

MINUTES of Astley Village Parish Council held on Wednesday, 2 March 2011 at Astley Village Community Centre, Hallgate, Astley Village

Present Cllrs L Lennox (Chairman), R Fraser, I Handley, C Joyce, J Nuttall, K Robinson, D Swards, D Slessor (later).

Bgh Cllr Platt

229.01 Apologies

229.02 Declarations of Interest

229.03 Minutes of Meeting

RESOLVED: Minutes of 2 February 2011 were accepted as a correct record, with an addition in 228.10, and signed by the Chair.

229.04 Statutory Business

i) Planning - no applications

ii) The Clerk updated on a number of items:

The election packs for the Parish Council elections would be ready approximately 4 March from the elections office. The completed papers need to be returned in a short space of time from 28 March to 3 April.

The May meeting is re-arranged from the 4 to the 11 May because of the election.

Councillors were reminded of the Planning training on 16 March.

Ian Hodgson has missed six months of meetings and is now no longer a Councillor. As this vacancy arises within the election period it will remain empty and be filled at election.

229.05 Public Participation

RESOLVED: Council resolved to suspend standing orders.

Bgh Cllr Alan Platt informed that Chorley Council had decided on a nil increase for the Council tax and recommended the planning training on the 16 March.

RESOLVED: Council resolved to restore standing orders.

229.06 Finance

Clerk informed because of the election it may be necessary to arrange for new bank signatories at the May meeting and that it may be prudent to sign two lots of salary cheques at the April meeting if the signatories are no longer on the Council in May.

i) Consider applications for payment made to the Council.

RESOLVED: The following requests for payment were approved.

£	53.76	SLCC	Subscription
£	307.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter March 2011
£	77.25	1st Euxton ROF Scouts	Delivery of newsletter March 2011
£	20.00	Chorley Civic Society	Subscription
£	12.35	Chorley Council	Room hire
£	195.50	D Platt	Reimbursements Feb/Mar
£	392.43	Employee 1	Salary Mar 11
£	100.95	Employee 2	Salary Mar 11
£	598.18	Employee 3	Salary Mar 11
£	159.11	H M Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI Mar 11

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

RESOLVED: Council received the statement and update.

229.07 Environment Reports

Councillors reported a number of problems which the Clerk will action.

The rota was discussed which will be re-distributed after the election and Councillors agreed it is best to rotate the patches so they get to walk around other areas.

The Chairman updated on a meeting she attended with Places For People regarding project to change the empty shop into a drop-in centre. More details will be forthcoming to the Parish Council regarding the project.

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

Astley Advisory, Cllr Robinson updated the runs around the park may now not come to Astley Park. Picnic in the Park would be linked to the Royal British Legion and be on 15 May. The Smile magazine advertises the Park events and it was mentioned that the Smile magazine was not available in the Community Centre.

St George's Day stage by Southlands is progressing, Derian House event on 7 November, Starlight Walk on 21 May, Astley Hall opens on 16 April.

The entrance area to the park has now been cleared of Rhododendrons and looks good.

Friends of Astley Park, Cllr Robinson informed the AGM would be 7 March and Chorley was proceeding with improving the path from Devonshire Car Park by moving the gate and changing the path.

PACT not until 7 March.

AV Residents Association Fun Day would be 21 August.

229.09 Matters for information

Open Gardens will be Sunday 3 July.

Buckshaw School had sent in a request for a grant for the school residential trip for year 6 pupils which arrived the day of this meeting. The Councillors viewed the application which was for much more than the Grants policy had set as its limit. This was to be put on the agenda for April.

Newsletter, the Neighbourhood Working scheme has proposed a page in the newsletters of Euxton, Astley Village and Whittle-le-Woods to cover the neighbourhood area. Councillors agreed £150 should be paid by them for the page, the extra cost for the page is £156.

Newsletter, Councillors discussed the distribution of the newsletter to the Badgers Walk and Brook House Grove estates and decided not to distribute the newsletter in future.

Cllr Swards informed Council that he was not to be re-standing at the next election and the April meeting would be his last meeting on the 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 11	End of 1 st week of May 2011	End of 2 nd week of May 2011
1 st week September 11	End of 1 st week of August 2011	End of 2 nd week of August 2011
1 st week December 11	End of 1 st week of November 2011	End of 2 nd week November 2011
1 st week March 12	End of 1 st week February 2012	End of 2 nd week February 2012

PRIVATE, PART II ITEMS

Exclusion of Press and Public

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Part 1 ss3 & 4. It is resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the press and public are excluded from the forthcoming items of business.

229.10 Personnel Committee Meeting

RESOLVED: Council approved the Personnel Committee recommendations.

Council agreed to look into providing mileage payments to the village caretaker for trips erecting the SPID and using the trailer - agenda item.