

MINUTES of Astley Village Parish Council held on Wednesday, 3 February 2010 at Astley Village Community Centre, Hallgate, Astley Village

Present Cllrs L Lennox (Chairman), R Fraser, I Handley, J Nuttall, K Robinson, D Swards, D Slessor. Co-opted Cllr R Crabtree.

5 residents

218.01 Apologies - Cllrs I Hodgson, J Thomas.

218.02 Declarations of Interest

218.03 Minutes of Meeting

The Clerk updated the Council with the planning officers response regarding the application for 74 The Farthings. The void behind the neighbouring property was using as garden and to impose a condition on the application site behind 74 The Farthings was not possible.

Cllr Fraser requested a recorded vote. Proposed by the Chairman that the minutes are a correct record, for Cllr Lennox, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Handley, Cllr Slessor, against Cllr Fraser, abstain Cllr Nuttall and Cllr Swards.

RESOLVED: Minutes of 2 December 2009 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

218.04 Statutory Business

i) Report receipt of a Complaint letter to the Council (circulated).

RESOLVED: Council resolved to move this item to Part II of the meeting (in accordance with Local Government Act 1971, Schedule 12A, Part 1, 1).

ii) Councillor vacancies - co-options

RESOLVED: Robert Crabtree was co-opted to the Council.

iii) Planning

Cllrs Lennox, Fraser declared a personal interest in application 01009 below as they are school governors.

09/00961/FUL	59 Studfold	Erection of two-storey side extension
09/01020/FUL	10 The Farthings	Single storey conservatory in enclosed garden
09/01011/FUL	Derian House	Provision of emergency generator (with fence around) in grounds of existing hospice for the use of the hospice and new annexe
09/01009/CTY	Buckshaw Primary School	New footpath with gate access from Chancery Road
09/01007/FUL	34 Foxcote	Single storey rear sun-room/dining room

Councillors had no objections to the above applications.

218.05 Public Participation

RESOLVED: Council agreed to suspend standing orders.

A resident raised a dog fouling problem in the area of Great Meadow, the Clerk took the details and will report to the Environmental Officer at Chorley Council.

Maria Ratcliffe from Places for People updated the Council on the village projects, phase one will begin at the end of February. Maria explained that the tree works would be split into two halves and there would be new planting of trees and shrubs. Additional consultation processes did use up more funds but, the projected has been budgeted for and it would not run out of money before it has delivered all the elements.

Maria also shared with the Council an idea for a future project in the empty shop to gauge the Council's initial thoughts. The project may include putting on youth activities, holding surgeries, classes and it becoming a drop in venue for information for all residents of the village. This project would be dependent on gaining grants to run the project for an initial period, for example 3 years.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to restore standing orders.

218.06 Finance

i) Consider applications for payment made to the Council.

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

£	600.00	Places for People	Garage rental (replacement Cheque)
£	87.50	Collingwood Electrical	Christmas Tree socket
£	368.34	Employee 1	Salary for Feb 10
£	120.00	Employee 2	Salary for Feb 10
£	591.49	Employee 3	Salary for Feb 10
£	157.02	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI Feb'10
£	102.68	SLCC	Subscription
£	554.26	Chorley Council	Mowing and Christmas tree
£	332.37	D Platt	Reimbursements (Copies/Post/Miles etc)

ii) Approve the financial monitoring statement and receive an updated budget.

RESOLVED: Council received the statement and update.

218.07 Consultations (as circulated)

i) Future of Lancashire Locals

RESOLVED: Clerk to query how the parish council can access funds or input into the decision process in the future now that the Lancashire Locals are to be disbanded and will circulate any response received.

ii) Draft 'streetscene' delegated services protocol for consultation

RESOLVED: Clerk to respond on the protocol that fee for the task should be notified early in the process, and not at the end as it is now, as this is one of the most important points for a parish council and would save time for LCC and parishes.

iii) Minerals and Waste Site Allocations and Development Management Policies

The Clerk updated that there were no additional sites added to this policy near to Astley Village, but the policy would be monitored for future changes.

218.08 Environment Committee and Reports

Clerk to enquire regarding the supply of grit to our village caretaker to use in dangerous areas. Clerk informed of the consultation on 'public realm' items which LCC and Chorley Council are performing, when completed this may inform or assist the parish in its decision.

Reported items were: lack of response to the weather conditions in the village from the authorities, no regard to pedestrians and side roads and they were left stranded.

Caretaker to remove rubble in the trees by the subway. Request that the subway walls are painted all one colour. Report exposed cable in flower bed next to the community centre. Dog bin behind 51 Elmwood overflowing. Report that the Junction repairs at the end of some of the side streets, where they meet Chancery Road, have been laid with a material which when there is a frost is more slippery than the normal road and request if this can be rectified.

Derian House grass verge had been reported and we are awaiting a response from Lancashire Highways who were visiting the site.

Vehicle wheel damage to the grass verges near to Studfold had been reported, had been visited by Chorley Council and responded that the damage would be fully repaired in spring.

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

Astley Advisory Group meeting is next week.

Borough/Parish Liaison meeting discussed grit bins, dog fouling, village greens and registered land.

Civic Society - Cllr Robinson reported they were to have built a website.

Friends of Astley Park - Cllr Robinson reported the group was still moving forward and were to do more river clearing and Balsam bashing work.

Older peoples Group - Cllr Lennox informed they were to publish a list of activities which could go in the newsletter.

Astley In Bloom - Cllr Lennox would speak to the resident, who in the past organised the open gardens, the Clerk reported that the Council has not received one enquiry about the appeal in the newsletter.

Litter Pick was arranged for 20 March 2010, 10am.

218.10 Matters for information

Clerk distributed an appeal for applications to the Standards Committee, from Chorley Council.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the public 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 10	End of 1 st week of May 2010	End of 2 nd week of May 2010
1 st week September 10	End of 1 st week of August 2010	End of 2 nd week of August 2010
1 st week December 10	End of 1 st week of November 2010	End of 2 nd week November 2010
1 st week March 11	End of 1 st week February 2011	End of 2 nd week February 2011