

ASTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASTLEY PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT 7.45 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 21ST JULY 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ASTLEY.

Prior to the meeting there had been a presentation by Lois Dale, Principal Rural Policy Officer, Shropshire Council regarding the "Rural Toolkit" and Hubs & Clusters. Lois offered her services, should the Parish Council wish to proceed with holding a workshop in Astley Parish, using the Rural Toolkit. This to be an agenda item at the next Parish Council Meeting in September.

PUBLIC SESSION.

A member of the public made a formal complaint against the Parish Council regarding their method of dealing with urgent planning matters outside the bi-monthly Parish Council Meetings, in which his own planning application had again been rejected by the Planning Committee and a letter of objection sent to Shropshire Council as a result. The Parish Council agreed to ask Shropshire Council to disregard their letter of 8th July 2010.

PRESENT: Councillors Dorothy Dodds, Chairman. Malcolm Colclough, Stanley France, Edward Bedell, Graham Booton, Denise Bayley and Margaret Locke (part).

IN ATTENDANCE: five members of the public.

16.7.10 APOLOGIES: None.

17.7.10 CODE OF CONDUCT.

Members were reminded to declare any personal or personal & prejudicial interests on agenda items and to state the reason for any such declaration, which would be minuted. Also to notify the Monitoring Officer of any changes to personal circumstances. Councillor Locke declared a personal interest in item 9: 4 & 5 of the agenda.

18.7.10 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 19th May 2010 (A.G.M.), having been circulated with the agenda were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

19.7.10 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

1. The relocation of the salt bin in the vicinity of the new notice board/Kiosk, would be dealt with by Shropshire Council as part of their winter programme.
2. There were no comments on the Code of Practice for the Agricultural Use of Poultry Manure, previously distributed.

20.7.10 CORRESPONDENCE & MATTERS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL.

1. Shropshire Council, as part of their Winter Service Review, had advised that they would have sufficient stockpiles of grit should there be a hard winter again. They stressed that priority would be given to the A.49 & A.53. They had purchased five new Gritters to be allocated to five of their contractors throughout the County, thus alleviating pressure on the S.C. Workforce. Councillor Bedell to report to Council on the feasibility of a salt/grit bin for Bings Heath.

CORRESPONDENCE Cont'd.....

- 2. A document entitled "Spotlight on the Shropshire Economy" was tabled.
- 3. The Council had been informed that a residential caravan had been sited on land in the vicinity of Woodfield House and Rose Cottage and it was understood that the Enforcement Officer was dealing with this as this was not land designated for dwelling.

21.7.10 FINANCE:

A. Accounts for payment at this meeting.

N. Power.	Cheq. 000129	89.31
E.On.	Cheq. 000130	Due

Proposed by Councillor Bayley and seconded by Councillor Dodds, the above account was approved for payment.

B. Councillors Bedell and Booton signed documentation, witnessed by Councillors Locke and Colclough, in order for them to become cheque signatories on behalf of the Parish Council.

C. The new Insurance Policy from Came & Co. had now been received by the Clerk.

22.7.10 INCINERATOR.

Malcolm Bell from Shropshire Council had deposited with the clerk on Tuesday evening, The consultation documents to be discussed at the Planning Committee Meeting of Shropshire Council on 26th July when the Committee were expected to make a final decision with regard to the proposed Incinerator, the Environment Agency having already granted a Permit.

It was resolved that Councillor Locke would attend the meeting on Monday next to speak against the proposed planning application on behalf of Astley Parish Council. Councillor Locke took charge of the consultation documentation which would ultimately be returned to the Clerk

23.7.10 COUNCIL WEBSITE.

The Clerk brought to the attention of the Council information received via the media of malpractice with regard to parish council documentation displayed on the websites. Councillor Bedell, who runs the website on behalf of the Council assured the Council that so far as he could guarantee, there was no problem to date.

24.7.10 PLANNING.

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| 1. A & S. Storage Yard, Astley. | APPROVED. |
| 2. Woodfield House, Ebrey Wood. | APPROVED. |
| 3. Astley Recovery. Lawful Development Certificate applied for. | |
| 4. Plot 2. Rear of Church House, Astley. | OBJECTION. |
| 5. Plot 3. Rear of Church House, Astley. | OBJECTION. |

As Items 4 & 5 had been discussed fully during the public session no further comments were made.

6. Shropshire Development Framework. The Clerk had spoken to Shropshire Council to ascertain the position with the Local Development Framework in view of the new government's proposals not to enforce targets for new homes in Shropshire. She had been advised that further reviews would take place.

25.7.10 VILLAGE SPEED LIMITS.

A number of 30 mph signs had been erected but insufficient marker posts. It was understood that these were to hand. The Chairman and councillors to check and report back to Alice Dilly of Shropshire Council if these did not materialize.

It was also reported that undergrowth/hedges were obscuring some of the newly erected signs. The Clerk to request the Council's contractor to add this to his contract of work.

Also the Chairman to contact Mr Phil Poole regarding an overgrown hedge at the junction of Astley Lane and the A.53.

26.7.10 TELEPHONE KIOSK.

Councillor Locke was still awaiting old photographs of village life. The Chairman promised to let her have those which she personally had found.

27.7.10 LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE.

Councillor Colclough reported on the last meeting, during which a grant of £5000 had been agreed for Astley Village Hall as part of matched funding towards damp-proofing.

28.7.10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING. WEDNESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2010 TO BE PRECEDED AT 7.P.M. BY A PRESENTATION BY HELEN PUGH OF SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

CHAIRMAN.....DATE.....