

MINUTES of Astley Village Parish Council meeting held Wednesday, 2 March 2016 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, K Robinson. Cllr M Lynch from 7.20pm.
Clerk Mrs D Platt.

267.01 Apologies - Cllr T Almond

267.02 Declarations of Interest - none

267.03 Public Participation

RESOLVED: Council resolved to suspend standing orders.

Two residents attended to hear what Stagecoach had to say about the bus service changes. It was believed that the 109/109A routes would change again in April. Cllr Lynch informed on 3rd April a services will be re-introduced on both sides of road go up Southport Road, and further changes from 22nd April to keep the evening service on the 109A, so it appears at the moment the Sunday service is the main loss.

Queries raised over the tree works on Westway, the state of the verges, the falling trees, unfinished look, plans to finish the works. Write to Woodland Trust to ask for plans of how they will be finishing the work.

Parking problems on Hallgate corner was raised, it causes obstructions and congestion. The Council has asked for parking restrictions for many years. Council will write to Lancashire County Council to ask again for restrictions on this junction. Chair will ask school if they could try their A-board signs on Hallgate corner.

RESOLVED: Council resolved to suspend standing orders.

267.04 Minutes of Meeting

RESOLVED: Minutes of the Council meeting of 6 January 2016 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

With changes to items 266.07i), 266.14, 266.17a.

267.05 Clerks Report

Members received the report.

267.06 Statutory Business

ML reported the Dutch Barn Close was withdrawn from the planning process, but, it may well return adjusted.

267.07 Financial Matters

i) Consider applications for payment made to the Council

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

£	457.00	D Platt (PC World)	Lap top computer
£	21.46	Chorley Council	Room hires
£	46.20	SLCC	Subscription
£	264.00	East Lancs Fabrications	Signs
£	95.78	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£	338.38	Employee 1	Salary March 2016
£	78.00	Employee 2	Salary March 2016
£	595.29	Employee 3	Salary March 2016

£ 84.80 HMRC

Tax&NI March 2016

ii) Approve financial monitoring statements

RESOLVED: Council approved the financial monitoring statements.

Agenda item to revisit the Development Plan and its budgeting in light of the changes in the bus services.

267.08 Transparency Funding

It was reported the new IT equipment (lap-top) has been bought and now in use.

Website – the headings were reviewed and discussed and expanded.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to layout of the headings.

267.09 Best Kept Village Competition

Council felt it should not enter this year.

267.10 Complaints Policy

Some minor amendments were made to the draft.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to the revised policy, with the minor amendments made.

267.11 Health & Safety Policy

Some minor amendments were made to the draft.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to the revised policy, with the minor amendments made.

267.12 Annual Report

Councillors wished to add in to the report the names of the retiring Councillors, but also to two former Councillors who had died.

267.13 Newsletter

Clerk: Annual meeting, Annual report, precept budget and report.

CL website.

JMcA Report on Friends of Astley Park covering all the work they have been doing.

ML Dutch Barn Close and Buses.

LL Neighbourhood Working projects progressing and new.

RF Post Office reports and positive changes made.

LL School report about alterations and extensions.

Scouts about their expanding group, changes, new groups etc

LL Derian House parking problems, grass verge damage and parking in cycle lane.
Need photo of a bad parking day.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to ask Cllr Bridge if he would do some photographs in and around the village throughout the year of new items, work in progress, scenic shots etc for the website and newsletters.

267.14 Environment Reports

Tree inspection has been done and some trees have spray dots on them.

Subway lights repaired.

LL reported two items this week and they have both been completed.

LL Judeland path which was cleared of soil but the indent remains and is filled with water and needs levelling.

Dog bin at Charnocks Dog Trap Woods needs replacing with a bin and resiting near to the path and park entrance.

Concrete paving dumped in bushes behind bungalow at top of Judeland path near to Wymundsley entrance.

Buckets and fencing dumped behind fence of a Merefield house at the entrance to the path between Merefield and Long Copse close Chancery Road footpath.

Rubbish including a for sale sign in the long grass around edge of the green, near school gates.

Rubbish including a car wheel in bushes on path between The Farthings and Southport Road at the top of the park.

Restoration of grass verge along Chancery Road from Derian House to the Rugby Club.

Report derelict house at 11A Long Copse and seek assurance that Council Tax is being paid.

ML My Account training from Chorley Council can be available and the system can be used to report problems in the village – this is an instant system and you get feedback.

RF submitted some information regarding the Christmas Tree and the Oak Tree heights and estimates of replacement values. Clerk to adjust the asset value.

ML community clean up day removed four skips of the waste from the village.

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

Chorley Liaison meeting – KR reported the meeting discussed superfast broadband and buses.

Neighbourhood Working – LL reported the gateways at the junctions of Hallgate are going ahead and the cleaning has already been done. Handrail from path leading from Ravensthorpe to the subway. Defibrillators project extended to the whole Neighbourhood area. The items we asked for are normal working projects, ie the sloping and fencing adjacent to the Community Centre, re-seeding of the wildflower meadows at The Farthings (Clerk to remind CBC).

Friends of Astley Park – KR reported the new glass house within the walled garden has been passed, Magnolia tree has gone missing to make way for the glass house (ask CBC where it is), Reed bed will have wattling fencing and this looks good, feature turret at the side of Café Ambio is moving to inside Park gates. Friends will have a gazebo at the Flower Show.

Can the Council join the Woodland Trust as an organisation member? Clerk will put on the next agenda with the information and costs.

PACT – ML reported low crime, over a 12 week period.

Green Team – ML reported work has been undertaken and ongoing on Great Meadow and Buckshaw Hall Close. Items are being picked up on walkabouts and inspections and acted upon. They are to place a new noticeboard on Great Meadow. Redundant playground was asked about, between Great Meadow and Broadfields? ML priority is the loose bricked area in the first instance.

267.16 Matters for information

The Chairman declared the public part of the meeting closed.

2016 meeting dates: 7pm Wednesdays: 2 March, 4 May, 6 July, 7 September, 2 November

9.05