

MINUTES of Astley Village Parish Council held on Wednesday, 4 February 2009 at Astley Village Community Centre, Hallgate, Astley Village

Present Cllrs M Perks (Chairman), C Bates, A Cain, R Fraser, I Handley,
J Lawson, L Lennox, K Robinson, H Seaman, D Swards.

Approximately 40 residents. PC Halliwell and PCSO O'Lone.

206.01 Apologies

206.02 Declarations of Interest - Cllr Cain declared an interest in the planning item 206.04 iii) because he is on the Planning Committee at Chorley.

206.03 Minutes of Meeting

RESOLVED: Minutes of 7 January 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with some minor amendments.

206.04 Statutory Business

i) Report receipt of a Complaint letter to the Council (already distributed)
Following the complaints procedure, the points in this complaint were answered via a written response. There has been no further correspondence received on this matter.

RESOLVED: Council received the Complaint and agreed with its disposal.

ii) How Astley Village Parish Council can move forward - Report by the Chairman to the Council.

The Chairman distributed a report which he read to the Council. During the reading of the report a Councillor asked for clarification with the Clerk if the items on the paper were allowed to be read out in public and what statutory business was. The Clerk confirmed that the items were all taken from public documents, namely complaints sent in to the Council and the Council's responses.

It was proposed to suspend this item so it can be discussed at a different time, this was motion not seconded.

RESOLVED: Council agreed a motion of no confidence in Cllr Fraser.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to report the issues raised to the Standards Board.

iii) Planning applications: 09/00024/FUL Land on Chancery Road - Erection of multi use games area including provision of 3m steel fencing, tarmac playing surface and access footpaths.

The Chairman brought forward item 206.05 to allow attending members of the public to speak.

206.05 Public Participation

RESOLVED: Council agreed to suspend standing orders.

Members of the public took turns to speak regarding the planning application above and asked questions of the Council to answer following the restoration of standing orders.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to restore standing orders.

206.04 iii) Planning applications

It was reported to the meeting that the planning application would be considered by the Planning Authority at its Committee meeting on 3 March 2009 and the planning officer at Chorley Council was Andy Wiggett.

Some Councillors offered their opinions on the application and responses from canvassing door to door, others on the shortage of amenities in Astley Village.

The Chairman began to answer questions put to the Council he had written down from members of the public.

RESOLVED: Chairman called to suspend the meeting following public disturbances.

The meeting was suspended from 8.25pm to 8.35pm.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to re-start the meeting.

It was proposed and seconded that the planning application submitted by the Parish Council for the Multi-Use Games area be withdrawn, the proposal was defeated 4 for and 5 against.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to support the planning application.

206.06 Finance

i) Consider applications for payment made to the Council.

RESOLVED: The following request(s) for payment were approved for payment.

£ 293.25	Chorley Council	Christmas Tree
£ 575.00	Chorley Council	Contribution to works at underpass
£ 3782.35	CA Traffic	Purchase of a Speed Indicator Device
£ 862.50	Chorley Council	Contribution to works Westway hedge
£ 358.38	I M Brown	Make and install a tree socket
£ 353.40	Employee 1	Salary Jan09
£ 115.20	Employee 2	Salary Jan09
£ 568.97	Employee 3	Salary Jan09
£ 159.17	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI Jan09

ii) Approve the financial monitoring statement and budget update.

RESOLVED: Council received and approved the statement and update.

iii) Consider the draft budget. Set the precept figure for 2009/10.

Council were asked to consider the budget presented which was an increase of 3% on last year from £22,660 to £23,341. Councillors clarified a number of budget headings.

It was proposed that the Council does not put money aside into a saving fund to be able to purchase the Astley Village field (behind Buckshaw Primary School) if it were to be put up for sale by Lancashire County Council, the proposal was defeated 4 for and 5 against.

RESOLVED: Council agreed the precept budget of £23,341 (copied below).

206.07 Environment Committee and Reports

i) Received reports of issues in the village - A number of observations of problems were noted to be reported. Updated rota to be distributed to Councillors.

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

Lancashire Local - meeting next week.

Borough/Parish Liaison meeting - Neighbourhood Working Scheme update, Chorley's budget report and discussions on the subsidised bus fairs for older persons.

Friends - presentation about Rangers and events on in the Park such as the Easter Egg hunt. Discussed the play area and animal area.

Civic Society - had two new members attending. The Town Hall had agreed to pay for the erection of the Henry Tate plaque and the society was looking into having a website, fundraising events were discussed.

206.09 Matters for information

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

PRECEPT BUDGET FOR 2009/2010			£
ADMIN.	01-1	Room Hire	130
	01-2	Sundry	1,100
	01-3	Insurance	440
	01-4	Auditors/Accounts	220
	01-5	Election	500
	01-6	Small Projects/Subs	150
	01-7	Employees	16,000
COUNCIL	02-1	Newsletter/Public's	1,100
	02-2	Public Works	300
	02-3	Training	150
	02-4	Other/emergency	300
COMMITMENTS	03-1	Astley Village Field	3,000
	03-2	WW Ponds	500
PLAN	04-1	Village Environment	
		a) Tree warden	50
		b) Litter	250
		c) Village Centre	3,000
		d) Christmas	450
		e) Astley in Bloom	500
		e) Bulb planting	100
	04-1	Neighbourhood Security Initiatives	500
	04-1	People	
		a) Young Peo Act	3,500
		b) Grants	500
			<u>32,740</u>
All expenditure figures exclude vat			
		Less balances	9399
			<u>23341</u>