

MINUTES of Astley Village Parish Council meeting held Wednesday, 4 November 2015 at Astley Village Community Centre, Hallgate, Astley Village.

Present Cllrs T Almond, A Bridge, R Fraser, I Handley, D Hope, C Lennox, L Lennox (Chairman), J McAndrew, K Robinson, from 7.40pm M Lynch Clerk Mrs D Platt.

265.01 Apologies - none.

265.02 Declarations of Interest - none

265.03 Public Participation

RESOLVED: Council agreed to suspend standing orders.

Paul McNeilly and Rick Borden from Places for People; Steve Hart and Chris Walmsley from Chorley Council.

Councillors and visitors discussed many aspects of repairs and maintenance around the village. PfP will feedback on questions regarding the roof and overhang of the shops building; ash pailings on Chancery Road. Chorley will feedback on ownership some grass areas outside the school, land beside the community centre having the rocks removed and the grassed area regularly mown, ivy on the side of the building removed, hedge behind the centre tidying, trees along Chancery planted.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to restore standing orders.

265.04 Minutes of Meeting

RESOLVED: Minutes of the Council meeting of 2 September 2015 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Members discussed Stagecoach bus services and described many problems which residents had reported. Write to Stagecoach to tell them the problems and ask the service is reviewed.

265.05 Clerks Report

Members received the report.

265.06 Statutory Business

Members noted the applications.

265.07 Financial Matters

i) Consider applications for payment made to the Council

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

£	120.00	BDO	External Audit fee
£	506.46	Lancs Cty Council	Electric box for christmas tree
£	156.38	D Platt	Reimbursements
£	338.58	Employee 1	Salary November 15
£	78.00	Employee 2	Salary November 15
£	595.29	Employee 3	Salary November 15
£	84.60	HMRC	Tax & NI for Sept 2015
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ii) Approve financial monitoring statements

RESOLVED: Council approved the financial monitoring statements.

iii) Receive and approve the Annual Return and report from the External Auditor

RESOLVED: Council received approved the Annual Return and report from the External Auditor.

iv) Consider grant application further information

Council viewed the bank statement. In view of the balances and not receiving the requested groups accounts Clerk to write back to inform that their article has been put in the newsletter, ask if they wish to display a poster, but don't feel a grant is required.

265.08 Newsletter

Members had reviewed the artwork and suggested minor amendments.

265.09 Seat signs

Members considered the options and prices.

RESOLVED: Council approved the ordering of 10 plaques at up to £220.

265.10 Meeting dates

RESOLVED: Members considered and agreed the 2016 meeting dates.

265.11 Consultations:

LCC - Chorley Parking Package, Revocation, Prohibition of Waiting and Limited Waiting – emailed to Councillors on 22 October, response deadline 13 November.

RESOLVED: Council supports this application.

LCC – Bus Services Scheme. Members discussed.

Post Office provision issues to go on future agenda.

265.12 Environment Reports

Hand rail for the underpass is being considered but on hold subject to bus routes.

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

Chorley Liaison meeting – poorly attended, discussed Welfare Reforms, corporate strategy, CAPs, Chorley in Bloom update, empty properties.

Friends of Astley Park – quiz raised £200, Acorn planting project problems may move schools, reed bed will be created as there is now sufficient funding, bat boxes are being put up, exhibition in Farmhouse, stall at flower show, river clearing through the winter, garden of perception may be planned.

PACT – good report, low crimes although BV crimes are up.

Green Team – now receiving lists of works, two walkabouts booked in.

265.14 Matters for information

Councillors updated on garage rent, request for a copy of the insurance policy.

The Chairman declared the public part of the meeting closed.

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