

MINUTES of Astley Village Parish Council meeting held Wednesday, 13 July 2016 at Astley Village Community Centre, Hallgate, Astley Village.

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

269.01 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED: Council resolved that Mr Almond had not attended for six months and so is no longer a Councillor.

269.02 Declarations of Interest - none

269.03 Public Participation

None present.

269.04 Minutes of Meeting

RESOLVED: Minutes of the Council meeting of 4 May 2016 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

269.05 Clerks Report

Members received the report.

269.06 Statutory Business

Consultation for the Westway Recreation Fields and Rugby Club development. Discussed some objections, access points for Westway fields, and access on to Westway for the proposed care home.

Discussed parking, land behind the school, parking for events.

Can we ask for a presentation at the next Council meeting from the joint group.

RESOLVED: Council resolved to suspend standing orders.

A resident asked where the care home was to be sited.

Water on Westway which appears from the new development at the rugby club, ML has reported this.

Overnight commercial lorry parking still in the lay by and Hallgate car park.

RESOLVED: Council resolved to restore standing orders.

Chase Lancashire County Council for the parking signage for the lay by.

269.07 Financial Matters

i) Consider applications for payment made to the Council

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

£	24.00	Easy Websites	Monthly rental July
£	278.06	Employee 1	Salary July 16
£	79.63	Employee 2	Salary July 16
£	606.67	Employee 3	Salary July 16
£	69.60	HMRC	Tax & NI July 2016
£	1944.00	Furnitubes	New seats x 3
£	323.50	Employee 1	Salary August 16
£	79.63	Employee 2	Salary August 16

£	606.67	Employee 3	Salary August 16
£	80.80	HMRC	Salary August 16

ii) Approve financial monitoring statements.

RESOLVED: Council approved the monitoring figures.

iii) Banking arrangements

Discussed the bank charges which Unity Bank has informed it will be charging at £6 per month. Options are to revert back to writing cheques, pay the bank charges, look for another bank.

Proposal to stay with Unity for 6 months and find another product.

RESOLVED: Proposed remain with Unity until the next meeting, and look for another product, was agreed.

269.08 Woodland Trust

Not taken forward.

269.09 Environment Reports

Our flower beds had been eaten by slugs and snails.

Collection of rubbish and leaves on the path by the Indian restaurant.

Planter at the entrance to Great Meadow, not planted yet.

Cars coming out of Broadfields and the shops have trouble seeing because of the overgrown. Hedges cannot be cut until out of nesting season. Report to Places for People.

Ash trees on Chancery, between Long Copse and Ravensthorpe extending over the paths dead branches need removing.

Dead wood in the hedge-line is being left as nature piles but the fence posts have been removed.

Derian House fence on Euxton Lane have fenced in the Cycle post signs within their land. Not sure if this was on the planning application. ML will pursue.

New owner of the Baron's Rest – can we ask for the back to be cleaned up, litter, hedge, untidy. Contact the pub company to ask tenants to tidy up.

Dog bin on Derian field is inaccessible, chase our request to change to a litter bin which is accessible from both side.

Between Browns Hey and Clough Acre the path it is very wet.

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

Astley Park Advisory Committee – KR netting on the front of the Hall for repairs, museum upstairs, open up more, 'Remembers' exhibition may go back in farmhouse, young apprentices in the work. Exhibitors increased from 11 to 32 for the flower show, another marquee, side shows by the bowling greens, bridge from steps to other side of the lake, animals, putting green, 25 independent traders. New Glass house open tomorrow, new planters and planting. May possibly get the green flag award again.

Reed bed finished, Japanese knot weed found when looking for giant hog weed, spraying the knot weed now. Reviewing lighting in the park again, renewing the tennis courts.

New flyers available showing the parks features, a map etc. and a special page featured in Lancashire Life.

Toilets were reported as they close too early in Summer, when people are using the park.

Neighbourhood Working Group – discussed the new rail for the path and steps leading to the underpass. Discussed a defibrillator being sited at the Community Centre location. Promised action on the grass patch at the front. Informed that the bushes behind the new planter were an addition and weren't originally planned and it is now full of weeds and looks messy.

Friends of Astley Park – KR Friday picking up Bat Boxes and will be installed in Dog Trap Wood. Arranging a bat walk, following the previous successful bat walk. Continuing growing wildflower plants. Fountain – hoping for a Tesco grant for work on the lower fountain.

PACT – ML reported that the meetings have now stopped. Write to thank for the report, sorry we have lost the PACT meeting and need information and regular reports, information about the drop/pop in meetings as there appears to be none arranged, and so we can publicise. If there are issues they should come to the Council meetings.

Register parish for the In The Know and circulate.

Green Team – RF helping with the allotment, PfP noticeboards have been ordered (they are in storage) but are awaiting landscape team to finish. Spoke to PfP about the Green Team and he informed that the team don't meet. Green Team under review – community food garden may receive support, new team may not have time to run this team. Will get more information and present back to the meeting.

It was asked if the group disbands, will the payments cease being taken from residents?

269.11 Matters for information

The Chairman declared the public part of the meeting closed.

2016 meeting dates: 7pm Wednesdays: 7 September, 2 November.

4 January 2017, 1 March, 3 May, 5 July, 6 September, 1 November.

8.30