

ASTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held at 7.30pm on 18 October 2023 at Astley Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors K Lloyd (Chair), E Bedell, H Mardell (Vice-Chair), S Robinson, D Williams and Shropshire County Councillor L Picton

Also present: 15 members of the public including representatives from Conover College and Berrys

Clerk: Lisa Harris

52.23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor K Sumner.

53.23 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- a) No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared
- b) There were no applications for a dispensation regarding disclosable pecuniary interests

54.23 Appointment of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

It was proposed by Councillor Lloyd and seconded by Councillor Mardell and **resolved (without opposition)**

that Lisa Harris be appointed as the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Astley Parish Council.

55.23 Public Participation Session

Mr Stuart Thomas of Berrys gave a brief overview of planning application 23/04120/FUL explaining how he believed that the reasons for refusal of application 22/03512/FUL had now been addressed. The Chairman permitted an extended public participation period of 45 minutes to allow parishioners sufficient time to express their views on the proposal and to ask questions of Mr Thomas and Conover College. Concerns raised centred around the themes of road safety (both on the A53 and the lane running through Bings Heath), the open countryside designation of the area, increased risk of flooding, and the fact that the proposed development would be of no community benefit. As an aside, Bings Heath residents reported difficulties in communicating with Greenfields following incidents at the current facility. Mrs Vikki Pryce (Chief Executive of Conover College) advised that it is best to contact the head office on 01743 872250 during business hours.

56.23 To consider planning application 23/04120/FUL

Address: Proposed Development Land North of Greenfields, Bings Heath, Astley,
Shropshire

Description: Extension of existing care facility, to include the erection of adult day-centre with activity rooms and supporting welfare and administration facilities, associated parking and amenity space

Validated: 20 Sep 2023

Status: Pending Consideration

Application can be viewed on Shropshire Council's Planning Portal, or by clicking [here](#)

The Councillors discussed at length the issues raised in the public participation session and took the opportunity to ask Mr Thomas further questions of their own. After full consideration, it was put to a vote to determine whether Astley Parish Council would support, object or remain neutral on the planning application. In representing the views of the Parish, all five councillors present, voted to object.

It was proposed by Councillor Mardell and seconded by Councillor Robinson and **resolved (without opposition)**

that Astley Parish Council would lodge an objection with Shropshire Council in respect of planning application 23/04120/FUL.

ACTION: Clerk to prepare a letter of objection citing the relevant material considerations and present it to the Chair and Vice-Chair for approval before submitting to Shropshire Council.

57.23 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 15 November 2023 at 7.30pm at Astley Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed by Chairman:

Date: 15 November 2023