

MINUTES of Astley Village Parish Council meeting held Wednesday, 6 September 2017 at Astley Village Community Centre, Hallgate, Astley Village.

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

276.01 Apologies for Absence – Cllrs D Hope, I Handley, J Nuttall, K Robinson.

276.02 Declarations of Interest – none.

276.03 Public Participation

RESOLVED: Council agreed to suspend standing orders.

11 residents attended to let Council know of their objections to a planning application: parking provision as it is already cramped, outlook from neighbouring properties, TPO order for the large tree, boundary issues, disruptions of the build, worries that they would sell the property with a permission attached.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to restore standing orders.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to object to this outline planning application for a number of reasons:

- Lack of information in the application ie, type, size of property, height etc
- Confusion and lack of clarification of the access drive (sketch not adequate)
- Items not included on the plans (ie, garages, out houses etc)
- Large Oak tree disruption and its protection
- Neighbouring properties privacy and boundary concerns
- Disruptions during the build
- Historic water-course problems in that area could cause damage to other properties
- Parking and access issues for the flats ie, sharing drives already

RESOLVED: Council agreed to request this application be considered by Committee and that the Committee attends a site visit.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to request the large Oak tree be put under a TPO order.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to suspend standing orders.

Cty Cllr Riggott will raise the highways issues about the above application with the County Highways department.

Cllr Riggott reported on the issues raised at the last meeting and will copy to the Clerk. Chancery Road by Derian House parking – in brief, observations were undertaken but parked vehicles were considered not to be obstructing sight-lines. Police reports do not flag up problems. LCC will not support any schemes in this area.

Council asked Cllr Riggott to look in to the 109a bus service which is going to be halved (to hourly) but, they are varying times and do not go to some places (ie, Tesco, hospital, surgery at BV, railway station), this is not the subsidised service but can pressure by LCC be applied to Stagecoach. Also, the changes were not consulted or any advance notice given, just a notice four days prior at the bus stops. Could it be suggested to LCC that another company take over the service? Cllr Riggott informed he was already on this issue and has asked the questions of LCC and will report back when information comes back to him.

Several areas in the social housing areas have very worn tarmac service – can it be requested that the road surfaces on the social housing estates be completely re-surfaced. Details on locations will be sent to Cllr Riggott.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to restore standing orders.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to request Stagecoach attend the next meeting to explain the new bus service changes, lack of information, lack of places the bus goes to.

276.04 Minutes of Meeting

RESOLVED: Minutes of the Council meeting of 5 July 2017 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Correction: Flowering cherry trees.

SPID, no report available due to work commitments.

276.05 Clerks Report

Members received the report.

Stone Planter – large one in grass verge at the Westway/Farthings area (as big as the one at Astley Park junction at Hallgate. Ask LCC for permission.

276.06 Statutory Business

Cllr Lynch declared and interest in this planning application.

17/00/647/OUT application for a new property next to 65 Studfold see above.

17/00734/FULHH 62 Judeland and 17/00848/MNMA 15 Long Croft applications were noted, Council had no objections.

276.07 Financial Matters

i) Consider applications for payment made to the Council

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

£	382.54	Zurich	Council insurance premium
£	24.00	Easy Websites	Monthly rental
£	240.00	Chorley Council	Summer bedding plants
£	2077.20	Furnitubes	3 seats
£	150.46	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£	261.28	Employee 1	Salary Sept 2017
£	81.05	Employee 2	Salary Sept 2017
£	282.53	Employee 3	Salary Sept 2017
£	65.60	HMRC	Tax&NI Sept 2017
£	24.00	Easy Websites	Monthly rental
£	261.48	Employee 1	Salary Oct 2017
£	80.85	Employee 2	Salary Oct 2017
£	282.53	Employee 3	Salary Oct 2017
£	65.60	HMRC	Tax&NI Oct 2017
£	125.00	Parklands	Band Christmas 2016
£	120.00	BDO Auditors	External Audit

ii) Approve financial monitoring statements

RESOLVED: Council approved the monitoring figures.

iii) Receive External Auditor report and action any points

RESOLVED: The report was reviewed and accepted, one issue was raised by the Auditors, which was noted.

276.08 Consultations

i) Chorley Council Borough Wide Bowling Green Assessment Consultation
Report was welcomed and the protection it will bring to the greens.

ii) Chorley Council Public Space Protection Order – Town Centre Consultation
(<http://chorley.gov.uk/Pages/AtoZ/Consultations.aspx>)

Council welcomed this order.

iii) Chorley Council Social Isolation Pilot Project
No more details are known since last meeting.

276.09 Christmas event planning

Not heard from Parklands yet. Will contact WI when we have the date.

276.10 Winter newsletter planning

Use the ROF Scouts for delivery. Deadline for articles 5 November.

Bus service report LL

Buckshaw Primary gold medal at Flower Show LL

SPID article DH

Litter pick activities ML (dates requested from October onwards)

New seats/pictures/planned stone planter CL

Neighbourhood Working project update ML

Friends article JMCA

Progress report requested of the Rugby Club project

Ask CBC for advance information of the events which will affect the village

Chase the noticeboard – still no notices in.

276.11 Review Effectiveness of Internal Audit

RESOLVED: The documents were reviewed and agreed.

276.12 Review Financial Risk Assessment

RESOLVED: The documents were reviewed, adjusted and agreed.

276.13 Environment Reports

Fly-tipping, near the planter and wooden fencing, behind residents fencing (rear of approx 18 GM)

Trees along Chancery Road (Cherry Trees request) put in the environmental also the three dead trees, can these be taken out (ask CBC for Cherry or fruit trees)

Two large trees, back of the woods/Clough Acre (in wooded area) are dying

Dead flowers at the top of the underpass, attached to railings

Land around pub – put on environmental report

Drugs packaging found at the litter pick, and small gas canisters on car park – these are now showing up more frequently – enquire with the Police how can this be dealt with, what are they doing, are they monitoring, disposed of.

276.13 Reports from Parish Council representatives on Other Bodies

Friends – JM reported on the two popular bat walks, continuing Balsam bashing, reported the state of the play area ie, missing equipment etc attended the Chorley Flower Show, fountain can now work but there is further work to do around the edges.

276.14 Matters for information

The Chairman declared the meeting closed.

2017 meeting dates: 7pm Wednesdays: 1 November.

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

9.05