

# ASTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASTLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 8.P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ASTLEY.

The meeting was preceded by a presentation by Helen Howie, Principal Policy Officer - Strategy & Policy Team, Shropshire Council on **HUBS & CLUSTERS**, and was attended by all members of Astley Parish Council, The Clerk, and Twenty members of the public.

The meeting was advised that the **Core Strategy had been officially adopted at 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011**. A lively question and answer session ensued and it was concluded that Astley was still classed as "Countryside" with little or no development programmed for the near future .However, application may be made for Economic Development & Affordable Housing should the necessary criteria be met. To get more involved, the residents of Astley were invited to register for attendance at a workshop on the Rural Toolkit Organized by Shropshire Council, to be held In Astley Village Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> April (details via the notice boards, website and the press).

The presentation closed at 8 p.m. and having been thanked by the Chairman, Helen Howie left, as did some members of the public.

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**There was no Police Report, but Councillor Locke expressed disappointment at the lack of response from the Police with regard to her efforts to run the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.**

County Councillor John Everall had attended the "Hubs & Clusters" session but did not remain for the Parish Council meeting.

**64.3.11 APOLOGIES.**

None.

**65.3.11 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 must be minuted. Also to notify The Monitoring Officer of any changes to personal circumstances.

There were no declarations.

**66.3.11 MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011, having been circulated with the Agenda, were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

**67.3.11 MATTERS ARISING.**

1. A further reply had been received from Parliament regarding our comments on the Localism Bill.
2. Letter written to the Planning Inspectorate regarding "Sparrow Cottage".
3. Comments made to Shropshire Council regarding "Cascade Approach 5.48 and Exceptions Policy for Local Needs 6.11. No acknowledgement had been received to date.

**68.3.11** 4. Shrewsbury Municipal Charity. Councillor Locke updated the Parish Council on the Final meeting of the Trust. A copy of the Minutes to be filed with these Minutes for reference.

**69.3.11 CORRESPONDENCE & MATTERS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL.**

1. Resignation of Councillor Denise Bayley. The Council were sad to learn that Councillor Bayley had felt it necessary to resign, due to ill health. The Clerk was asked to write to her, expressing their thanks and sincere gratitude for all the hard work and effort she had put into her role as Councillor over very many years. The Councillors and The Clerk would express their personal gratitude by presenting Councillor Bayley with a bouquet of flowers at their own expense

The required action to advertise a Casual Vacancy had already been dealt with by the Clerk.

2. Request from the Severn Hospice for a donation. Proposed by Councillor Colclough, seconded by Councillor Dodds, the Council RESOLVED to grant £50 from the available grant funds to this cause.

3. The Clerk issued a copy of Issue 3 of "The good Councillor's Guide to all Members.

**70.3.11 FINANCE:**

Accounts paid since the last meeting:

N.Power. Street Lighting.

Cheq. 000136 59.51

Accounts for payment at this meeting.

1. N.Power (second invoice).

Cheq. 000138 30.80

2. E.On. (second-half yearly payment).

Cheq. 000139 55.86

3. G.Nicholls (Clerk's half-yearly salary & expenses).

Cheq. 000140 1112.96

4. Astley Village Hall - Room Hire.

Cheq. 000141 97.50

5. Severn Hospice (see 69.3.11(2) above.

Cheq. 000142 50.00

Proposed by Councillor Locke, seconded by Councillor Bedell the Council approved the above Accounts for payment. UNANIMOUS.

**71.3.11 ASSETS AND RISK ASSESSMENT.**

A list of Assets and Risk Assessment had been circulated with the agenda.

The Council were happy with the schedules and authorized the Clerk to contact Came & Co. with regard to insurance renewal when this became due.

With regard to the telephone kiosk, it was reported that this was in need of repainting.

Councillor France volunteered to repaint the kiosk. The Clerk to advise of the type and Colour of paint to be used, when costings could be put forward to the next meeting.

**72.3.11 PLANNING.**

**1. INCINERATOR.**

Notice of appeal against refusal of planning permission had been received and circulated to all members. It was RESOLVED to write directly to the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol reiterating the comments previously made to Shropshire Council.

2. Wheatley Farm, Astley. Menage (retrospective).

GRANTED.

3. Upper Astley Sewage Works. - 2 Kiosks.

GRANTED.

4. 5, Astley Court. Erection of front Storm Porch.

GRANTED.

5. Plots 1 & 2 rear of Church House, Astley. Second Appeal To Planning Inspectorate.

DISMISSED.

**73.3.11 THE RURAL TOOLKIT.**

Notices had been received from Lois Dale to be displayed on notice boards and website  
The Workshop was scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> April.

**74.3.11 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR.**

It was UNANIMOUSLY resolved to re-appoint JDH Business Services as Internal Auditors  
for the 2010-2011 Accounts for a fee of £63. Plus VAT.

**75.3.11 TELEPHONE KIOSK**

No further work had been done to date. (See 71.3.11)

**76.3.11 LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE.**

Councillor Colclough updated the Parish Council, in that there would only be half-yearly  
meetings for the future for the LJC for the Loton & Tern area. The budget had also been  
halved to £17,000 and bids would be scrutinized to have more bearing on community projects.  
Also Mr Ken James, the Committee Officer would be leaving. However, Astley Village Hall  
had secured £5000 towards their projects, and The Astley Church "Bell Fund" had also  
received a grant from the LJC.

**77.3.11** It was reported that the post of the Give Way sign at the junction of Ebrey Wood by the  
Pumping Station was damaged, as was the Lorry Ban sign at the Hadnall end of the lane from  
the A.49. Also complaints of litter on the A.53 once again.

CHAIRMAN.....

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