

MINUTES of Astley Village Parish Council meeting held Wednesday, 5 July 2017 at Astley Village Community Centre, Hallgate, Astley Village.

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

275.01 Apologies for Absence – Cllr Handley, Lynch.

275.02 Declarations of Interest – none.

275.03 Public Participation

RESOLVED: Council agreed to suspend standing orders.

Cty Cllr Riggott attended to introduce himself as the newly elected County Councillor covering this area. He said he will work with Parish Councillors and residents on any issues for the County Council and chase outstanding problems. He will try to attend meetings where possible, or you can let him know in advance of a meeting any queries so he can research them before he attends.

LL asked if Cllr Riggott could take up the issue of parking problems on the road outside Derian House and in side roads. The parking on the road is causing problems when vehicles need to pass, cars also block the cycle lane. Clerk will forward info and history to Cty Cllr Riggott.

Cllr Robinson raised problems with parking at/for the school and in the bus stop, he had raised this with the school head. Police have said they will monitor the situation but, as they only begin at 8.30am they will not arrive in time to prevent cars parking.

LL asked if LCC can enforce the bus land prohibition and the limited parking time in the lay-by. Cllr Riggott asked if school can also request help then he can follow up on behalf of the Parish Council and the School.

Can tickets be issued for vehicles parked in cycle lanes ie, at Derian House.

The Farthings, tree roots in pavements – report to LCC.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to restore standing orders.

275.04 Minutes of Meeting

RESOLVED: Minutes of the Council meeting of 3 May 2017 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Add in minutes 274.15 date of 1st August start.

Flowers beds will be planted up by end of this week.

275.05 Clerks Report

Members received the report.

Photos on the website – add more in.

Event parking – update from officer at Chorley that he will be looking in to the parking arrangements to try to ensure all events use the parking plans.

Write to CBC to use the noticeboard at the community centre for park events – it currently only has one notice in it.

275.06 Statutory Business

There have been no Astley Village applications since the last meeting.

275.07 Financial Matters

i) Consider applications for payment made to the Council

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

July payments

£ 24.00	Easy Websites	Monthly rental July
£ 73.75	1st Euxton ROF Scouts	Newsletter delivery
£ 261.48	Employee 1	Salary July 2017
£ 81.05	Employee 2	Salary July 2017
£ 618.04	Employee 3	Salary July 2017
65.40	HMRC	Tax&NI July 2017

August payments

£ 24.00	Easy Websites	Monthly rental February
£ 261.28	Employee 1	Salary August 2017
£ 81.25	Employee 2	Salary August 2017
£ 282.53	Employee 3	Salary August 2017
£ 66.40	HMRC	Tax&NI August 2017
£ 100.00	Unify Credit	Savings Account

ii) Approve financial monitoring statements

RESOLVED: Council approved the monitoring figures.

iii) Review and agree Internal Audit

RESOLVED: The report was reviewed and questions raised about the words and meaning of 'reserves' amounts. Clerk will write to Auditor and clarify how the Council views its reserve amounts as opposed to savings and carry forwards.

275.08 Review the new process for the Speed Indicator Device

DH updated that he had had to build equipment to make the Spid equipment work, it has been erected 3 times. He has been looking into the reporting of the speeds and trying to create a simple report which can be understood. Anticipate the Spid will be up each week. Going to trial solar panels to maintain charge longer. A report was requested to come to the next meeting and then it can be used for the newsletter.

275.09 Christmas event planning

Book Parklands Band for Carol Singing event – try for Wednesday, 6th December.

Book WI Ladies. Inform Scouts and cubs.

275.10 Two Year Plan

Consider and review the items in the plan which was published in the newsletter and action works.

Neighbourhood project with CBC has not happened yet.

Seat, in front pharmacy – replace with the same seat as we have been using. New seat required for bus stop at Broadfields (school side) and bus stop between Wymundsley and Judeland.

RESOLVED: Order three seats approx. £525 each, for the three locations.

Missing trees. Chorley informed that they don't have a budget to replace the trees for LCC but if the Council can pay for the trees, they can plant. Enquire about buying flowering cherry trees.

Problem with area between the rear of Harewood properties pathway, which comes out on Chancery Road and in the woods. LL will raise at the Neighbourhood Working Group.

Chase Chorley to replace the dog bin with a litter bin for The Farthings entrance.

275.11 Entrance beds

Consider quotation for new stone built beds around the ornamental entrance signs.

We need to clarify the style and stone, also the measurements before placing the order.

RESOLVED: Council approved the ordering of the two beds at £725 each.

275.12 Environment Reports

Flooding/collapsed drain at the bus stop opposite Great Meadow on Deerfold side.

Pavement weed spraying – has been done, takes 7-10 days to die.

Litter, dead flowers, flower packaging, in the subway – report again.

Stone planter, entrance to Hallgate, Photinia planted behind are riddled with very tall nettles – this needs weeding.

CBC not dealt with area next to community centre, which was part of the Neighbourhood project last year.

Tree on top of banking, above the subway.

Shrub/hedge in front of the shops needs trimming.

Behind the Baron's Rest there is litter, overgrown beds and weeds. Report to pub company.

Shrub beds to the left and the right coming out of the pub car park – report to CBC.

Beech hedge rear of community centre needs to be trimmed.

Ask CBC when the small pathways between the housing areas to Chancery will be cut back, the brambles and overgrown edges are untidy.

275.13 Reports from Parish Council representatives on Other Bodies

LL Neighbourhood Working Forum – meeting is next week. Councillors to think of further projects. Outstanding projects will be chased.

KR Advisory Committee – meeting next week.

KR Friends – work digging around the fountain site, work to clear around the sides of the pond area. All the normal activities have been taking part, flower planting, balsam bashing, river cleaning etc.

275.14 Matters for information

Social Isolation Pilot Project – request more information on the project/criteria also to ask Cllr Lynch if he is aware of this pilot, due to his involvement in the NP which included social isolation as a thread.

Respond that in principle we have an interest in the project, as from discussions we identified some examples in the village.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed.

2017 meeting dates: 7pm Wednesdays: 6 September, 1 November.

2018 meeting dates: 7pm Wednesdays: 3 January, 7 March, 2 May, 4 July