



Newbold Astbury cum Moreton

Annual Parish Council Newsletter

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Annual Parishes Meeting/W.I./Astbury School/ Astbury Church/Wall Hill Lane/Broadband Issues/Parish Council Elections/May Day Events/Congleton Link Road

Parish Council Elections Thursday May 2nd. 2019



Do you care about where you live? Are you passionate about your community? If so, you could make a great local councillor. Stand for election and make a local change.

WHAT IS A LOCAL COUNCIL?

Local council is a universal term for community, village, neighbourhood, parish and town councils. They are the first tier of local government and are statutory bodies. They serve communities and are elected by residents. They can raise their own precept (a form of council tax). There are 10,000 local councils in England and 120,000 councillors who serve on these local councils.

WHAT DO LOCAL COUNCILS DO?

Your local council has overall responsibility for the well-being of your local community. Their work falls into three main categories:

- Delivery of services
- Improve the quality of life for residents
- Give communities a democratic voice

BECOMING A LOCAL COUNCILLOR

As a local councillor, you can become a voice for your community and make a real change. Local councillors are community leaders and represent the interests of the communities they serve. Local councillors have three main responsibilities: Decision-making, Monitoring, Getting involved locally

GETTING ELECTED

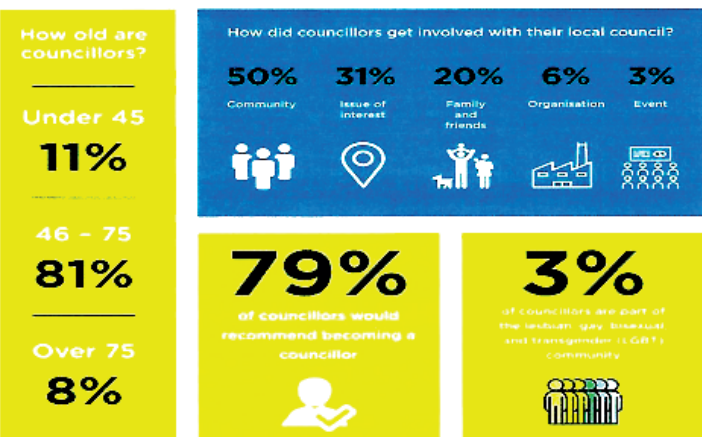
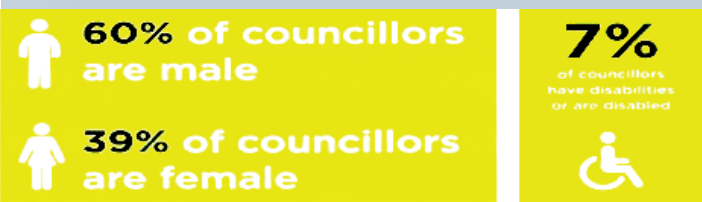
To stand for election to a local council you must:

- Be a UK or Commonwealth citizen; or be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland; or be a citizen of another Member State of the European Union, Be 18 years old

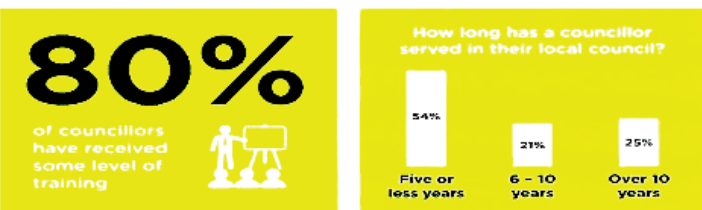
How can I get involved?

Contact Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council at : jmasonparishclerk@gmail.com

to find out more or visit www.nalc.gov.uk/elections If you want a nomination paper to stand please contact the elections team at Westfields or the Clerk for advice . The deadline for return nomination papers is Wednesday 3rd April 2019 at 4pm



Councillors on average spend 12 hours on council business per month



CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT

WHEN?
Fri 29th March 2019
7pm for 7:30 start!

WHERE?
Astbury Village Hall

REFRESHMENTS?
Fully Stocked BAR
Homemade Curry & Rice
Homemade Lasagne & Salad
*Please pre-order vegetarian alternative when purchasing your ticket

ALL AGES WELCOME!

TICKETS
£10 per person from:
Claire Hocknell
07771 745227
Jo Ward
07771 967352
Or Facebook Message the May Day Page!

FEATURING:
Quiz Master Andrew Shaw!
Grand National Draw!
Raffle Prizes!
Fun for all the family!

CASH PRIZES TO BE WON!

ALL PROCEEDS TO ASTBURY MAY DAY FUNDS & ST MARYS CHURCH!

Internet Access in our Parishes

The Parish Council is aware, from residents' feedback and the completion of the Neighbourhood Plan, that there is an issue with internet access speeds across the parishes. It not clear though which specific areas or properties have the issues as we cover a vast dispersed rural area. The copper telephony network, connected to exchanges in Biddulph, Congleton and Smallwood, was laid out decades ago and so cabinet locations are not always close enough to take advantage of the best technologies available on the wired network. Furthermore, we understand that the Connecting Cheshire programme (<https://tinyurl.com/y29a3uha>) will not be making further improvements in our parishes.

However, there is financial support for businesses and communities who are willing to part-fund provision of high-speed broadband - up to 1,000Gb per second - in their areas. Where speeds are low, registered suppliers will accept vouchers, available from the Government Gigabit Voucher scheme (<https://tinyurl.com/y9wozclf>), worth up to £2,500 for a business and £500 for a residence.

Alternatively, if you cannot access an affordable broadband service with a speed of at least 2Mb per second, you may be eligible for a subsidy of up to £350 to improve your access to at least 10Mb per second under the Better Broadband Scheme (<https://tinyurl.com/yycrdwyr>).

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: 2019

The Council held 11 meetings in the past year with individual Council Members and the Clerk attending several Seminars dealing with and addressing specific issues of developing Local Council legislation and administration.

The Astbury & Moreton Neighbourhood Plan has now been in operation for 18 months and it is gratifying to see frequent references to the adopted Policies in Cheshire East Planning Officers application reports. The Plan is having a clear and positive input on development in the Parishes.

Commenting on Planning Applications the PC continues to endeavour to strike a balance between sensitive practical development, including recycling of existing buildings for residential and modest commercial use along with protection of the rural landscape - full Policy details of the Neighbourhood Plan can be found on the website.

Traffic in the Parish and condition of roads and signage continues to be a priority concern to Residents. The PC commissioned an independent Consultant to undertake traffic monitoring through the Village and review options for calming and improvements both in the Village and on several lanes used by through-running traffic. As yet the PC has not been able to secure the positive co-operation of Highways but are continuing to pressure for action with ongoing site meetings. With construction of the Congleton Link Road now underway the PC is also focusing on the potential impact of the resulting traffic flows. Regular meetings are in hand with the specific Cheshire East Highways Engineer to discuss, assess and implement mitigation measures.

Fly tipping also continues to be problematic but a recent substantial prosecution success in the Parish brought about by alert Residents, the Police and Cheshire East Legal Department should act as a warning to those seeking to use the countryside as a waste depository.

The PC are grateful to Cheshire East Council's Rhoda Bailey and Liz Wardlaw for their attendance at PC Meetings providing a working link to the executive authority.

Elections for the Parish Council are due to be held on May 2nd - any Parishioners who feel they can and would like to contribute to the life of the Parish and Community are encouraged to stand for election - details can be obtained from the Clerk.

The PC's Newsletter and website continues to develop with increasing content and information for Residents and the wider community. Submissions from Parish organisations and interest groups are always welcome.

The annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.00pm Wednesday 10th April 2019 in the Village Hall and includes cheese and wine along with guest speakers as well as a more comprehensive Chairman's Report. There will be an opportunity to raise and discuss with Councillors any questions arising - please come along.

John Carter

Chairman

ACCOUNTS 2018/19

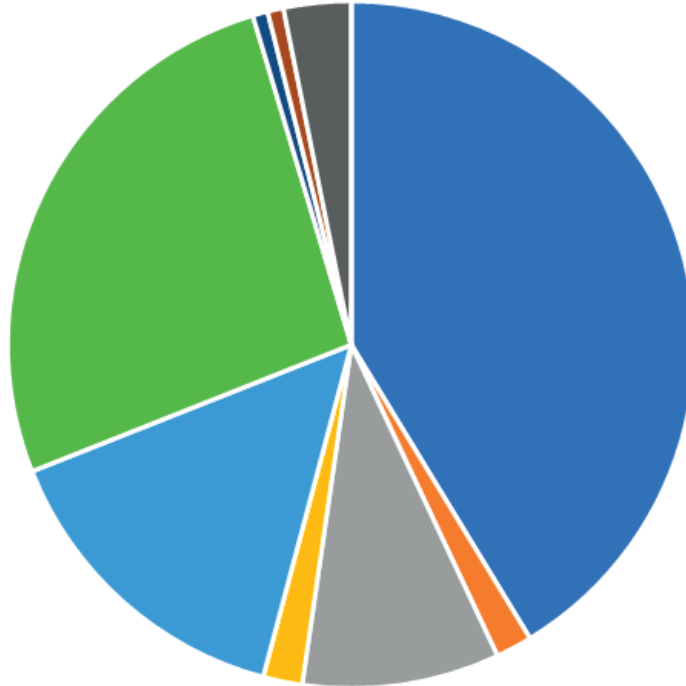
Opening Balance £8,814 + Receipts £16,130 = £24,944

Payments £14,380 - Predicted Closing Balance = £10,564

The Parish Council asked for a precept 2018/19 of £15,000.

The precept set by the Parish Council in November for 2019/20 is £15,000 which is £42.27 for a band D property.

The pie chart below explains where the monies have been attributed to this year.



- Salary/HMRC
- expenses
- Professional Fees
- Memberships
- Communication
- Fixed Assets
- Chairmans Allowance
- Training
- Meeting Costs

Returning to May Day 2019... Great Astbury Bake Off Get Your Bake On!

Classes;

A Crispy Cake Animal (under 16s only)
Cup Cakes to celebrate Rob Lomas
60th Birthday (owner of Glebe Farm)
Your Best Brownie
Scrumptious Scones
A Traditional Bake
A Flavoured Gin (over 18s only)

Rules;

Entries to marquee by 10:45am on May Day;
Entry forms to be completed on the day to allow all food safety & allergy notices to be displayed;
Post Judging, entries to be sold to raise funds for May Day
All entries must be homemade;
£1 per entry;
Prizes kindly donated by Astbury Mere Care Home
Contact ~ 07771967352

Fun Dog Show!

@ May Day 2019!

Glebe Farm - Sat 18th May - 11:30am

Classes;

Marvellous Male
Fabulous Female
Best Jnr Handler (handler under 16)
Best Rescue
Best Puppy (under 12 months)
Gorgeous Golden Oldie (over 8 years)
Musical Sits
Best in show

Show Organiser Contact ~ 07771967352

Kindly Sponsored by HJ Lea Oakes

ANNUAL PARISHES MEETING

Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council would like to invite you to the Annual Parishes Meeting on Wednesday 10th April at 7.00pm at the Village Hall.

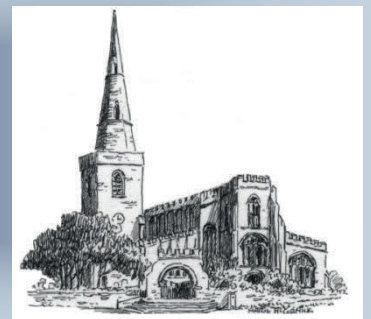
Cheese and Wine will be served on arrival

AGENDA

- WELCOME AND APOLOGIES
- TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY 2018
- CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
- FINANCIAL REPORT
- PRESENTATION about the soldiers from Astbury and Moreton cum Alcumlow who served and died in the Great War from The Cheshire Villages Great War Society.
- QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION
- DISCUSSION with Mr. Sean Halewood—Cheshire East Highways Engineer on the mitigation measures for Wall Hill Lane
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PCC A.P.C.M. at St Mary's

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on Monday 25th March in the church. Any parishioner or local government elector in the parish of Newbold Astbury cum Moreton is welcome to attend and to vote in the election of the churchwardens. Afterwards the Annual Meeting of the PCC will take place, but only those on the church electoral roll may vote at this meeting.



CONGLETON LINK ROAD.

The Chairman and the Clerk together with Cllr R Bailey and Cllr L Wardlaw (Cheshire East Ward Councillors) met with two representatives from Cheshire East Highways to discuss the mitigation measures to be implemented on Wall Hill Lane/Brownlow Heath Lane/Child's Lane due to the construction of the Congleton Link Road. It was a very positive meeting and evident that CE Highways want to consult with the public and reach the best possible outcome with the budget they have available . The Parish Council have arranged a meeting for 13th March at 6pm in the Village Hall for the residents of the lanes (Wall Hill Lane, Brownlow Heath Lane, Child's Lane) to meet with Mr Sean Halewood (CE Engineer).

If you wish to attend please let the Clerk know : jmasonparishclerk@gmail.com



PLANNING EXHIBITION...



...everyone welcome

Sibelco, a leading supplier of specialist minerals based in Cheshire for nearly 40 years, is preparing a planning application seeking consent to extract and process specialist industrial sand at Bent Farm Quarry West, Congleton.

The planning exhibition will present the findings of studies undertaken and seek views of the local community before making the submission to the Local Authority.

Sibelco will be holding a planning exhibition at Bent Farm Quarry on Tuesday 12th March 2019 between 3.00pm and 7.00pm

Company representatives will be present to discuss the outline proposals.

www.sibelco.com

The Parish Council want to establish the areas which are struggling so that we can approach a supplier such as Openreach to see if we can support a solution. We'd like to ask your help by completing a short survey of access methods and speeds in the parish. This survey is available on the parish website <https://astbury-parish.org.uk> under the 'Consultations' menu item, or you can reach it directly via <https://tinyurl.com/y58yygp9>. The survey is open now and closes on 11 April.
Thank you for your help!

Astbury W.I.



Margaret, our President opened the meeting welcoming everyone including our Speaker Mr Derek Poulson. We went straight into singing Jerusalem and all gave a rousing performance, which was fabulous and uplifting. Birthday Buttonholes for ladies who have February birthday included Mrs Marie Lycett, who celebrates her 102nd birthday later in the month.

There will be a County Quiz on the 19th February at Smallwood Village Hall and a group of eager members quickly filled the Team of 4 required. This is an annual event and everyone enjoys it !

The Knit & Natter Group meet up regularly at The Egerton Arms where lunch is available- we are knitting " Myeloma Buddies "- for children and will be knitting as many as we can so if anyone wants to help then patterns and wool can be requested from Lisa..The next Knit & Natter will be 27th Feb at 11.30. ... a sociable occasion and all are welcome.

In 2020 Cheshire WI will be 100 years old – Astbury WI will be 80. We intend to make this a good year of celebrations. Suggestions have been invited and this will be discussed at forthcoming Committee Meetings.

Our speaker for the evening was Mr Derek Poulson who gave a talk called " Love Actually "..."in readiness for Valentines day! He opened his lively and fascinating talk by singing, " Love is the Sweetest thing." He talked about proposals with traditions dating from the Romans and Egyptians, for example, how fruit and nuts were thrown at the bride and groom...obviously ground up first – "Why?" we asked- for fertility of course!!! He told us about how Wedding Rings came about and why we eat Wedding Cake

After a fascinating. talk we were given a piece of pink paper. We were told to fold it and make a fan. In the 18th Century a fan was probably what a mobile phone is to us today and Derek talked us through how people communicated with their lover ! How to hold the fan and what it means if you waft it quickly and look at your partner! Needless to say there was lots of fun and laughter.

The Competition for a Handmade Valentines card was judged by Mr Poulson and won by Cath Booth.

Our Next Meeting will be held at Astbury Village Hall on Wednesday 6th March- speaker Lorna McKenzie on Positive Hearing; Competition; An ear accessory.

Our April Meeting is a New Members Evening, when our newer members are invited to run the meeting. Our last one was a really enjoyable Beetle Drive. We welcome old and new members for further information please contact Mrs Kate Burrow 07875691170 And we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Dates for the diary:

6th March Astbury WI Meeting. Village Hall 7.30pm

13th March Knit and Natter Egerton Arms 11.30am

14th March Half Yearly is Council Meeting Northwich 7.30 pm

27th March Knit and Natter Egerton Arms 11.30am

3rd April New Members Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm

1st May Resolution Meeting and Fish and Chip Supper. 7.30pm



ASTBURY SCHOOL NEWS.

We hope you enjoy reading the news from our school and that you can learn something about us as you read!

On 1st February Astbury St Mary's CE Primary School, joined the Chester Diocesan Academies Trust (CDAT) Family. As a church school, St Mary's has already been working closely with CDAT schools and were delighted to officially convert into the Trust at the start of the month. The collaboration between CDAT schools will provide great opportunities for staff and children to come together. Staff will share good practice across the Trust to impact teaching and learning and children will have access to wider curricular and extra-curricular activities. The shared Christian values across the Trust closely match the values of Astbury St Mary's and the CDAT Board are delighted to welcome the school into the Trust and look forward to working with Pip Worswick, the headteacher, and all of the staff, governors and children.

To mark the occasion, the school had a tea party to celebrate their new school. There was a great atmosphere and the children broke out into song 'reach for the stars!'

Astbury team leaders led worship working with their teams to reflect on goal setting - 'Let love be your highest goal.' The children thought about how they can show love to others and aim to be loving in all situations. The older children supported and encouraged the younger ones so well. The Astbury family in action!

The ethos council visited Elworth school and other schools in Chester Diocesan Academies Trust for a morning of inspiration, learning and fun! The children worked in small groups to explore Fairtrade - building their knowledge, creating posters and music as well as developing friendships. They are looking forward to sharing their learning and inspiring others back at Astbury.

On Safer Internet Day, children learnt that we all need to take responsibility for how we behave on the internet. They also learnt to ask permission when sharing information and pictures by playing a game 'please may I pass you the ball?' Children discussed a range of dilemmas linked to gaming and messaging online and considered the best course of action they should take in different internet based situations.

Coding club @STEMClubs with #STEMClubsWeek - Astbury children had lots of fun building and programming the lego mindstorm robots, asking questions to take their learning deeper.

The Swimathon team swam 120 lengths, amazing team spirit and great determination. It was great to have so many supporters in the balcony!

Astbury Eco club had a lovely walk looking for signs of plant life. Lots of mud and a stream to get messy and wet in too!

Friendship, collaboration, trust, patience, honesty and fun - just a few of the elements needed for relationship building. Children worked well in their teams on team challenge activities that developed and strengthened their relationships.

Astbury May Queen and attendants 2019. The traditional draw from the old top hat took place in school with the name of the new queen being drawn by this year's retiring queen. We are all looking forward to Saturday 18th May - save the date!

Astbury children in Saint Andrew's team enjoyed their team treat in the spring sunshine! Painting, golf, tennis and ipads - all their choice of activity! Lots of fun playing together too!

Please look at some of the exciting things that we do at our school on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/astburyschool/>

Who are we? Please feel free to get in touch!

John Carter (Chairman) 01260 275828 (A)	Julie Mason (Clerk) 01260 641854	Judith Critchlow (vice chair) 01260 272174 (M)
Roger Sutton 01260 273677 (A)	Charles Kennerly 01260 272205 (A)	Phill Critchlow 01260272174 (M)
Peter Cliff 01260 275700 (M)	Andy Banks 01260 281194 (A)	Nick Barton 01260 280678 (A)
Nick Sharman 01260 271374 (A)	Rob Lomas 01260 272061 (A)	Peter Stanway 01260 273532 (A)
Sally-Ann Banks 01260 281964 (M)	Nick Plant 07801 545 402 (A)	
(A) - Newbold Astbury Ward	(M) - Moreton cum Alcumlow Ward	

We meet in Astbury Village Hall on the 2nd. Wednesday of every month at 7.30 pm. Please feel free to come along.

If you have an item for the next newsletter, any comments, or you would like to sponsor the mailing costs in return for including a leaflet, contact Phill Critchlow. (phill.critchlow@astbury-parish.org.uk)