

MINUTES of an Extra Ordinary Astley Village Parish Council held on Wednesday, 12 August 2009 held in the Lancastrian Suite, Chorley Town Hall, Chorley.

Present Cllrs M Perks (Chairman), P Baker, A Cain, L Lennox, K Robinson,
H Seaman, D Swards, D Slessor, E Smith, J Thomas.

Residents: approximately 85

The Chairman introduced the meeting which had been called in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12, paragraph 9.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Dave Slessor and Cllr Eleanor Smith, who were recently elected to the Parish Council in an uncontested election.

213.01 Apologies - none.

213.02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Slessor declared a Personal Interest in agenda item 213.04, as he lives overlooking one of the sites under consideration.

213.03 Public Participation – Residents Matters

RESOLVED: Council agreed to suspend standing orders to allow the public to speak.

Seven members of the public made statements concerning the different sites under consideration.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to restore standing orders.

213.04 Multi Use Games Area project in Astley Village

A Councillor raised a point of order that the fourth item should be considered before the third item so Councillors could hear details of the tenders, funding bid, lease details.

Chair informed that, if the third item was not decided upon, then the meeting could not continue to item four because Councillors would not know which site they would be considering information on. The tender and lease were only available for the site which had been approved by the funders. If a different site was chosen then further information would have to be sought for a future meeting.

A Councillor referred to a Chorley Council meeting and comments made by the Leader of Chorley Council that the 'residents were to make the decision'. The letter from Chorley Council was read out which said the Parish Council had to complete a review of the sites and inform Chorley Council of the outcome, and involve the public at its August meeting.

The Clerk presented a report investigating the suggested alternative locations following the public meeting held on 17 June 2009.

- a) Council received the report.
- b) Councillors expressed their views on the different sites and report contents.
- c) Council was asked to decide on one of the locations from the options available.

Proposed and seconded, to investigate the LCC field site behind Buckshaw School.

First amendment: Proposed and seconded to accept originally proposed site on Chancery Road which has planning permission.

Second amendment: Proposed and seconded to drop the whole project and start again.

The second amendment proposal was taken first:

RESOLVED: Council agreed to drop the whole project and start again.

RESOLVED: Council agreed a cheque be raised for the £64,000 and returned to Lancashire County Council.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members of the public for attending and closed the meeting.