MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF ASTLEY ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON

Tuesday 14TH January 2025 AT 7.30PM In Village Hall Cross Lane Head.

1. **Public Session**:

No members of the public were present.

1. **Acceptance of Apologies:**

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Morris. Present Councillors Fielding, Davies, Hurst-Knight and Allen. Also present Shropshire Councillor Lea.

1. **Dispensations:**

None.

1. **Approve the** **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2024.**

It was RESOLVED to sign and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2024.

1. **Shropshire Council report.**

Shropshire Council Hurst Knight reported the government settlement was not as good as expected resulting in a 11.3million shortfall for the budget for year ended 31.3.26. The 3rd lowest settlement in the country. Adult social care is the biggest expense. The County’s mps are battling to try to improve the situation. LCWIP funding is secured and in the active travel budget. The project is waiting on a lead officer to be appointed. All parties are working together on a collaborative budget.

1. **Finance:**

**a. Invoices to pay.**  It was RESOLVED to pay the following invoice:

**1.** Mrs. J Madeley £617.48 fpo

**b.** Bank Reconciliation.

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| **Bank reconciliation at 31 March 2024** | |  |
|  |  | **£** |
|  | Balance b/f 31.03.24 | 12071.79 |
|  | Plus income | 7361.05 |
|  | Total | 19432.84 |
|  | Less: expenditure | 8517.75 |
|  | **Total** | **10915.09** |
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|  | Balances at 31.03.24 | **Dec-24** |
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|  | Current account Lloyds | 3909.72 |
|  | Interest | 7,005.37 |
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|  | Less: unpresented expenses | |
|  | Add unpresented income |  |
|  | **Total** | **10,915.09** |

**c.** Quarterly report December 24.

**December Quarter**

Village hall hire exceeded budget £114.00

all other cost centres are on target except street furniture as explained in September.

A savings account has been opened and £7000 transferred.

**c.** Approve budget and set precept for year-end 31.3.26.

**It RESOLVED to approve the presented budget.** It was RESOLVED to approve a precept of £8000.00 being £31.82 for a band D property.

**d.** Interim Internal Audit Report.

Noted

**e.** Share of laptop.

Barrow Parish Council have asked if they can become part of the parish council laptop share with Astley Abbotts and others. It was RESOLVED for a small financial contribution they can.

**7. Planning:**

**a**. **New Applications: a.** None.

**b.** See between meetings. None.

**c. Decisions.**

* **24/03894/FUL** Linley Brook Cottage Linley Brook Broseley Bridgnorth. Demolition of existing single storey room and replacement with two storey rooms and erection of rear staircase extension. **REFUSED.** Noted.
* **24/04367/FUL** The Croft Astley Abbotts Erection of single storey side extension, fenestration changes. **Grant full planning permission.** Noted.

**d. Possible planning enforcement.** None.

**e.** **Any other urgent planning matters.** None.

**8. Car park: C**hair to be prompted to carry out promised works.

**9. Defibrillator Project:** All are working.

**a. units.**

**10. Highways Maintenance. a**. project complete for this financial year.

**11. Pavement LWIP.** No update.

**12. Police and Highways matters:**

a. VAS data. The data was presented and is available on the Parish Council Website.

b. 3 priorities for West Mercia Police Safer Neighbourhood team. It was RESOLVED to inform theft from farms, theft from outbuildings and speeding.

c. Road Closure B4373 between Nordley and Bridgnorth 2nd February 2025. STW . Noted.

**13. Local Government Elections May 2025.**

The local government elections will take place on 1st May 2025.

**14. Correspondence:**

a. Appointment of new Chief Executive Officer SALC. Noted.

b. Opportunity to join in a county wide project to install benches. Noted.

**15.** **Date of the next scheduled Tuesday 11th March 2025.** The meeting was declared closed at 8.30pm.