

# Parishes Newsletter

## MARCH 2022



Website: <http://astbury-parish.org.uk>

### ANNUAL PARISHES MEETING

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council  
would like to invite you to the Annual Parishes  
Meeting at

7.00pm in Astbury Village Hall.

Cheese and Wine will be served on arrival

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 13th. April 2021
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Chairman's report
5. Questions from the public

#### PRESENTATIONS :

##### 1. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

What is a Neighbourhood Plan and what do they do for you?

Andrew Thomson –a Planning Consultant who will talk briefly about how important a Neighbourhood Plan is for the future of Rural Parishes.

##### 2. THE HISTORY OF NEWBOLD ASTBURY and MORETON CUM ALCUMLOW

Ian Doughty –a local historian from Congleton Museum with some interesting facts about the two Parishes that we are all part of.



The Climate  
Emergency and Us

See page 3 for  
details and Join us at  
the NEIGHBOURHOOD  
Plan Drop in on

Saturday 9th. April  
at The Village Hall.

## Chairman's Report: 2022

The Parish Council held 11 meetings in the past 12 months, and despite covid restrictions it was pleasing to see a number of parishioners joining us to raise issues and express their views on numerous occasions.

The majority of our meetings were attended by 1 of our Ward Councillors, Councillors Liz Wardlaw and Patrick Redstone who continue to support the Parish Council in matters such as Highways and Planning Issues. Thank you to them.

In May 2021 the Parish Council said farewell to our long standing colleague and chair John Carter, and Julie Mason our clerk. Our thanks go to them for their invaluable service. We welcomed Carlton Evans as our new clerk and Megan Bailey was subsequently co-opted on to the Council.

The Neighbourhood Plan which was adopted by Cheshire East in 2017, is currently being reviewed by the original NP team comprising of a number of councillors and parishioners. A number of policies contained in the plan have now been supersede and we need to ensure that it reflects the requirements of the parishes for the future. We will explain further at the April Meeting, and there will be an open morning at the Village Hall on Saturday April 9th. for you to meet the team and express your views.

A number of matters have been reported by parishioners and as in previous years include issues with traffic volumes, accidents and potholes, together with increased fly tipping which appears to have been exacerbated by the closure of Congleton Recycling Centre.

The Parish Council are working on a number of long term projects specifically the common land at Brownlow Heath where work is continuing to secure the future for the land for conservation and wildlife and to enable it to be an educational and recreational asset for the parishes. Work continues in researching all the soldiers who are believed to have been omitted from the war memorial in St. Mary's churchyard.

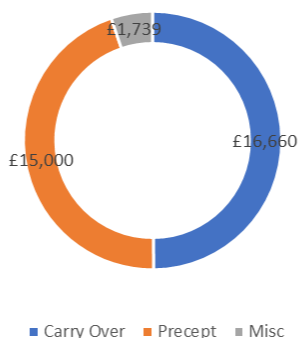
The Parish Council Newsletter and website continue to provide up to date information and links for parishioners and provides opportunities for parish groups to publicise their activities. We are always happy to receive parish news items for inclusion.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th. April at 7.00pm in Astbury Village Hall. We extend a warm invitation to all our parishioners and hope to see as many of you as can attend on that evening. Cheese and Wine will be served and our guest speakers will be Ian Doughty (whose visit was postponed from 2020) and Andrew Thomson our planning consultant who is an integral part of our Neighbourhood Plan Team.

There will also be an opportunity for you to raise any issues or pose any questions which we will endeavour to answer. We look forward to seeing you.

Judith Critchlow (Chair)

Astbury Parish Income



Astbury Parish Expenditure



**Parish Accounts**  
**2021 - 2022**

# NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## The Climate Emergency and Us

Climate science tells that global heating fuels more, and more extreme, severe weather events – even close at hand in our “green and pleasant land”: see the pictures of recent flooding in Poynton and wildfires on the Roaches, (on the front page) and most recently with Storm Franklin.

What can we do, even in small ways, to abate global heating and mitigate its consequences? As you know through this newsletter we are currently updating our Neighbourhood Plan: should we use it to address the climate emergency, and if so how?

**We'd like your help on this and our Neighbourhood Plan: drop in to our Open Morning in Astbury Village Hall any time between 10:00am and 1:00pm on Saturday, 9 April and share your thoughts and ideas with us.**

**Save The Date!! ASTBURY MAY DAY 2022 is on Saturday 21st May**

The committee have met a few times already this year and planning is well under way. The committee are excited to include a Platinum Jubilee theme this year with games and activities for our visitors. At this stage if any local businesses or organisations would like to support the May Day by entering an advert into our programme they can do so by contacting us via our Astbury May Day Facebook page or via email: [astburymayday@gmail.com](mailto:astburymayday@gmail.com). We can then forward on further information on our order form.

**Astbury WI February 2022** Our WI meeting took place on 2nd February. In President Margaret's absence, due to a positive Covid Test, Vice President Kath took the meeting and welcomed everyone. She hoped it wasn't too late to wish members, who were not at the January meeting, a Happy New Year. Kath welcomed Julie Hawkins, our speaker for the evening and Jill Dolman from the local LOL Foundation.

Jill had come to thank members who had generously knitted and crocheted scarves and blankets for the Foundation. These had been very much appreciated. She told us of the current rewarding challenge the Foundation are undertaking in looking after the interpreter families from Afghanistan and the work they are doing with these families. Kath thanked Rhoda Bailey for the plant for the President's Table and Cath Cunliffe for the birthday buttonholes. Brenda Cook received a buttonhole. Another one will be taken to Marie Lycett for her 105th birthday later in February. I'm sure everyone joins us in wishing Marie a lovely day when her birthday arrives. Carol Steer kindly volunteered to provide flowers for the President's table in March and Kate Burrow agreed to thank our next month's speaker. Kath and Liz ably dealt with the normal business of the evening, giving members news of subscriptions for 2022, and our resolution meeting in May when members will vote on the resolutions chosen to be discussed at the National AGM. Members can look forward to a fish and chip supper at our May Meeting. Liz expressed her personal thanks to Hazel Fogg, who has been Cheshire Federation Secretary and shared the news that she has moved to pastures new. She also made members aware that planned Cheshire Federation events had been cancelled. There will be no County Quiz, nor will the Hints and Tips Day now take place. These have been cancelled in the interests of keeping members safe. The Annual Council Meeting will, however, take place on Saturday 19th March at Woodford Community Centre and there is only one Delegate Ticket available this year. Anyone interested in attending was asked to please speak to Liz.

Margaret had passed on an email from Anne-Marie, Rector at St Mary's, inviting members to knit, crochet or sew bunting for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations to decorate the Church and Village Hall. In the school summer holidays the Church are planning to have a Noah's Ark Story Trail at Glebe Farm and the knit and natter ladies are invited to knit or crochet animals to sell, to raise money for the Church, to help pay for the first stages of the planning for the Church Building Project. Members were consulted about their feelings on the timing of our January meeting, which always seems to be upon us before we know it, after the Christmas and New Year celebrations. The results of our ballot concerning this will be discussed at our next committee meeting. Members were told that Sales Tables will be held in March, June, September and December. Any members not currently on the Astbury WI Whats App group who wishes to be included are asked to give their number to Liz. The information shared on this App keeps members in the loop about the range of activities within WI and any changes due to inclement weather etc. Catherine shared with members the following activities within the Dane Valley Group;—she reminded bowlers that there will be a meeting on Tuesday 8th March at 2pm at Goostrey Bowling Pavilion to discuss the arrangements for the season. The Season will start for our own bowling team on Tuesday 19th April at 2pm. The Spring Group Meeting will take place on Thursday 12th May at Goostrey Village Hall. Tickets are £6.00 and the speaker will be Paula Cornwell (in 1920s costume) “Mind Your Motor Manners”. Our role that evening will be the Table Hostess – we shall provide our cloth for the President's Table and President Margaret will be invited to sit at the Top Table.



The Group Summer Lunch is to be held at The Plough Inn at Eaton on Tuesday 19 July, at 12.30 for 1pm. Tickets are £25. The entertainment will be "The Robinsons" (Duo) singing Simon and Garfunkel and Everley Brothers-type music. The dates for the next two Knit and Natter get-togethers were announced Monday 7th and 21st February at The Blue Bell. The group are currently knitting red, white and blue bunting for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. We need to co-ordinate with other Village organisations regarding the plans and areas to display the bunting. Kath confirmed that Beresford's Mill in Congleton have kindly offered the ribbon to sew the pieces of bunting together, free of charge.

Kath and Margaret attended the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 9th February to ensure that the WI's plans for the Jubilee Celebration's and display were coordinated with the plans of the Parish as a whole. Only a few members had joined the walk on Monday 31st January around Astbury Mere, but those who had, enjoyed the walk followed by lunch at The Blue Bell where some members not currently able to join the walk had joined them. The dates for the next two get-togethers are Monday 14th and 28th February. The walks have yet to be decided.

On 23rd March 2022 we are holding a Winter Lunch at The George & Dragon, Holmes Chapel. Members will be asked for a £5.00 deposit and to preselect their food from the menu at our March Meeting. A book swap was held for the first time and there was a good selection of books on display. This will run monthly. Kath introduced Julie Hawkins with her talk "From Hobby to Profit". Julie shared with us her enthusiasm for sewing which started as a hobby but has now grown and resulted in her starting a haberdashery business in Market Drayton. Her hobby started about 5 years ago when she bought a sewing machine simply to repair her own and her family's clothes. This led to her making new items of clothing for family and friends, followed by sales to the general public via Facebook etc. She talked to us about how she had to overcome various obstacles with running a business, learning the rules and regulations concerning materials and selling to the public. Julie is also hoping to start running courses in the future at her shop in Market Drayton.

Members enjoyed a cuppa and cakes, baked by Kath Wainwright and Jen Fagan. After the raffle, the Competition winners for "My Funny Valentine" were announced. This month there were two winners, who were Elaine Hancock and Jane Tarrant. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem. Our speaker for the March Meeting on Wednesday 2nd March will be Susan Craig her talk is called "Look Back With Laughter". The competition will for a "Funny Photograph". There will also be a Sales Table. We hope that lots of members will feel able to attend and there is always a warm welcome for new members.

### **ASTBURY LADIES FELLOWSHIP**

Astbury Ladies' Fellowship is looking forward to Spring and on 16th March we are limbering up in the

village hall with Mark of Biddulph Physiotherapy, the bowlers among us particularly wanting to benefit!

We shall emerge carefully like the daffodils on the village green. Brian Hallworth is coming on the 20th

April, to talk about "Easter Folk" and Easter Customs in Cheshire. This year, it is 750 years since Congleton

had its market charter granted to it by Edward de Lacey. There will be many celebrations of it, and we are having Ian Doughty of Congleton Museum to tell us about the Charter. The meeting will take place in Astbury Village Hall at 1.30pm and you are warmly invited to come to it.

It will be Astbury May Day on Sat. 21st May, 12 noon-5.15pm and look we are having a plant stall. Last time we had a great variety, house plants and cuttings for your garden-do come along and have a look. At our meeting on the 18th of May, members are bringing plants which we shall take down to the stall on Saturday. If anyone has something to give it would be greatly appreciated. Part of what we raise goes towards flowers for the church. We are looking forward to the Queen's platinum Jubilee celebrations and are having an afternoon tea on 15th June. Until then we hope everyone will take care and stay well.

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#### **Who are we? Please feel free to get in touch**

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(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.

#### **Next Meetings: Please check the website.**

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](mailto:phill.critchlow@astbury-parish.org.uk))