

# ASTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Councillors held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021 in The Reading Room

**Present**

Councillor Canning (Chair)  
Councillor Hunter  
Councillor Orton

**Apologies**

Councillor Proctor

**Visitors**

Adam Weaver  
Sharon Ormonde  
Paula Ward  
Liz O'Brien  
Nadia Khan Barnes  
Dave Barnes

**Absent**

**In Attendance**

Melanie Binks

	Meeting opened at 7pm with Councillor Canning in the chair.	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>21-21</b>	<b>Apologies</b>  Councillor Proctor	

22-21	<p><b>Open Forum</b></p> <p>Five parishioners, who all live on Breach Oak Lane, were present at the meeting, (more parishioners wished to attend the meeting but due to the size of the room and the potential COVID risks did not deem it sensible), to report their objections and concerns on the proposed IPV Flexgen Corley Solar Farm.</p> <p>These were noted as follows and include but are not limited to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The health aspect of the solar farm is a significant concern to local residents</li> <li>- The leaking of battery units</li> <li>- The effect on the environment</li> <li>- Wildlife issues such as birds landing on the panels thinking it is water</li> <li>- Units not recyclable when they reach end of life</li> <li>- Increased traffic on small local roads that, for example, that do not get gritted in bad weather and already have speeding issues</li> <li>- The effect on house prices which local estate agent Connells reported could result in a decrease of 5-10%</li> <li>- There are better locations such as local airports or Daw Mill Colliery</li> <li>- Solar energy no longer features in the Government's "10 Point Plan"</li> <li>- Due to the lack of sunshine in the UK solar farms are only about 15% efficient</li> </ul> <p>A document was provided and circulated by the Breach Oak residents which can be viewed on the Astley Parish Council web site and provides more detail on the points raised above.</p> <p>Please note that this document, and its contents, do not represent the views of Astley Parish Council and is provided for information purposes only.</p> <p>Please refer back to the author of the document (Paula Ward <a href="mailto:paulaannward@gmail.com">paulaannward@gmail.com</a>) if there are any points or questions you wish to raise.</p>	
23-21	<p><b>Declaration of Interests</b></p> <p>Councillor Canning, Councillor Hunter and Councillor Orton declared a personal interest in the proposed Corley Solar Farm.</p>	
24-21	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b></p> <p>The minutes were approved by the meeting and signed by the chairperson.</p>	

<p><b>25-21</b></p> <p><b>16-19</b></p> <p><b>110-21</b></p>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>It was discussed again at great length that even though the Councillors were in agreement that funding a defibrillator for the village was worthwhile this could only be achieved with additional or external funding or grants.</p> <p>Councillor Proctor to raise the potential funding of a village defibrillator with the PCC.</p> <p>Councillor Proctor agreed to take the old minute books to the Warwickshire Records Office.</p>	<p><b>Proctor</b></p> <p><b>Proctor</b></p>
<p><b>26-21</b></p>	<p><b>Annual Governance</b></p> <p>The Annual Internal Audit Report, the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements were all discussed and signed where appropriate by the Chairman and Clerk.</p>	
<p><b>27-21</b></p>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>The Councillors confirmed that they had all received the "Accounts to Date" spreadsheet and had no questions with reference to this document.</p> <p>Cheques were approved and matched with invoices where appropriate as follows</p> <p>100352 Clerk's Salary - £169 100353 Room Rent - £25</p> <p>Balance at the bank - £1084.35</p>	
<p><b>28-21</b></p>	<p><b>Councillors' report and items for future agenda</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the next meeting will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 at 7pm.</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 8pm.</p>	
	<p>Signed:</p> <p>Date:</p>	