

ASTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Astley Parish Council on Thursday 21st May 2020 at 6.30pm. (Remote Meeting using Zoom)

PRESENT

Councillors K Lloyd (Chair), E Bedell, S Robinson

Also Present:

Gail Power (Locum Clerk) and one member of public

1. **APOLOGIES** None were received.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** None.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

One member of the public spoke, extremely worried that if the planning application, Sunnyside Farm, was granted, there would be an increase in traffic on the lane running between Astley and Hadnall, a lane that is already struggling with the volume of vehicles. The lane is narrow, with bends and does not have a footpath for walkers to walk safely. The member of public was also concerned about the Great Crested Newt, a protected species which is known to be in the area close to Sunnyside Farm and as the farm has a pond it was thought highly likely that Great Crested Newts would also be living within the area of the planned extension.

4. **PLANNING APPLICATION REF 20/01812/FUL**

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED - Change of use from agriculture to extended holiday park and extended fishing pool. LOCATION: - Sunnyside Farm, Astley Lane, Hadnall, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

A long discussion took place in which members considered the size of the development along with other details of the planning application. The current legality of the holiday park was not known. Members were concerned that, should permission be granted for the extension, there would be a significant increase in traffic, potentially causing serious safety issues on the lane between Astley and Hadnall.

Members also considered the ecology and thought it highly likely that the Great Crested Newt was habiting the area of the planned extension as it is a known fact that the species is habiting in the immediate surrounding area. It was thought that any disturbance would be detrimental to the protected species.

RESOLVED:

OBJECT TO THE PLANNING APPLICATION ON THE GROUNDS THAT:

- **ACCESS FROM THE A49 AND A53 WILL SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE TRAFFIC ON THE LANE BETWEEN ASTLEY AND HADNALL, A NARROW LANE THAT HAS NO FOOTPATH (POTENTIAL SERIOUS ISSUE)**
- **POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT TO A PROTECTED SPECIES, THE GREAT CRESTED NEWT**

SHOULD PERMISSION BE GRANTED FOR THIS PLANNING APPLICATION, THE PARISH COUNCIL ASK THAT ROAD SIGNS BE PLACED AT BATTLEFIELD ROUNDABOUT AND UPPER ASTLEY OR OTHER APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS, TO DIRECT TRAFFIC TO THE HOLIDAY PARK, AVOIDING THE LANE BETWEEN ASTLEY AND HADNALL.

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE _____