

# ASTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## **ANNUAL REPORT 2018 – 2019**

- The first meeting of the year was on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and began as The Annual Meeting. The accounts for the year 2017/18 were examined and approved along with the Audit papers.
- There being no other persons wishing to stand, Cllr Canning was elected as Chair for the year 2018/19 and Cllr Proctor was elected as vice-chair.

### **Main points from Parish Council meetings - May 2018 – April 2019:**

- The local authority and Police have been monitoring speeds through the village with the 30mph area. The evidence would suggest that although some motorists continue to speed the majority comply. Where accidents have occurred, the severity and injury is much reduced. It is beholden to all parishioners to therefore adhere to the limit and set a good example to through traffic.
- The draft revenue budget was agreed with no increase in precept revenue for 2019-2020. Unfortunately a technical error added £90.00 to the precept request which equated to an average increase of 5.3% (as you will have seen from your Council Tax bills). This meant an actual increase of £0.83 to the annual bill for a Band C property. Although the actual amount is very small, the Council apologises for it.
- Our current financial position: Balance at the bank (as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019) is £1265.21. We still maintain a workable balance so are in a position to use that for projects to further develop the features in the village and so would welcome any ideas from parishioners that we can support. One suggestion was a defibrillator to be sited by the Reading Room and we unsuccessfully applied for a grant towards this. The Council is now pursuing other options but would welcome input from residents.
- To comply with the latest Government legislation regarding our Annual Governance and Accountability Return to ensure transparency all agendas, minutes, financial statements and annual reports are published on our website.
- It was decided that meetings of the Parish Council will continue to be held four times a year in March, May (with the AGM), August & November.
- The recently held local election had no additional candidates other than the existing members of the parish council and so they were all re-elected uncontested.

- There are always opportunities to serve on the council as a co-opted member so if you would like to be involved or just find out what we do then please contact us either via the Clerk at the email address above, by post C/O 1 Castle Drive, Astley, CV10 7QD or come in person to the next meeting, details of which can be found on the website or on the Reading Room noticeboard.

## *NC Canning*

Councillor NC Canning

Chair

Astley Parish Council

May 2019