

Wednesday 19 February 2020
MINUTES

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

Also in attendance: Shropshire Councillor Lezley Picton and Corporal Sarah Hodson.

1. OPEN FORUM

There were three members of the public present. The following issues were raised:

- The bus stop shelter light is not working
- Blockages from the drains, flowing down towards the A53 near to the Dog in the Lane pub. This should be a matter for Severn Trent. It has been reported to Severn Trent customer care, but no action has yet been taken. It was agreed to wait until the water level drops and see if the odour improves. It would also be worth making contact with the Housing Association, to liaise with Severn Trent on behalf of tenants.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr Wheeler.

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. No interests were declared.*

4. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 15 January 2020 were approved and signed as a true record.

5. **Updates**

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

- Cllr Picton asked for views on what percentage of the Shropshire population receive care from adult social services. In fact the answer is very low, at only 3%. However, this 3% accounts for 62% of the budget of Shropshire Council.
- If any parish councillors are interested in touring the Energy Recovery Facilitator (the incinerator), Cllr Picton is arranging a small number of tours.
- The pot hole situation has received lots of negative media attention, with allegations that the Council is wasting resources by appointing a 'pot hole tsar'. In fact, the service is very good value for money.

5.2 Corporal Sarah Hodson gave an update on RAF Shawbury matters:

- RAF Shawbury has kindly donated £50 towards a new defibrillator at Bings Heath, and Corporal Hodson was pleased to present the cheque.
- The Shawbury 10k run takes place on Sunday 29 February, and this may result in more traffic during the event.
- There are a small number of hi-viz riding jackets available.
- The offer is still on for a litter pick by student officers. Once dates are available firm arrangements can be made, including borrowing equipment from Shropshire Council.
- offer has been made to assist with litter picking. The Clerk will respond once the Chair is back from holiday. It was agreed that we decline this kind offer, and take up the offer of litter picking from the spring cohort.
- There will be a 10k bike race at RAF Shawbury, and a poster will be available to advertise the event and copies of this poster will be posted to Cllr Colclough.

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6. Official and parish matters

- 6.1 Parish Council Vacancies: there is currently one casual vacancy, and also a vacancy for the position of Clerk. With regard to the Clerk vacancy, it has been advertised twice and it was agreed that a free advert be placed with Indeed jobs.
- 6.2 Defibrillator sign for Village Hall -this is now complete, and was displayed at the meeting, and will now be affixed to the Village Hall.
- 6.3 Defibrillator – Bings Heath – there was a discussion about the best site, and it was agreed that it be place at Interior Design Ceilings. Cllr Bedell will make the arrangements to order the defibrillator. consideration of this was postponed to a future meeting.
- 6.4 Refurbishment of Upper Astley Noticeboard – a quote has been received for a new metal back for the noticeboard. The quote is £125 which is over the usual limit for work without quotes. It was decided to go ahead without further quotes on this occasion because the work is urgent, there are no other local suppliers, and a local supplier is preferable.
- 6.5 Smartwater Presentation it was agreed to invite the PCC staff member to attend the annual meeting to present Smartwater.

8. Planning applications

8.1. Planning enforcement currently being assessed by Shropshire Council:
Land At Shrewsbury Selfstore, Battlefield (20/06979/ENF) - Alleged breach of Planning Control in to the change of use in relation to the storage of soil and rubble.

8.2 Planning applications or decisions received after circulation of the agenda: none received.

9. PARISH ACCOUNTS Meeting 0220 Date:09/2/20

9.1 Cheque 534 A Gabbitas (Clerk's salary)	206.45
9.2 Cheque 535 HMRC (tax re Clerk's salary)	51.60
9.3 Cheque 536 Information Commissioner (data protection registration)	40
9.4 Cheque 537 Shelley Signs Ltd (refurb noticeboard)	125
9.5 Cheque 538 A Gabbitas Clerk's Home Working Allowance (Jan/Feb)	36
9.6 Cheque 539 Post Office Ltd (Joint Energy Shropshire Council Jan-Mar)	36.54
9.7 Cheque 540 Reimburse Clerk MS Home Office	59.99
9.8 Cheque 541 Reimburse Clerk McAfee virus protector	59.99

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

10. Correspondence

10.1 – Email to Mr Stephen Brown (Head of Highways, requesting meeting to discuss road safety measures and concerns) 16/1/20 – the request has been passed to a member of staff in Shropshire Traffic Engineering, and they will be in touch with the arrangements for a meeting.

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11. Extra information and items for future agenda

Cllr Bedell provided an update on the development at Greenfields. The verges are quite messy in the area but this may also be a result of local farm traffic. The verges are very soft and any vehicle going onto the verge at present makes a mess. It was agreed that the condition of verges and trees be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

12. Reports from meetings & training

No reports were received.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 18 March 2020 at 7.30 pm, Astley Village Hall.

Meeting closed at pm.

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