



Astley Village Parish Council

'Virtual Agenda'

To: Members of Astley Village Parish Council.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend an Extraordinary meeting of the Astley Village Parish Council to be held on **Friday 4 December 2020** at 7.00pm at which the following business will be transacted.

Note: The live meeting can be accessed via the following link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96922597901?pwd=MmQ4WTZSYVFNdVIRdkptY3dlTGhxQT09>

Meeting ID: 969 2259 7901

Passcode: 790578

Summons

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive members' apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

Members and Officers are invited to declare any interests they may have in any of the items included on the agenda for this meeting in accordance with the requirements of the relevant authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464).

3. Application for Funding

To consider a request for funding received from Chloe Deane on behalf of Buckshaw Primary School. (Enclosed)

4. Date of Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 6 January 2021 at the rise of the Parish Meeting.

Craig Ainsworth
Clerk to the Parish Council
5 Clarendon Gardens
Bromley Cross
BL7 9GW

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Ainsworth'.

30 November 2020

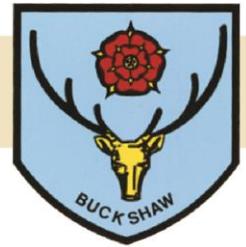


Astley Village Parish Council

Title	Application for Funding					
Report of	Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer					
Date	4 December 2020					
Type of Paper	Decision	X	Discussion		Information	
<p>Purpose of Report</p> <p>To consider a request for funding received from Miss Chloe Deane, Business Manager on behalf of Buckshaw Primary School.</p>						
<p>Key Issues</p> <p>The Parish Council are being asked to finance a scheme which would be managed Buckshaw Primary School through the Family Support Worker and myself, School Business Manager. The school would identify pupils in need and purchase garments on their behalf as required. These would include school shoes, PE kits, winter coats/scarves/gloves, waterproofs, and wellington boots.</p> <p>The school have indicated that they would appreciate any funding the Parish Council was able to offer and would expect the items identified to cost in the range of £500. They anticipate supporting around 20 families – if not more.</p> <p>The reason why this matter is urgent is that the school would like to purchase these items before school closes for the Christmas holidays on 18 December 2020.</p> <p>The Parish Council Grant Scheme is primarily designed to assist voluntary, village community-based projects and groups and applications made by and for an individual will not exceed a ceiling amount of £50 and group applications will be considered up to £250. However, this does not preclude the Parish Council agreeing a grant of more than £250 where it believes that an exception to the normal limits can be justified.</p> <p>The Parish Council has allocated £1,000 to support Grant Awards/Local Projects & Groups. There has been no expenditure during the current financial year.</p>						
<p>Action required by the Parish Council</p> <p>To consider the application and decide whether to offer financial support.</p>						

Buckshaw Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs K Brooks



Friday 20th November 2020

Dear Astley Village Parish Council

I am writing to you on behalf of Buckshaw Primary School in the hope of some support for the parents and children of our school and Astley Village.

As you are aware, we returned to school in September following a very unsettled year for most, but more so, our children. Throughout the first lockdown we continued to support our children and families through many avenues such as the government voucher scheme (for those families who were entitled to Free School Meals), food banks, Chorley Council and other agencies. All this was alongside the support of our Family Support Worker ringing, or completing social distanced home visits to ensure our families in need were supported to the best of our abilities.

Many of this support continues since we returned in September, albeit a little differently now we are back in school. Sadly, over the past few weeks, especially after going into a second lockdown, we have started to notice some of our families struggle with things like new uniform, winter clothing and wellington boots etc. Whilst we can source help from charities such as Living Waters and also Chorley Council for items such as food, we would like to support our families beyond this. Prior to the Pandemic we have used school funds to purchase essential clothing for our poorest children when it has been absolutely desperate. However, with children returning with gaps in their education, it is essential that all school funds are directed toward catch-up intervention. We are very aware that children can only learn when their basic needs of food and warmth are met. There is much support available to keep them fed, but with the requirement to keep doors and windows open for ventilation, many of the children don't have the appropriate clothing to keep warm.

We wondered whether Astley Village Parish Council could finance a scheme managed in school by the Family Support Worker and myself, School Business Manager. We would identify our families in need and purchase garments on their behalf as required. These include school shoes, PE kits, winter coats/scarves/gloves, waterproofs and wellington boots. We would appreciate any funding, however we expect these items to cost in the range of £500. We anticipate to support around 20 families – if not more. Ideally we would like to purchase these items before school closes for the Christmas holidays on 18th December.

If you would like more information, or to chat about this please do not hesitate to contact myself on the number below.

Yours sincerely

Chloe Deane
School Business Manager

live ★ love ★ laugh ★ learn

