

MINUTES of Astley Village Parish Council meeting held Wednesday, 10 January 2018 at Astley Village Community Centre, Hallgate, Astley Village.

Present Cllrs R Fraser, C Lennox, L Lennox (Chairman), J McAndrew, M Lynch, J Nuttall, K Robinson. Clerk Mrs D Platt.

278.01 Apologies for Absence

278.02 Declarations of Interest – none.

278.03 Public Participation

RESOLVED: Council agreed to suspend standing orders.

Mr Nathan Ward from Stagecoach attended the meeting to discuss the changes in bus services covering the village, he answered questions on the short notice of the last changes and the new change due within days. He discussed a possible new service, a 106 circular bus taking in the village in a route covering the Hospital, BV and the town centre. Chorley Council had agreed to subsidise this service but as yet Lancashire had not responded. If this route is finalised it will be promoted.

Chorley Councillor, Matt Lynch reported that he had been party to the discussions about the 106 route in November.

Residents present at the meeting explained the reduced service did not get children to school on time.

The Chairman asked County Councillor Aidy Riggott to comment on the bus issue. He said he was unaware of discussions about the proposed 106 village bus service.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to restore standing orders.

278.04 Minutes of Meeting

RESOLVED: Minutes of the Council meeting of 1 November 2017 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

278.05 Clerks Report

Members received the report.

278.06 Statutory Business

17/00/647/OUT application for a new property next to 65 Studfold – the applicants request for this to go to Appeal has been accepted – the date of the appeal is awaited.

Co-option consideration – there were two vacancies and Allan Bridge resigned at the start of the meeting. The vacancy will be advertised on the notice boards.

It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Mr Bridge for his service to the Council.

Two applications were submitted in advance and two more came in after the papers for the meeting were published.

RESOLVED: Council agreed it will consider all four applications for the two vacancies.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to hold a secret ballot.

RESOLVED: Council elected Barbara Darragh and Susan Crook.

278.07 Financial Matters

i) Consider applications for payment made to the Council

RESOLVED: The following requests for payment/standing orders were approved.

£	24.00	Easy Websites	Monthly rental
£	9.56	Chorley Council	Room rentals
£	278.00	Paper Rabbit	December newsletter print
£	125.00	Parklands School	Band
£	50.00	WI Astley	Christmas help
£	20.57	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£	261.28	Employee 1	Salary Jan 2018
£	80.85	Employee 2	Salary Jan 2018
£	282.53	Employee 3	Salary Jan 2018
£	65.60	HMRC	Tax & NI Jan 2018
£	24.00	Easy Websites	Monthly rental
£	261.28	Employee 1	Salary Feb 2018
£	80.65	Employee 2	Salary Feb 2018
£	282.53	Employee 3	Salary Feb 2018
£	65.60	HMRC	Tax & NI Feb 2018
£	32.24	SLCC	Subscription

ii) Approve financial monitoring statements.

RESOLVED: Council approved the monitoring figures.

iii) Grant Application.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to give a grant of £200 to the Chorley & South Ribble Mood Swings on condition they would put an article in the next newsletter.

RESOLVED: The grant cheque was added to the cheque list for the month.

£	200.00	Chorley & South Ribble Mood Swings	Grant
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iv) Precept consideration.

RESOLVED: Council agreed for the tax base to be £22.00 per average band D property. Chorley Council confirmed the grant of £3,877 would be paid again this year.

278.08 Consultations

Lancashire budget consultation, circulated to Councillors via email.

RESOLVED: Council had no comments on this.

Boundary Review issue will be put on the May agenda.

278.09 Bus Services in Village

Legal advice provided previously was queried as being incorrect. The Clerk reiterated that the advice given made it clear that the Parish Council powers do not allow it to provide money to a commercial bus service and this Act of Parliament could not be circumvented by another power. Clerk will copy out advice given.

278.10 Grit bin in front of shops

The bin is not the property of LCC and Places for People and CBC has not responded to the question.

Cllr Lynch will propose to LCC that the bin is re-located to Merefield and ask LCC to fill it. He will progress this issue.

278.11 Speed Indicator Device and options for the future

The Personnel Committee has looked at the issue of the placement of the Spid device and suggested that two permanent ones, maybe one at each end of the village be purchased. It was also suggested to seek grants and sell the original one to assist funding the replacements.

Council asked the Clerk to investigate with LCC the locations available at each end of the village, then obtain quotations for options and put back on the next agenda.

278.12 Planter on Chancery/Westway junction

RESOLVED: Council accepted the price of £2500 for the planter. The wording on the planter to be 'Astley Village'. Permission from LCC is still outstanding.

278.13 Environment Reports

Councillor Fraser reported that white would be a suitable colour for the back board of the iron entrance sign. It was agreed that the iron-work should be green with the words being white. Councillor Fraser will consider how this might be done.

Councillor Lynch was asked to give a Westway playing fields update. There is a plan that would need to be consulted on again because of the changes made to the previous plan. There will be pitches, cycle/running track, parking, 3G pitch and changing room facilities near to the gate. Questions were asked about security of the gates and building. It was requested that Councillor Lynch brings further information to the next meeting.

Litter around the village centre. Although reports say the job is done, there are tiny pieces of litter around the grass edges. The bushes around the pub are full of litter.

The lengthsman to be asked to go through the grass, edges of the underpass to clear away any tributes thrown about.

Grass verge ruts along Chancery Road. Report this to Chorley Council.

PFP path behind Great Meadow and Buckshaw Hall, grass has ruts. Report this to PFP.

Studfold/Deerfold bus stop flooding. Councillor Nuttall has asked drivers to put complaints in to their managers and LCC. PC will do as well.

278.14 Reports from Parish Council representatives on Other Bodies

Neighbourhood Working project idea suggestions might be:

Purchase of a permanent SPID.

Improvements to footpath to the back of Harewood which is neglected and overgrown and attracts fly-tipping. Another joins from Deerfold and other such paths could be improved.

Underpass wooden edgings aren't really what was expected and suggest a low stone wall.

Renovation of the steps leading to the underpass.

The criteria for the projects is not known yet and we have not been asked for suggestions yet.

Friends of Astley Park – awaiting the fountain to be completed soon.

278.15 Matters for information

The Chairman declared the meeting closed.

**2018 meeting dates: 7pm Wednesdays:
7 March, 2 May, 4 July, 5 September, 7 November.**