

MINUTES of Astley Village Parish Council meeting held Wednesday, 6 November 2019 at Astley Village Community Centre, Hallgate, Astley Village.

Present Cllrs A Almond, S Crook, R Fraser, C Lennox, L Lennox (Chairman),
M Lynch, K Robinson, J McAndrew, C Sheldon.

Clerk Mrs D Platt. Public 1

289.01 Apologies for Absence – Cllrs J Dawson

289.02 Declarations of Interest – none at this time.

289.03 Public Participation

RESOLVED: Council agreed to suspend standing orders.

CtyCllr Riggot updated Members on the notifications for the re-surfacing works on Great Meadow, also a consultation about the speed limit on Euxton Lane (Cllrs had been copied in on this).

LL reported that bus info on LCC website is confusing, as the map and timetable seem to conflict with the bus operator's timetables and routes. She asked CC Riggott to point this out to officials.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to restore standing orders.

289.04 Minutes of Meeting

Chris Sheldon had sent his apology, this will be added.

RESOLVED: Minutes of the Council meeting of 4 September 2019 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

289.05 Clerks Report

Members received the report.

289.06 Statutory Business

There were no applications.

289.07 Financial Matters

i) Approve expenditures for payment

RESOLVED: Council

£	24.00	Easywebsites	Monthly rental
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£	240.00	PKF	Audit fee
£	20.40	Chorley Council	Room rentals
£	273.16	Chorley Council	Election costs
£	86.20	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£	278.86	Employee 1	Salary Nov 2019
£	88.95	Employee 2	Salary Nov 2019
£	69.80	HMRC	Tax&NI Nov 2019
£	279.06	Employee 1	Salary Dec 2019
£	88.95	Employee 2	Salary Dec 2019
£	69.60	HMRC	Salary Dec 2019

ii) Receive finance reports

Finance reports were received.

iii) External Audit report

Clerk to check 'other matters' comments to clarify what they mean.

RESOLVED: The report was reviewed. The Auditor made no comments.

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

RESOLVED: Council approved the purchase of new lights at a cost of £388.

Parklands band are unable to play on the suggested dates. Another band has been contacted and a choir was suggested. A date will be circulated on email for confirmation. An idea to use the new café was suggested and favoured depending on the date.

WI ladies will be contacted when a date is confirmed if they might be required if it is not to be held in the cafe.

289.09 Winter Newsletter planning

Drafts were circulated, amendments still needed to be done.

289.10 Set calendar of meeting dates

RESOLVED: Council agreed the dates of: 8 January, 4 March, 13 May, 2 July, 2 September, 4 November – two dates moved forward to second Wednesday, January because its New Years' Day and May due to election on the 7th.

289.11 SPID data downloads

RESOLVED: Agreed to go for option one, which is the download Bluetooth option at £860 + vat.

Councillors raised some questions for the Clerk to clarify.

289.12 Environment Reports

Sparkle parking was a nightmare, parking on the grass and causing damage. Every side road off Chancery Road had pavement parked cars, beyond the cones on road corners. Park Road was fully parked along. All car parks were full. Side roads were dangerous to exit in a car because buses and parked cars blocked the views on to Chancery Road. Clerk to write to Chorley to request, "No parking on grass verges" signs to be used as part of the "parking plan". Also, the Council would ask that the Derian Sparkle event be more centrally located in Astley Park to encourage access from both sides of the park.

The clerk will also write to Derian House to tell them of the problems for residents, including those associated with weekday parking at Derian House.

Signs have been knocked down due to the parking, LCM and BHC.

Long Croft Meadow, approx. 14 cars park at the entrance areas daily blocking entrance and exit. Also, this problem is on the entrance to Buckshaw Hall Close. It was agreed to write to CBC to investigate and exhaust all avenues to try to resolve the Derian House parking on residential roads.

Parking problems in the bus stop in front of the school – but in the bus stop there is a yellow sign saying that the bus service is no longer in use. Clerk to investigate legality of parking in the 'unused' bus stops.

Flailing machine has made a mess on the grass verges – report to Chorley.

Footpaths in Hare wood and Judeland wood - works have begun but does need another layer on top.

Entrance road which leads left to pub, right to shops, rear car park has pot-holes but also has been flooding. Report to CBC but also Environmental Health Officers due to the grid being blocked, possibly by food waste products.

289.13 Reports from Parish Council representatives on Other Bodies

LL – Liaison Committee – many mostly rural issues, buses, planning training, highway safety, solar panels on reservoirs, rural access for youth zone, flooding.

Chris Sheldon and Arnold Almond volunteered to attend the training on planning.

ML informed that CBC will be submitting information to a consultation on bus re-regulation in Greater Manchester but maybe AVPC may wish to input into this process. CL will investigate.

KR Friends of Astley Park – found another trough, in tact but smaller, and investigating getting it to the sensory garden. They are awaiting stone to divert some water in the reed bed and build a retaining wall at the fountain below the bowling green.

289.14 Matters for information

The Chairman declared the public meeting closed.

Future meeting dates 7pm Wednesdays. 2020 - 8 January, 4 March, 13 May, 1 July, 2 September, 4 November.