

MINUTES of Astley Village Parish Council held on Wednesday, 1 April 2009 at Astley Village Community Centre, Hallgate, Astley Village

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

8 residents.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

RESOLVED: Council agreed Cllr Lennox will Chair the meeting.

208.01 Apologies - Cllr Perks

208.02 Declarations of Interest

208.03 Minutes of Meeting

RESOLVED: Minutes of 4 March 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

208.04 Statutory Business

i) The Clerk declared that the Council had two casual vacancies due to the resignations of Catherine Bates and John Lawson, the returning officer at Chorley Council has been informed and the vacancies are being advertised.

ii) Planning applications - none received.

208.05 Public Participation

RESOLVED: Council agreed to suspend standing orders.

Members of the public asked:

Will the Council consider withdrawing the Multi Use Games Area planning application so the community can get involved.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to restore standing orders.

~~The Chair responded to the point made by a resident, subject to the planning permission being granted, it may be possible to discuss a delay in the implementation until further discussions had taken place, and proposed that this go on the agenda.~~

~~RESOLVED: Council agreed to put on the agenda the games area implementation for discussion.~~

Clerks Note: The alteration of the minutes below was agreed at 6 May 2009 meeting. The Clerk reiterated advice given at the April meeting that, as the item was not on the agenda, the Council may not make this legally binding decision, but could place the matter on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

The Chair responded to the point made by a resident, subject to planning permission being granted, the Parish Council will take no action until it has consulted with all Astley Village residents, and at the next meeting Council will discuss how to consult the residents.

RESOLVED: Council agreed this proposal.

208.06 Finance

i) Consider applications for payment made to the Council.

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

£	74.00	Myerscough College	Power Tools training (RA)
£	15.00	Best Kept Village (DPlatt)	Competition entry fee
£	353.40	Employee 1	Salary for March 2009
£	142.80	Employee 2	Salary for March 2009
£	579.10	Employee 3	Salary for March 2009
£	150.69	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI for March 2009

208.07 i) Annual Assessments and Audit works

RESOLVED: Council reviewed and approved the Financial Risk Assessment document.

ii) Review of Effectiveness of the system of Internal Audit

RESOLVED: Council reviewed the effectiveness of the internal audit system and approved the document.

iii) Appoint an Internal Auditor to carry out the audit for 2008/9 and approve the fee

RESOLVED: Council appointed Mrs Ward as the internal auditor and set the fee for the internal audit for 2008/2009 at £40.

208.08 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.

It was reported that the Speed Indicator Device is now in action around the village.

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

PACT - a number of youths causing damage to properties and cars and throwing stones at cars, houses and passing vehicles on the road. The fair brought large numbers of disruptive young people into the village.

Friends of Astley Park - items being discussed were, survey on River Chor, park gates to the lodge, Balsam Bash on 2 June. Play area construction is well under way, Hall and Coachhouse opening at Easter and the caterers have opened the café.

Chorley Civic Society - needs new members, has a new Chairman, the Henry Tate plaque will be erected this week which Chorley Council donated towards.

Astley In Bloom - the letter sent to Councillors from the resident organiser of the event was noted, which was sad news. Letter of thanks to go to the resident. The event has been successful for the last four years and the Council will discuss at the next meeting and Councillors should think of any ideas of what form the event can take this year.

208.10 Matters for information

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

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

Distributed	Councillors deadline before: (copy posted out to you on this date)	Date goes to the printer (nothing accepted on/after this date)
1 st week June 09	8 May 2009	15 May 2009
1 st week September 09	7 August 2009	14 August 2009
1 st week December 09	6 November 2009	13 November 2009
1 st week March 10	End of 1 st week February 2010	End of 2 nd week February 2010