



## Astley Village Parish Council

23 November 2021 at 7.30pm

Present

Councillor Arnold Almond (Chair) (in the Chair); Councillor John McAndrew (Vice Chair); Councillors Keith Ashton, Susan Crook, Rod Fraser, Matt Lynch, Gillian Sharples and Chris Sheldon.

### **302.01 Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Emma Barraclough offered her apologies for the meeting.

### **302.02 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors and officers were invited to declare any interests they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

No declarations were made.

### **302.03 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

RESOLVED – (unanimously) That the Press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 3 “Planting of Trees on the Village Green in front of the Shops/Flats” (Minute 302.04 ) due to the confidential nature to be discussed pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

### **302.04 Planting of Trees on the Village Green in front of the Shops/Flats**

The Parish Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) following concerns that had been raised regarding the legality of the Parish Council planting five trees on the Village Green in front of the shops/flats.

This Extraordinary meeting had been called by the Chair of the Parish Council to decide how to proceed regarding the concerns/complaint received.

RESOLVED – (Unanimously (1) That:

- (i) That the five trees planted on the village green in front of the shops/flats in February 2021 be removed as soon as possible and the ground be made good.
- (ii) That the permission of Chorley Borough Council be sought to replant the five trees within a two-metre strip at the side of the path that goes from Derian House drive entrance to near the lay-bye on Euxton Lane previously identified by the Parish Council as a possible wildflower meadow.
- (iii) That Everglades Nurseries Ltd be requested to undertake the work and approval of the cost be delegated to the Parish Clerk subject to the cost not exceeding £500.

(iv) That the Parish Council should seek retrospective permission from Chorley Borough Council and Lancashire County Council for the trees planted by the Parish Council during the last three years.

(2) That the Chair of the Parish Council be requested to clarify with the resident who wrote to the Parish Council on 24 July 2021 regarding previous safety issues on the area in front of the shops and the subway, the statement made by him “we are essentially bound to offer any plans to these organisations for permission, before proceeding with any plans”.

### **302.05 Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 5 January 2022.

The meeting concluded at 8.15 pm

Chair