

MINUTES of Astley Village Parish Council meeting held Wednesday, 4 September 2019 at Astley Village Community Centre, Hallgate, Astley Village.

Present Cllrs A Almond, S Crook, J Dawson, R Fraser, C Lennox, L Lennox (Chairman), J McAndrew. Cllr M Lynch arrived at 8.30.

Clerk Mrs D Platt. Public 1

288.01 Apologies for Absence – Cllrs M Lynch, K Robinson

288.02 Declarations of Interest – none at this time.

288.03 Public Participation

RESOLVED: Council agreed to suspend standing orders.

CtyCllr Riggott – thanked everyone for the patience when sorting out the new bus service timetable, usage will be monitored.

LL reported that some residents had reported an aggressive bus driver who also drives fast and parked too far away from the pavement edge - but believes he no longer works for the company.

LL asked the CCllr about ‘hedgehog’ crossing signs and fixing them to existing LCC posts. CtyCllr Riggott hadn’t heard of any but suggested this might be a local awareness campaign.

RF Derian House parking on grass verges etc – building project over 80% completed.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to restore standing orders.

288.04 Minutes of Meeting

RESOLVED: Minutes of the Council meeting of 3 July 2019 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

288.05 Clerks Report

Members received the report.

288.06 Statutory Business

No comments were made on the application for 30 Deerfold.

288.07 Financial Matters

i) Approve expenditures for payment

RESOLVED: Council

£	24.00	Easywebsites	Monthly rental
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£	483.31	Lancashire CC	Installing SPIDS
£	83.93	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£	279.06	Employee 1	Salary Sept 2019
£	96.15	Employee 2	Salary Sept 2019
£	62.40	HMRC	Tax&NI Sept 2019
£	278.66	Employee 1	Salary Oct 2019
£	88.95	Employee 2	Salary Oct 2019
£	69.80	HMRC	Tax&NI Oct 2019

ii) Receive finance reports

Finance reports were received.

iii) Insurance review

RESOLVED: The report was reviewed and changes were agreed.

iv) External Audit report

This had not arrived for the meeting.

v) Review Effectiveness of Internal Audit and the Internal Audit Plan

RESOLVED: The report was reviewed and agreed.

vi) Financial Risk Assessment

RESOLVED: The report was reviewed, updated and agreed.

288.08 Central Lancashire Integrated Assessment Scoping Report

Consultation circulated to Councillors on 27/08/19, to be responded to by 07/10/19 and can be viewed here: <https://centrallocalplan.lancashire.gov.uk/consultations/integrated>

Council made no comments.

288.09 Christmas Event planning and option to purchase new Christmas tree lights

Parklands School was asked in March for a date and we are awaiting an answer.

New lights are to be ordered, multi-coloured are preferred, half static and half flashing, and it was agreed to buy a telescopic pole/hook for erection.

RESOLVED: The lights will be costed up and the price circulated but the estimate was £400 to £500.

WI ladies will be contacted to confirm dates.

288.10 Winter Newsletter planning

Bus item LL

School Flower Show medal LL

Spid CL

Westway Fields project CBC

Two year plan CL

All Councillors, one para and a photo ALL

New tree lights RF

Friends JMCA

Planters photos and adoptions LL

New Borough Council ward name and shape CL

Overview of the new items in the village (pub, café, car parking etc) AA

Cllr Lynch arrived.

288.11 Polling Place Review 2019

Consultation circulated to Councillors on 26/07/19, to be responded to by 06/09/19

No comments as the Community Centre facility and location is perfect.

288.12 Environment Reports

Chase CBC about the parking on Hallgate outside Oliver House also, their vehicles taking up the Community Centre car park all day.

Paths through the woods works from the Neighbourhood Working project have not been done.

JD Tree has died outside of 12 Deerfold and it is suspected because the weed spraying around the base is always quite aggressive – can we have CBC inspect and replace if needs be.

JMcA weed spraying – doesn't seem to have been done this year – can we ask CBC about spraying. Also, around the flagstones adjacent/in front of the community centre.

LL Power washing of the underpass has not been done. Broken knee rails need removing. A dead Rowan cut off outside the community centre- all these issues are outstanding.

ML paths between streets need to be reported if they are overgrown or need maintenance.

ML youth problems in the village has risen and is causing a lot of problems now, residents are scared – can the Parish Council assist, maybe write to Aspire Youth Zone for some targeted work, Police for increased assistance, Places for People safety officer.

LL doubtful that the hedge-line will be trimmed, along Chancery Road (in front of the shops), because it is to be removed, but we have no information of when this may be done.

288.13 Reports from Parish Council representatives on Other Bodies

AA – Liaison Committee in 17 July. Useful meeting, hearing concerns around other villages and Cllr responses. He reported that he raised the issue on procurement of bus contracts and the response was that when they come to the end of the contract, they are put out to tender for a contractor to bid for. Discussions followed around packaging services so that profitable routes support socially required routes. CllrAA volunteered to prepare a request for this to be considered by the County Council.

RF – Neighbourhood Working Forum in 8 July, discussed road safety and signs on Chancery Road and confirmed the installation of the two Spids. Discussions followed up on the footpaths which had not been done yet, two seats for the Orchard in Euxton had not arrived yet. The maintenance of the CBC planter in AV was questioned and if the parish council could assist. New neighbourhood priorities were agreed and the suggestion in AV to remove the Chancery Road hedge in front of the shops was put forward. AV parish council offered to match fund up to £2000.

If daffodils bulbs are given to us, they can be planted around the entrance sign opposite Buckshaw Hall

288.13 Matters for information

The Chairman declared the public meeting closed.

Future meeting dates 7pm Wednesdays. 2019 - 6 November.

2020 - 8 January, 4 March, 6 May, 1 July, 2 September, 4 November.