

# ASTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of Astley Parish Council, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 7.30pm at Astley Village Hall

### PRESENT

Councillors: K Lloyd, E Bedell, S Robinson, A Wheeler, H Mardell

### Also Present:

G Power (Locum Clerk), Flt Lt. Stu Mason,

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Lezley Picton

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

#### 3. MINUTES OF ASTLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Typo was noted, item 7. subject heading should read 'Receipts' and not 'Receptits'.

**RESOLVED:** Agreed subject to change above.

#### 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr Lloyd spoke on behalf of a member of an elderly member of the community, who had not been able to attend the meeting. The resident's garden backs onto the A53, near to the Dog in the lane pub. The resident reported that there were three metal covers in the road, near to her house, the road was crumbling and collapsing around the covers. This damage had been there for about 8 months, slowly getting worse. The resident reported that the noise from traffic travelling over the damaged area was horrendous and the resident was finding this very disturbing after several months. The resident also reported that white lines had been painted around the damaged area twice, but not repaired. It had infuriated the resident to see workmen recently, further up the road doing road repairs but not repairing the road near to her home.

**RESOLVED:** Locum Clerk to report road damage to Shropshire Council.

#### 5. UPDATE

5.1 Update from Shropshire Councillor Lezley Picton  
A report had been circulated (appendix a)

5.2 Update from RAF Shawbury  
Flt Lt Stu Mason thanked Cllr Lloyd for her attendance at the recent Helicopter Noise & liaison group meeting.  
Night flying has started again on Monday, this will last for 4 weeks, involving tactical exercise – low flying, approaches to fields, etc.  
RAF Shawbury 10k took place on 6<sup>th</sup> March. Flt Lt Stu Mason thanked the Parish Council for advertising the event saying that a significant amount had been raised.

Members informed Flt Lt. Mason that gliders had been flying over houses in the community frequently, which residents were finding monotonous.

Cllr Lloyd asked members to look out for any new horses in the area as Raf Shawbury will take note of the field and inform the owner if there is a visiting aircraft which may cause a disturbance.

#### 6. OFFICIAL PARISH MATTERS

##### 6.1 Review of Code of Conduct

A discussion took place, members were concerned about the Disclosure of Other Interests form, to be completed as part of the new LGA Code of Conduct, which would be published on Shropshire Council's website, members were not happy about such things as personal membership to a charity, for example The National Trust, being published on SC website.

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**RESOLVED: Not to adopt the new LGA Code of Conduct, Astley Parish Council's current Code of Conduct to remain.**

**6.2 Community Governance Review**

A discussion took place, Members thought that they needed more information on this.

**RESOLUTION: Defer to a later date to enable further consideration.**

**6.3 Astley Parish Council Meetings**

A lengthy discussion took place in which members discussed the pros and cons of monthly meetings verses bi-monthly meetings. It was noted that extraordinary meeting could be called if required, should the parish council decide to move to bi-monthly meetings. Members noted that this subject had been discussed previously.

**RESOLVED: That Astley Parish Council go to Bi-monthly meeting from May 2022.**

**6.4 Bank Signatories**

**6.4a** Discussion took place, Cllr Mardell was happy to be appointed a bank signatory for the parish council, transactions now taking place by electronic banking.

**RESOLVED: Cllr Mardell to be appointed as a bank signatory/e-bank signatory to Astley Parish Council.**

**6.4b.** To consider and resolve new Parish Clerk to be added as signatory to Astley PC banking Mandate and e-banking for setting up banking transactions for payment.

A discussion took place. The parish council thought that it would be appropriate to wait until the new clerk had commenced employment.

**RESOLVED: Defer until new clerk has started working for council.**

**7. PARISH ACCOUNTS –RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS TO NOTE/APPROVE**

**Payments**

28.2.2022 - £381.79 G Power – February 2022 salary and expenses (payments set up to go out on 18.1.2022 were not paid as bank process did not allow for authorisation of consecutive payments to payee)

15.3.2022 – £63.40 HMRC Locum Clerk February 2022 tax on salary (payment set up for 18.2.22 did not get paid as bank process did not allow for authorisation of consecutive payments to payee)

18.3.2022 – £63.40 HMRC Locum Clerk March 2022 tax on salary

18.3.2022 - £271.80 G Power Locum Clerk salary March 2022

**RESOLVED: All above payments approved.**

**8. COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Cllr Lloyd reported that she had recently attended the RAF Shawbury Helicopter Liaison Meeting, where she had been given a very informative leaflet. Cllr Lloyd gave a brief summary of what the leaflet included, in which she mentioned that all complaints received by RAF Shawbury are investigated.

**9. CLERK'S REPORT**

The damaged vehicle, abandoned on the roadside outside Jubilee Villa in Upper Astley since January 2022, has been reported to Shropshire Council via their website, following advice from the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

An email had been received from a resident in the community, informing the council that following that resident's correspondence with Arriva, concerning the change in the number 64 bus service through Astley, Arriva had responded to say that the changes had

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been made for a number of reasons but they would continue to monitor and study the revised changes to see if future timetable changes are required.

The Locum Clerk had renewed Astley PC Microsoft Outlook license for 2022-23, cost £59.99. Locum Clerk to set up an internet banking payment for this sum to be reimbursed as expenses (before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, so will be expenditure recorded in this financial year).

Request has been sent to Came & Co and BHB Insurance for quotes, no quotes received as yet.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
20 April 2022

The meeting was closed at 9pm

Signed by Chairman ..... 15th 20.4.22