forum, that there is a significant problem with water in the local area and one neighbour has up to two inches of water in his garden. There is water on the site to be built upon, and there is uncertainty over where this water would go if a new property is built.

Shropshire Council should investigate this properly and ensure that the new development could not result in flooding to adjacent properties before the planning is taken any further. This water issue has been raised with Shropshire Council within the last two years by the Parish council and by local residents on numerous occasions.

8.2 Planning applications notified to the Parish Council after circulation of the agenda:

Church Farmhouse, Astley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 4BP

Proposal: Crown reduce by up to 30% 1. Horse Chestnut; dismantle to ground level 1.

Douglas Fir and remove hanger from 1 Douglas Fir – no objection.

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9. **PARISH ACCOUNTS** Meeting 1811 Date:21/11/18

9.1 Cheque 472 A Gabbitas (Clerk's salary Nov)	195.49	
9.2 Cheque 473 HMRC (tax re Clerk's salary)	48.80	
9.3 Cheque 474 Npower Ltd	80.21	
9.4 Cheque 475 Npower Ltd	167.80	
9.5 Cheque 476 Astley Village Hall (room hire)	30	
9.6 Cheque 477 PCC Astley Church (donation for maintenance)		500
TOTAL	1022.30	

Cheques were signed by Cllr Bedell and Cllr Colclough.

9.7 Budget Proposals and Reserves Policy 2019/20

The draft budget proposals were discussed and it was agreed that:

Clerk to ask SALC about the new street lighting requirements if and when low sodium lighting is phased out at the end of 2019.

The Parish Council is in favour of retaining the precept without increase, although this will be confirmed once more information becomes available.

The draft budget was approved.

The Reserves Policy was approved.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Email from Condoover College regarding forthcoming planning application at Bings Heath and intention to attend parish council meeting (circulated 15 11 18)

10.2 A resident had contacted Cllr Picton to enquire about possible 30 mph stickers for wheelie bins which may be available from West Mercia road safety partnership. This was discussed and there were arguments in favour of the stickers, but also some concerns. Overall it was considered that it may be more appropriate for residents to make their own arrangements if they wish to display such a sticker. The Clerk had contacted the Road Safety Partnership to find out more, and an answer has not yet been received. Further information will be provided at the next meeting.

11. EXTRA INFORMATION

Launch event for defibrillator, 22 November: parish councillors are asked to arrive at 6.30pm for a briefing, and parishioners will arrive at 7pm. The event will also be used as an opportunity to gather names for the next first aid training course.

The parish council placed on record its thanks to Cllr Galliers and her partner for preparing and printing the leaflets and helping with the preparation for the event.

12. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS & TRAINING

The visit to RAF Shawbury on Monday 19 November was very successful and informative. The visit followed closely after the voluntary litter pick on 14 November. It was agreed that a thank you letter should be sent to Kim Leach, and also to Acting Sgt Paul Humphreys who had organized the two events.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 16 January 2019, 7.30 pm at Astley Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.12 pm .

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