

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

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

5 residents. PC Lawrence.

207.01 Apologies - Cllr Lawson

207.02 Declarations of Interest

207.03 Minutes of Meeting

RESOLVED: Council agreed to include in the minutes a Councillor question of what is statutory business in 206.04 ii).

It was proposed the minutes be amended to read that a Councillors proposal of adjournment was seconded prior to a vote on another proposal. The Clerk confirmed the order of events from the written notes. The proposal was defeated.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to substitute the word 'campaigning' with 'canvassing' in section 206.04 iii).

RESOLVED: Minutes of 4 February 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with the amendments above, and that the suspension of the meeting was made by the Chair.

207.04 Statutory Business

i) Council received a Complaint made by a Councillor. It had been answered in writing by the Clerk. The Councillor questioned a number of points from the response letter with the Chairman and Clerk.

ii) Planning applications - none received.

207.05 Public Participation

RESOLVED: Council agreed to suspend standing orders.

Members of the public asked:

Whether there is a process of appeal, regarding the planning decision made last night by the Planning Authority or what happens next.

Will there be any facilities, such as play areas, for younger children in the village.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to restore standing orders.

The Chair responded that the planning application has now been recommended to Chorley Council, as the landowner, and the planning department or the Chief Executives office will be able to assist with any questions.

Places for People has now appointed contractors to carry out the lottery bid project and the plans allow for a number of play areas.

207.06 Finance

i) Consider applications for payment made to the Council.

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

£	307.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter printing Mar09
£	77.25	1st Euxton ROF Scouts	Newsletter distribution Mar09
£	353.20	Employee 1	Salary Feb09
£	115.20	Employee 2	Salary Feb09

£	602.98	Employee 3	Salary Feb09
£	180.63	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI Feb 09
£	143.31	D Platt	Reimbursements Dec to Mar 09

ii) Approve the financial monitoring statement and budget update.

RESOLVED: Council received and approved the statement and update.

#### 207.07 Environment Committee and Reports

i) Received reports of issues in the village - A number of observations of problems were noted to be reported. The rota to be updated again with area 4 being split into two areas.

#### 207.08 Reports from Parish Councillors who represent the Parish Council on Other Bodies

Lancashire Local - nothing relevant to the village, Chorley Council announced its budget.

PACT - good meeting, well attended by a good mix of people with different issues and appreciation was given to the Police for the arrest of a drug dealer from the village. Priorities are speed, drug dealing behind shops, nuisance. It was also noted that there had been a number of stone throwing incidents and to be on the look out for the culprits.

Friends of Astley Park - AGM is soon, discussed the Coachouse and its opening in April and the play areas.

Chorley Civic Society - producing leaflets and plans to visit Parish Councils, finalising the website and the AGM is in late March. The Henry Tate plaque should be back up by early April and Chorley has agreed to pay £300 towards the cost.

#### 207.09 Matters for information

Astley In Bloom - a committee meeting will be prior to the next meeting.

Places for People - notified the Council this week that the garage would no longer be available for storing the caretakers equipment, the Clerk has asked if Chorley Council can assist with a new store, it was suggested a shed could be bought and placed somewhere.

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