

MINUTES of Astley Village Parish Council meeting held Wednesday, 1 July 2015 at Astley Village Community Centre, Hallgate, Astley Village.

Present Cllrs A Bridge, R Fraser, I Handley, D Hope, C Lennox, L Lennox (Chairman), J McAndrew, M Lynch
Clerk Mrs D Platt.

263.01 Apologies none. None attend Cllrs Almond, Robinson.

263.02 Declarations of Interest - none

263.04 Public Participation - none present.

263.03 Minutes of Meeting

RESOLVED: Minutes of the Council meeting of 13 May 2015 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

263.04 Clerks Report

Members received the report. Updates were that the seat had been installed at the bus stop, members discussed the consultation on the sale of the land on Southport Road to the home owner.

263.5 Statutory Business

Members noted the applications. Members discussed that more residents in the area should mean more need for buses.

263.11 Financial Matters

i) Consider applications for payment made to the Council

RESOLVED: The following requests for payment/standing orders were approved.

£	626.40	Furnitubes	Seat
£	72.00	ARK Welding	Repair to Christmas tree fence
£	73.75	1st Euxton ROF Scouts	Delivery of newsletter
£	338.58	Employee 1	Salary July 15
£	78.00	Employee 2	Salary July 15
£	595.29	Employee 3	Salary July 15
£	84.60	HMRC	Tax & NI for July 2015
£	338.58	Employee 1	Salary June 15
£	78.00	Employee 2	Salary June 15
£	595.29	Employee 3	Salary June 15
£	84.60	HMRC	Tax & NI for Aug 2015
£	113.52	Employee 1	Reimbursements

ii) Approve financial monitoring statements

RESOLVED: Council approved the financial monitoring statements.

iii) Consider grant application

RESOLVED: Council approved a grant offer for £50 subject to receipt of accounts. Members suggested the group should promote its activities in the village using the community board, website, newsletter to actively encourage membership and contact the council again if they increase numbers. Members suggested they contact VCFS to help them network and access other funds and to contact their areas three borough ward councillors as they each have a community grant fund.

263.08 Consultations:

Electoral Review of Lancashire

Members considered this consultation but felt that other parishes may have more concerns over the eventual re-organisation.

Proposed expansion of Trinity CE/Methodist Primary School, Buckshaw Village

No comment.

Chorley Scrutiny Consultation: Public Transport Issues in Chorley

- Services are not regular enough through the village
- request diversion of some of the 125 buses through Astley Village so people don't have to go to the station to come back out to the Hospital
- revert buses back to No 10 half hourly services, both ways
- access link to Buckshaw from AV walking/cycling etc to access shops/amenities/transport ie rail station from Euxton Lane side
- Westway is used more often now by cyclists and pedestrians to access jobs/amenities/transport/shops on Buckshaw – it needs a footpath/cyclepath

Clerk to invite representative from Stagecoach to speak to the Council at a future meeting.

263.09 Two Year Plan Review

Members scrutinised the plan and made adjustments and additions. The plan will be circulated and then put in the newsletter for residents to review and suggest items for.

263.10 Christmas Event Planning

Cllr Fraser will approach Parklands Music Teacher and offer the dates of Monday the 7th through to 10th, at 7pm.

Members wished to invite the ladies from the WI to help again and the room requires booking, once the band date is confirmed.

263.11 Neighbourhood Working Projects

Members discussed the preferred projects. The village centre project has not been completed yet and the wildflower area at The Farthings failed and will be tried again next year. The gateway suggestions were approved at the meeting from two photo suggestions of a seat and flower bed.

263.12 Environment Reports

Zebra crossing lines need repainting.

CCTV project in Chorley, we will be consulted when/if they have suggested changes to the provision in the village.

There are breeze blocks at the side of the road.

Cllr Lynch is chasing Tesco regarding litter.

Path from Broadfields to Ponds, the bin has been replaced. The hedge at Ravensthorpe was reported the P4P again that it had been cut back but had stopped, and rubbish exposed underneath.

263.13 Reports from Councillors who represent the Parish Council on Other Bodies

Friends of Astley Park - Cllr McAndrew reported on all the activities which the group has organized and been delivering. It was asked if there was a plan to clear the water ditches and streams leading in to the park from the village – he will ask.

PACT – Cllr Lynch reported low crimes and that PCSO O’Lone was leaving. Members thanked him for his work.

Greenteam – Cllr Lynch is arranging a meeting.

263.14 Matters for information

Reported from the Flower Show drop in meeting, parking arrangements were discussed, cones, extra buses, parking on Westway fields, marshalling and access restrictions.

The Chairman declared the public part of the meeting closed.

2015 meeting dates: 7pm Wednesdays: 2 September, 4 November.