

MINUTES of Astley Village Parish Council meeting held Wednesday, 4 January 2017 at Astley Village Community Centre, Hallgate, Astley Village.

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

272.01 Apologies for Absence – Cllr Lynch, Handley, Hope.

272.02 Declarations of Interest – none.

272.03 Public Participation

RESOLVED: Council agreed to suspend standing orders.

Visitor, Tanya Edgar, from Our Health Our Care Programme reported that public engagement events have been happening and the information from these events is being analysed to develop change for the service. Trends appear to be people asking for care to be brought closer to home ie, GP. The next step (third phase) in March is to meet community groups. She asked whether groups such as the Parish Council could help with these engagement events.

Suggestion included the schools, who see health and social problems through their engagements, the Charnocks, Children's Centre and Chorley U3.

Issues raised;

Target driven sectors, financial input levels into sectors.

How the budgets are calculated was asked – to be made clear to the public.

It was agreed to display leaflets on our noticeboards and on our website.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to restore standing orders.

272.04 Minutes of Meeting

RESOLVED: Minutes of the Council meeting of 2 November 2016 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair, alterations were made to 12, inserted Cllr Fraser leaving and section 14.

272.05 Clerks Report

Members received the report. It was agreed to write a letter to Derian House to ask visitors not to use the grass verge for parking, as it is churned up and looks a mess and it costs the Council money to keep filling it in, turfing or seeding.

The carol concert event was very well attended and went really well. Scouts attended in great numbers. Parklands Band was good and choice of carols was good. There were plenty of refreshments.

272.06 Statutory Business

16/01117/MNMA Derian House - Minor non-material amendment to car parking layout approved under planning permission 15/00636/FUL involving provision of additional spaces (circulated to Councillors 20 December). Council has made a formal response to this application which had been circulated and read by Councillors during November and December.

16/01059/FUL Derian House - Erection of fence to northern boundary of site (part retrospective) (circulated to Councillors 12 December). Response already sent in.

272.07 Financial Matters

iii) Confirm the grant for Astley Village Scouts of £250 following receipt of requested information

RESOLVED: Council agreed to a grant to the Astley Village Scout group of £250.

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 January
£	24.00	Easy Websites	Monthly rental February
£	250.00	Astley Village Scouts	Grant
£	70.00	Astley Village Scouts	Newsletter delivery
£	50.00	WI	Grant
£	43.48	SLCC	Subscription
£	254.54	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£	278.00	Paper Rabbitt	Printing newsletter
£	125.00	Parklands School	Band
£	258.64	Employee 1	Salary Jan2017
£	79.63	Employee 2	Salary Jan2017
£	606.67	Employee 3	Salary Jan2017
£	64.80	HMRC	Tax&NI Jan 2017
£	258.84	Employee 1	Salary Feb2017
£	79.63	Employee 2	Salary Feb2017
£	606.67	Employee 3	Salary Feb2017

RESOLVED: Council agreed to enter in to the Private Part II section of the meeting and to exclude the public to consider the financial private items.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to go back into public session.

ii) Precept figure to be set.

RESOLVED: Council approved that the Band D Council tax be raised to £22.00 per household

272.08 Appoint Internal Auditor

Appoint internal auditor Mr Lawson for year ending 31 March 2017

RESOLVED: Council approved to appoint Mr Lawson as Internal Auditor.

272.09 Review Asset Register

The following were agreed;

To group the items ie, all the seats together.

Seats all need to have the insurance value at replacement cost.

Change Oak tree to £200, Christmas tree to £500 for insurance purposes.

Lap-top to go on the list. Planter locations need to be checked.

RESOLVED: Council approved the Asset Register with the changes.

272.10 Environment Reports

Branches on the path adjacent to Brown's Hey have been cut back.

Main cabling on Chancery Road is now being done.

Knee rail, Long Croft Meadow has been completed.

Planters moved but, the large ones are in the centre and the small are in front of the school.

Litter between Hallgate and McColls – report back from the Personnel Committee meeting -letters to be sent to the pub, shop leaseholder, shops. CBC to be asked about enforcement.

The success of the volunteer litter pick was acknowledged by Council.

Questions for Places for People;

Places for People have installed a big metal sign at the top of Great Meadow (adjacent to Browns Hey) which contains no information. Why is it located there?

Planter at Great Meadow has not been planted up.

Chancery Road hedging breaches- still one section not replanted.

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

Three Tier Forum – there has been no meeting, but an interim meeting regarding buses and libraries.

Astley Park Advisory Committee KR reported that the Hall will be closed for some time to effect internal repairs. Garden of reflection is looking for a location. Lighting is being looked into by Chorley. Tennis courts have been re-surfaced with a rubbery surface so they can be used for other purposes.

Neighbourhood Working is on 14th February. A suggestion has been submitted to develop the village green with paths and a planting scheme.

Friends of Astley Park KR reported that the fountain has gained a grant of £7,000 but the work needs to be planned out.

It was agreed to ask the lengthsman to take down Derian House notices and posters of any old events and cable ties on lamp posts.

272.12 Matters for information

The Chairman declared the public part of the meeting closed.

2017 meeting dates: 7pm Wednesdays:

1 March, 3 May, 5 July, 6 September, 1 November.

9.00