

MINUTES of Astley Village Parish Council held on Wednesday, 6 July 2011 at Astley Village Community Centre, Hallgate, Astley Village

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

2 residents

233.01 Apologies Cllr J Thomas.

233.02 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs L Lennox and Fraser declared an interest in the planning application 11/00527/FUL for Buckshaw Primary School as they are Governors.

233.03 Minutes of Meeting

RESOLVED: Minutes of 11 May and 1 June 2011 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair, with minor amendments noted on both.

Proposed and seconded that the Council should consider recording the Council meetings. The Chairman referred this matter to the next meeting to be an agenda item.

233.04 Statutory Business

11/00527/FUL Buckshaw Primary School - no comments.

11/00539/FUL 34 Deerfold - no comments.

233.05 Public Participation

RESOLVED: Council resolved to suspend standing orders.

Residents had attended to enquire about the fence at Harewood. The residents were referred to Places For People who look after the site and fencing.

Bgh Cllr Alan Platt reported that the papers have said a new Chief Executive of Chorley Council had been appointed, but this would not be until the full council meeting on 19 July considers the recommendation of the candidate.

RESOLVED: Council resolved to restore standing orders.

233.06 Financial Matters

i) Consider applications for payment made to the Council

RESOLVED: The following requests for payment were approved.

£	600.00	Places for People	Garage rental (replacement cheque)
£	50.00	J Lawson	Internal Audit
£	73.75	1st Euxton ROF Scouts	Delivery of June newsletter
£	394.29	Employee 1	July salary
£	136.60	Employee 2	July salary
£	639.04	Employee 3	July salary
£	117.97	H M Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI July salary
£	179.51	D Platt	Reimbursements
£	394.29	Employee 1	August salary
£	165.55	Employee 2	August salary
£	638.84	Employee 3	August salary
£	123.37	H M Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI August salary
£	240.00	Ark Welding	Install 2 seats/grass mats
£	50.00	Ark Welding	Re-set seat
£	61.56	The Original Produce Co	Flowers for Astley In Bloom

ii) Approve financial monitoring statements

RESOLVED: Council received the statement and update.

233.07 Flower planters

Councillors discussed the possible locations and planters styles. The Clerk will measure and fully cost for planters at the large noticeboard and a larger planter on the junction of Chancery Road and Derian House. Delivery times to be obtained for all items.

233.08 Litter Collection Cart

Council considered the options for a small litter cart. The lengthsman had reported they did not need one.

233.09 Environment Reports

A Councillor asked how items reported could be tracked and suggested a list/form.

- Tree reports: One by the edge of the cycleway, by the side of Harewood flats, in the verge, another, just beyond this one on the same side of the road heading towards Deerfold in the copse and a Sycamore in the woodland on the village green area (by side of school) parallel with the school side gate is completely dead and needs removing.
- Seat on Green had been tipped over.
- Police had been called for this vandalism - Clerk to follow up to recoup costs from vandals through the Police.
- Cllr Fraser was thanked for clearing the spray paint from one of the seats some weeks ago.
- Tree branch overhanging the zebra crossing
- Places for People area caretaker has been away and there has been no cover person - Clerk to follow up with Places for people.
- Underpass bankings need more strimming more often.
- Paved area near to underpass, at foot of steps needs the weeds removing and killing as it is lifting the flags.
- Weeds are growing all around the area where the sculpture used to be and the flagged area by the Community Centre has still not had the weeds removed and the flags are lifting with the weeds and could be tripped over.
- Paved area in front of shops is full of weeds which are lifting the flags.
- Cllrs asked for an update with the plan to convert the flagged area to soft surface or play space for the nursery. Clerk will ask for an update.
- Paved area under the CCTV camera has a lot of weeds and needs spraying and clearing as the flags will lift causing trip hazards.
- The area behind the village green area, which is long grass, this year has only been strimmed once and only half of it was done.
- Hedge all along Chancery Road has still not been cut all along, but in sections. There are areas still not been cut back and cleared underneath. Chase.

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

Friends of Astley Park will be meeting to talk about the reed bed with Chorley Council and the Chorley Natural History Society.

PACT meeting is 11 July.

AVRA Fun Day is on 21 August which they have gained a County Councillor grant towards.

233.11 Matters for information

Clerk had circulated a number of items of information:

Training event on 25 August	Councillors to contact Clerk if they want booking on
LCC Rationalisation Household Waste Centre Review	For Councillors information, noted
Good Councillors Guide	For Councillors information, received
LCC Community Transport Review	For Councillors information, noted
Lancashire Constabulary consultation on future of police premises	For Councillors information, noted
SPID recordings information	For Councillors information, noted
Lindsay Hoyle MP letter	Inform of future meeting dates
LCC 20 mph speed limit areas	For Councillors information, noted
Lancashire Minerals & Waste Dev Framework	For Councillors information, noted

Chair asked Councillors to submit items for the next newsletter before the end of July.

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 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
1 st week June 12	End of 1 st week of May 2012	End of 2 nd week of May 2012