

Astley Parish Council

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE

Astley Annual Parish Meeting
Thursday 21st May 2026 at 7.00pm
in The Reading Room, Castle Drive, Astley

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Chairman Cllr Webber, Cllr Orton, Cllr Hunter, Cllr Wilkinson, Parish Clerk Helen Billington.

Also in attendance: Jeanette Sutton (Astley PCC), WCC Cllr Scott Cameron

APM 1/26

Apologies

Cllr Proctor

APM 2/26

Reports

- Jeanette Sutton presented the PCC report to the meeting. It was noted how much great work is done by the PCC to the benefit of the community. Thanks were given by the PCC to all those who support the PCC activities, including the Parish Council. Copies of the report are available from Astley Church and have been distributed already to church members.
- Cllr Cameron had no specific WCC Parish report- he has not received any requests from Astley residents directly. It was thought that it would be helpful to raise awareness of his presence and councillor resources to Astley residents. Cllr Cameron has been a great support and source of information for the Parish Council this year, for which the Council are very grateful. He provided an update on the highways feasibility study and the opportunity for local groups to apply for a community grant. These issues were fully discussed and captured in the Council Meeting which followed.

APM 3/26

Approval of minutes from APM 2025

Minutes from the meeting held 15th May 2025 were approved and signed by

the Chairman.

APM 4/26

Chairman's report of the year

Cllr Simon Webber presented his report to the meeting. The full document is available on Astley Parish website.

The Parish Council are grateful for Cllr Webber taking on the role of Chairman this year.

APM 5/26

Report on annual finances

A summary of the income and expenditure vs budget was provided by the clerk.

The accounts held a surplus of £555 at the end of the year, vs a projection (when the budget was set) of a surplus of £693. Whilst savings from the budget were made, there was extra expense in installing the new dog bin and increased number of hours worked by the clerk. On balance, it was agreed it was a good outcome.

It was noted that Parish Councils should hold a reserve of approximately 50% of precept to cover unexpected costs. The current reserve is significantly lower than that and this will be considered again when the budget is set for the next year.

The finance summary is also available on the website.

APM 6/26

Public discussion

- There was a discussion around the implications of the future local government organisational review.
- A question was asked about future councillor vacancies. The Parish Council would welcome anyone interested in this role. Please contact the clerk in the first instance for further information.

APM 7/26

Any other business

None

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

Chairman signature

Date

