

**MINUTES** of Astley Village Parish Council meeting held Wednesday, 4 March 2020 at Astley Village Community Centre, Hallgate, Astley Village.

Present Cllrs S Crook, J Dawson, R Fraser, C Lennox, L Lennox (Chairman),  
K Robinson, J McAndrew, C Sheldon.

Clerk Mrs D Platt. Public 5

291.01 Apologies for Absence – Cllr A Almond

291.02 Declarations of Interest – none at this time.

291.03 Public Participation

RESOLVED: Council agreed to suspend standing orders.

Cty Cllr Riggott asked if the new SPIDs have been received well by residents or any feedback. Cllrs reported they thought it was slowing the traffic.

Potholes on Westway approaching the roundabout at Euxton Lane need repairing.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to restore standing orders.

291.04 Minutes of Meeting

RESOLVED: Minutes of the Council meeting of 8 January 2020 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

291.05 Clerks Report

Members received the report.

291.06 Statutory Business

a) RESOLVED: Proposed and seconded Mrs Anne Pryce to be co-opted to the Council.

Susan Crook resigned as Councillor because she is moving away.

b) Consider planning applications

20/00056/FULHH 94 Deerfold Astley Village; Erection of boundary fencing with a maximum height 2.6m (Retrospective) – already passed.

20/00132/CB3 West Way Playing Fields West Way Astley Village.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to support this application but raised concerns about the flooding on Westway which seems to be permanently running over Westway road and this should be considered or taken care of within the scheme.

20/00095/FULHH 9 Wymundsley Astley Village; Part first floor side/part single storey front extension; single storey rear extension including balcony.

RESOLVED: Council commented they were concerned about access not being through Chancery Road and hedge but through the house, as now the houses have all been joined together.

Application at McDonalds located on Tesco car park.

RESOLVED: Council objected to this application in regards to:

- High signage which is lit up and shining through or above the tree line
- High up air conditioning units – noise and smell

- Loss of car parking besides the ones taken by Shop&Pick unit and car washing all taking spaces out of circulation
- Environment issues of cars in the 'drive-through' who's engines are running whilst waiting
- Crossing Westway, Ackhurst/Foxhole Road area is very very difficult – could a crossing be requested

#### 291.07 Financial Matters

##### i) Approve expenditures for payment

RESOLVED: Council approved the payments

£	24.00	Easywebsites	Monthly rental
£	3006.00	ABC Fencing	Knee rail along Chancery
£	578.88	Everglades Nurseries	Tree/planted
£	95.57	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£	279.06	Employee 1	Salary March 2020
£	88.95	Employee 2	Salary March 2020
£	69.60	HMRC	Tax&NI March 2020
£	240.00	Friends of Astley Park	Grant

##### ii) Receive finance reports

Finance reports were received.

##### iii) Consider a grant application

Grant application received from Friends of Astley Park for items of equipment to do volunteer work.

Cllrs Robinson and McAndrew declared an interest in this item.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant £240 and requested a photo and article for the parish newsletter.

Councillors discussed signatories and Cllr Sheldon was nominated, if agreeable this will be agreed at the next meeting.

#### 291.08 Purchase of knee rail fencing along Chancery Road

Clerk updated from the last meeting that three quotes were received and ABC Fencing was chosen.

RESOLVED: Council approved the Contractor ABC Fencing at a cost of £2142 plus the repairs to the existing section.

#### 291.09 Best Kept Village Competition

Councillors did not want to enter the competition this year.

#### 291.10 Review of the Calendar of Tasks and Policy List

RESOLVED: Council revised the Policy list.

#### 291.11 Spring Newsletter

Looking now for June distribution but items together before the 13<sup>th</sup> May meeting.

Cllr Vacancy, new Councillor introduction, new Clerk introduction

Trees - LL; Knee Rail - LL; Wildflower Meadow - LL; LDF – CL; SPID; Friends; Footpaths and steps; new shop advert - AA;

291.12 Environment Reports

LL 10 new trees have been planted, footpaths have been done but Judeland Wood still not finished, dumping reported of a double bed/mattress near to football fields and will report washing machine tomorrow.

KR bus stop at Long Croft Meadow glass broken. Mud on pavements near to Studfold and Deerfold from grass verges, PfP removing shrubs and trees and residents not happy. Flooding is still happening in the car park/service area behind the shops, this was reported after the last meeting and will be reported again.

CL consistency of the barriers being closed on the Hallgate car park.

CS new trees, can we make a commitment to plant more trees over the coming years – this could go in the two year plan.

LL raised the subject of the dog wash in the park, firstly there was no drainage and since then they have adjusted the layout and improving drainage but this is not working either- this is work in progress.

Contact PfP about the Ravensthorpe hedge-line which sticks out and catches people walking past.

There is also a Green Spaces meeting in Ravensthorpe on 12<sup>th</sup> March.

291.13 Reports from Parish Council representatives on Other Bodies

LL - Liaison Committee 15 January – nothing much of interest to Astley Village – next meeting later in March which Cllr Almond will be attending.

KR - Friends of Astley Park – grant received for the path and steps and Chorley has added to this with a grant. This work may be done by the end of April.

291.14 Matters for information

The Chairman declared the public meeting closed.

**Future meeting dates 7pm Wednesdays. 2020 - 13 May, 1 July, 2 September, 4 November.**