

MINUTES of Astley Village Parish Council meeting held Wednesday, 7 March 2018 at Astley Village Community Centre, Hallgate, Astley Village.

Present Cllrs S Cook, B Darragh, R Fraser, C Lennox, L Lennox (Chairman), J McAndrew, M Lynch, J Nuttall, K Robinson. Clerk Mrs D Platt.

279.01 Apologies for Absence

279.02 Declarations of Interest – none.

279.03 Public Participation

RESOLVED: Council agreed to suspend standing orders.

County Councillor Aidy Riggott had spoken to officers at LCC about the bus and Officers had informed that Stagecoach/CBC had been told the proposed service was not viable.

A resident asked if the car park application had been considered by the Council.

Chorley Councillor Lynch was surprised if the comment from LCC is correct which Cllr Riggott had informed of. He said he had spoken to Stagecoach today and they said they had had no response from LCC.

Cllr Lynch had made comments at the DCON meeting about the car park proposal and asked for maximum height barriers to prevent overnight parking and additional litter bins, on the car park, and these were added as conditions.

Cllr Riggott will ask for clarification and copies of letters to be resent about the buses.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to restore standing orders.

279.04 Minutes of Meeting

278.13 Cllr Nuttall updated about the sunken ground and drain at the bus stop. Chase LCC on this report.

RESOLVED: Minutes of the Council meeting of 10 January 2018 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

278.10 ML said that he has requested the removal of the grit bin, be included in improvements for the village.

278.13 ML Westway playing fields – there is no update on the security question. Councillors asked for a Chorley officer to visit the PC and update on the plans for the Westway playing fields.

279.05 Clerks Report

Members received the report.

Updates supplied on LCC progress on the planter and permanent SPID. It was suggested that if permission is not gained 'soon' we could replace the bed under the map board.

Training for new Councillors – Clerk will try to arrange training for new Councillors.

GDPR implications – Personnel Committee will consider implications.

279.06 Statutory Business

Cllr Lynch informed he was not voting on this.

Application no: 18/00056/FUL, The Baron's Rest, Hallgate, Astley Village, Chorley, PR7 1XA - 1. Construction of extended car park and entrance area; 2. Internal and external renovations to public house; 3. Erection of fence to form private yard; and 4. Erection of timber pergola.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to support this application and request double yellow lines from the junction of Hallgate with Chancery Road to the pub car park entrance, improvements to the back ginnel area to improve the look of this area, to request that materials might be in-keeping with the new stone planter features and landscape improvements to the green areas and hedging.

Consider applications for co-option to the Council.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to move this item until later.

279.07 Financial Matters

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
£	73.75	1st Euxton ROF Scouts	Delivery
£	121.00	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£	261.28	Employee 1	Salary March 2018
£	80.85	Employee 2	Salary March 2018
£	282.53	Employee 3	Salary March 2018
£	65.60	HMRC	Tax&NI March 2018
£	60.00	Friends of Astley Park	Subscriptions

ii) Approve financial monitoring statements

RESOLVED: Council received the reports.

iii) Grant applications

Friends of Astley Park

RESOLVED: Council agreed to buy £100 of litter rings and pickers and donate to the Friends of Astley Park, also to pay membership of £12 for 5 years (£60).

Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team – didn't meet the Councils criteria.

iv) Internal Auditing

It was agreed to approach some PC Clerks or ex Clerks to ask for capacity.

v) Asset Register review

Planter locations needs updating.

Trailer is up for sale, strimmer to be returned.

SPID will be disposed – offer out for £500 ono to other Parishes locally first.

Trailer had an offer and an enquiry. Offer out for £100 ono.

Hedge cutter, dispose of, offer out for £40 ono.

279.06 Statutory Business

Consider applications for co-option to the Council.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to hold a secret ballot.

RESOLVED: Council decided to co-opt Mr Chris Sheldon to the vacancy.

279.08 Best Kept Village Competition

Because of ongoing works it may be better to enter in a future year.

279.09 Review the Calendar of Tasks and Policy List Review

Publicity Policy should have March date.

Data Protection/GDPR Policy in place for July 2018.

Bullying policy copy to Cllr Darragh to review then back to Personnel Committee.

279.10 Newsletter articles and publication

Print in May for June, after May meeting, in time for June delivery.

International Women's Day – new lady Councillors do an article BD, SC

Neighbourhood projects and improvements ML

Friends of Astley Park article, updates

Westway Fields if there is news

Bus updates

Annual Report

SPID update and plan ML

Road report CL

Skip day ML

Litter picking report ML

279.11 Draft annual report

Withdrawn.

279.12 Environment Reports

Flowering/fruited Cherry trees costings from Chorley are between £16.50 to £50 depending on size and £5 per tree for stakes and straps.

Replace the 3 planted the other year which have died

Replace the 3 Chestnuts lost between Merefield and Long Copse

RESOLVED: Order the replacement trees with a budget of £200 to £250.

ML graffiti on 3 bus stops (Deerfold, GM and School).

KR corner Studfold (No2) property hedge-line removed – report to Chorley Council.

Litter bin on Derian field is not accessible – should be moved to footpath edge.

Write to CBC to thank for edging works.

279.13 Reports from Parish Council representatives on Other Bodies

Astley Park Advisory meeting, KR reported that the last meeting was cancelled. Mud pile has been removed.

ML Garden of Reflection, work will be completed in time for Flower Show, likely begin June – the garden within the walled garden.

Neighbourhood Working projects- LL reported, the paths and wildflower area on the green has been planned in. It was suggested the paths between Studfold and Harewood and path between Long Copse and The Farthings be upgraded which was agreed, also a permanent SPID for the village.

Friends of Astley Park, KR reported that the activities have been programmed for two weekly intervals and are being advertised. The reed bed performance is being reviewed. Pond area- advice needed to reduce duck weed.

279.14 Matters for information

The Chairman declared the public meeting closed.

Cllr Sheldon apologised for not being able to attend May meeting.

Councillors considered a letter from a resident regarding a planning decision made by Chorley Council in 2016. Clerk will respond to the letter.

2018 meeting dates: 7pm Wednesdays: 2 May, 4 July, 5 September, 7 November.

PRIVATE, PART II ITEMS

Exclusion of Press and Public

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Part 1 ss3 & 4. It is proposed that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the press and public are excluded from the forthcoming items of business.

279.15 Personnel matters

Seasonal list to be circulated to Councillors.

Contract price for flower tubs to the next meeting. Also need to specify soil top up with decent soil, planted fully with no gaps, and possible plants to hang over.