

ASTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 21st September 2011 MINUTES

PRESENT: at Routine APC Meeting 119 held at 7.30pm in ASTLEY VILLAGE HALL:-

Parish Councillors: Dorothy Dodds (chaired meeting), Malcolm Colclough, Graham Booton, Margaret Locke, Michael Stainthorpe, Stanley France.

Plus: Alison Utting (Parish Clerk), several members of the public.

1. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

A question was raised about APC's comment submitted to planners regarding application 11/02330/OUT. There were also a couple of queries regarding Smart Water (covered in item 10).

2. **APOLOGIES** were accepted from Cllr Edward Bedell (on a course).

3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** None.

4. **CONFIRM PREVIOUS MINUTES** Cllrs were unable to confirm the minutes of APC meeting held July 20th 2011 and planning meeting held August 17th 2011 as copies had not been distributed.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES** – none.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE & EXTERNAL MATTERS**

6.1 **ALC AGM** November 5th 2011. Cllr Dodds may attend AGM.

6.2 **Shropshire Playing Fields Association** Appeal for donations received. To be considered after budget.

6.3 **ALC Training** courses available. Cllr Stainthorpe hopes to attend Budgets & Precepts on 23/11/11.

6.4 **Mazars** External audit report received – all fine.

6.5 **Shropshire Council** Urban Speed Limit Review – Battlefield. APC to send supporting letter.

6.6 **Shropshire Council** Planning training dates 2011/12. Several Cllrs expressed interest.

Item 7 moved to end of meeting.

8.	<u>FINANCE</u> Meeting 119 Date: 21/09/11	Year-12
8.1	PAY by Chq 155 Jill Nicholls Expenses to 31 st July 2011	£ 22.54
8.2	*PAY by Chq 156 Alison Utting Clerk's salary August 2011	£148.11
8.3	PAY by Chq 157 Mazars External audit fee 2010-11	£144.00
8.4	PAY by Chq 158 ALC Training 27 th July '11 (MS)	£ 20.00
8.5	PAY by Chq 159 J.P.Jones Village maintenance jobs Feb – Sept 2011	£110.00
		Total = £444.65

*This item agreed after item 7.

8.6 **Lloyds TSB Mandate Change** Signatories completed forms authorising new clerk as Financial Officer.

9. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

9.1 **11/03949/FUL Caravan At Sycamore Fields, Ebrey Wood, Astley**

Application under Section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for temporary permission for use of existing welfare/static caravan for 3 years (retrospective).

Cllrs had several questions about the details of this application. Clerk to clarify & planning committee to consider at separate meeting.

9.2 **Report of Planning Decisions by Shropshire Council - For Information:**

11/02330/OUT Sycamore Fields, Ebrey Wood, Astley SY4 4DE

Outline application for the erection of an occupational workers dwelling in line with PPS7 Annex A. *Refused.*

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CHAIR'S INITIALS: _____

11/02873/FUL Astley House, Astley SY4 4BP

Erection of an outdoor swimming pool and changing room/plant room building. *Permission granted.*

11/02888/FUL Astley Park, Astley SY4 4RT

Installation of 20 solar photo voltaic modules on commercial building roof. *Permission granted.*

11/02900/TCA Saint Mary's Church, Astley SY4 4BP

Removal of 2 Cherry trees and 1 Holly tree within Astley Conservation Area. *No objection.*

11/03358/TCA The Squirrels, Astley SY4 4BP

To remove approx 20 Conifer Trees (forming a hedge) and 1 Oak Tree within Astley Conservation Area. *No objection.*

10. SMART WATER

10.1 Cllr Locke reported on progress so far. Need 10 households, which we now have. Cost is £15 per kit + £10 P&P (combined cost?) + VAT. The bottles of liquid have a 2 yr shelf life, but once applied to property the DNA fingerprint is permanent. Cllrs Locke & Colclough to gather payments and forward to Clerk who will process order.

11. RURAL TOOLKIT

11.1 Cllrs decided not to form sub-committee at this time. Clerk to work with Cllr Bedell to organize next steps in finding out about the Rural Toolkit consultation process.

12. SAMDev

12.1 Cllr Bedell & Clerk had obtained clear information from Shropshire Council regarding current position. Astley is currently classed as 'rural hinterland' and comes under CS5 of the Core Strategy for development. This means that strict guidelines govern all planning applications and no commercial development is allowed. However, Astley can still alter its position (become a 'cluster', with selected development sites and related community cash) – either at next round of SAMDev consultation in Spring 2012, or during their annual review process. Important to garner public opinion in making this decision. Possibly use Rural Toolkit, or piggyback the SC consultation process in the Spring.

APC resolved that by the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Public & Press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Acts.

7. NEW CLERK

APC made decisions on the following matters:

7.1 **Salary** To agree salary & method of payment.

7.2 **Expenses** To agree payment of travel, phone & internet expenses. Also training and stationery supplies.

7.3 **Equipment** To agree lease payment for use of Clive Parish Council's laptop and printer.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Planning -Wednesday October 19th 2011
APC – Wednesday November 16th 2011

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE: _

Chairman's Signature Dated: 16th November 2011

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