

MINUTES of Astley Village Parish Council meeting held Wednesday, 1 July 2020 via a Zoom virtual meeting.

Present Cllrs A Arnold, J Dawson, R Fraser, C Lennox, L Lennox (Chairman),
K Robinson, J McAndrew, A Pryce, C Sheldon. Clerk Mrs D Platt. Public 4

292.01 Apologies for Absence – Cllr K Robinson.

292.02 Declarations of Interest – none at this time.

Chair moved item 8 into the private section following the exclusion of the press and public.

292.03 Public Participation

RESOLVED: Council agreed to suspend standing orders.

Cty Cllr Riggott congratulated the parish council on having the first parish council zoom meeting he had heard of. Cllr Riggott informed of the new bus service being secured and discussed the route with Councillors.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to restore standing orders.

292.04 Minutes of Meeting

RESOLVED: Minutes of the Council meeting of 3 March 2020 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair with a correction at 06 of floor from flood.

292.05 Clerks Report and Chairs Report

Members received the Clerks report.

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Since the reports, the Westway fields project has moved forward and an update will be circulated to all Councillors.

Community centres being re-opened – there is no date for this yet.

Although Chair has received some complaints about the long grass sections in the verges, there have also been positive comments too.

The new weed burner system had been trialed in the village, with limited success as it set fire to a hedge, so weed control is under review at the moment.

A Councillor had heard from a Council worker that some of Chorley Council's departments are to be merged with another Council – Chair would ask around but had not heard anything about this.

292.06 Statutory Business

Consider planning applications

20/00558/FULHH 40 Judeland Astley Village Chorley PR7 1XJ - Single storey side extension. Councillors had no comments.

292.07 Financial Matters

i) Receive information of receipt of the precept

RESOLVED: Council received the information that the precept had been received, £20,794 precept, £3,877 grant, total of £24,671.

ii) Approve all expenditures for payment

RESOLVED: Council approved the payments

£	24.00	Easywebsites	Monthly rental
£	10.20	Chorley Council	Room hire
£	279.06	Employee 1	Salary April20
£	94.47	Employee 2	Salary April 20
£	69.60	HMRC	Tax&NI April 20
£	40.00	ICO	Renewal of License
£	69.83	Birkacre	Plants
£	24.00	Easywebsites	Monthly rental
£	278.86	Employee 1	Salary May 20
£	94.47	Employee 2	Salary May 20
£	69.80	HMRC	Tax&NI May 20
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£	24.00	Easywebsites	Monthly rental
£	81.25	1st Euxton ROF Scouts	Delivery of newsletter
£	391.19	Zurich Insurance	Council Policy
£	10.20	Chorley Council	Room hire
£	75.00	S Edwards	Internal Audit
£	76.76	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£	279.06	Employee 1	Salary June 2020
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ii) Receive finance reports

Finance reports received. Query made on budget sheet, SPID heading remains, Clerk to check

iii) Receive and action the Internal Auditors report

RESOLVED: Internal Auditors report was received, there were no actions arising from the report.

iv) Approve final figures for year ending 31 March 2020

RESOLVED: Final figures for year ending 31 March 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

v) Approve Annual Governance statement 2019/2020 on the Annual Return

RESOLVED:

vi) Approve Accounting Annual Governance statement 2019/2020

RESOLVED: Accounting Annual Governance statement 2019/2020 was approved and signed by the Chairman.

292.09 Environment Reports

CS reported that the flooding at the rear of the shops appeared to have been sorted.

CS informed he was cycling near to one of the new SPIDs and overtaken by a car travelling at 49 mph.

CL asked about the SPID download – the Clerk has not been out to be able to do this.

292.13 Reports from Parish Council representatives on Other Bodies

LL informed she had heard that some of the Neighbourhood funds had gone to food parcels.

JMcA read out a report from the Friends of Astley Park.

292.14 Matters for information

AA appraised the meeting of contact from residents on Merefield about the alterations being carried out at number 5 Merefield and their concerns that this property, they had been informed, was to become a new facility for disabled adults. LL updated information she had obtained from Chorley Council that, without an application to consider for ie, a change of use or house of multiple occupancy, they could not do anything. LL will write to the residents who had made contact to update them.

CS asked if the Council were able to give grants to the likes of Derian House, as some charities had been suffering lower receipts due to their restrictions of fundraising. Clerk informed if they wrote in asking for a grant the Council can consider.

The Chairman declared the public meeting closed.

Future meeting dates 7pm Wednesdays. 2020 - 2 September, 4 November.