

MINUTES of Astley Village Parish Council meeting held Wednesday, 7 January 2015 at Astley Village Community Centre, Hallgate, Astley Village.

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

260.01 Apologies Cllr M Handley, Williams.

260.02 Declarations of Interest - none

260.03 Minutes of Meeting

RESOLVED: Minutes of the Council meeting of 5 November 2014 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair with three minor alterations, at 9, 10 & 11.

260.04 Clerks Report

Council was unhappy with the turnout from Chorley Silver Band. Cllr Lynch will enquire about Parklands band and pass on the contact to the Clerk.

Daffodil bulbs to Chair for school.

260.05 Statutory Business

Property on Long Copse – report as derelict and ask CBC to take action.

260.06 Public Participation - none present.

260.07 Financial Matters

i) Consider applications for payment made to the Council
Councillors considered the requests for payment. A Councillor verified the requests against the cheques and payment schedule.

Cllr Lynch will ask the PACT for the LCC/Police mobile speed monitoring figures.

Newsletter delivery good value and the format is better, with more adverts, but cost more to produce.

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

£	316.00	Townsend Print	Newsletter for Dec
£	258.60	CA Traffic Ltd	Spid repair
£	13.20	Chorley Council	Room hires
£	73.75	1st Euxton ROF scouts	Delivery of Dec newsletter
£	312.41	Employee 1	Salary Jan
£	75.83	Employee 2	Salary Jan
£	583.16	Employee 3	Salary Jan
£	78.20	HMRC	Tax & NI Jan
£	312.41	Employee 1	Salary Feb
£	75.83	Employee 2	Salary Feb
£	583.16	Employee 3	Salary Feb
£	78.00	HMRC	Tax & NI Feb
£	194.63	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£	50.00	WI	Christmas assistance donation
£	46.20	SLCC	Membership

ii) Approve financial monitoring statements

RESOLVED: Council received the statements and updates.

iii) Consider the draft budget and set precept figures for 2015/2016.

RESOLVED: Council agreed the precept figure for an average band D property to be £21.16.

260.08 Financial Risk Assessment

RESOLVED: Council reviewed the Council's Financial Risk Assessment, made changes and agreed the document.

260.09 Review of Effectiveness of the System of Internal Audit

RESOLVED: Council reviewed the Effectiveness of the System of Internal Audit

RESOLVED: Council appointed the Internal Auditor for the year ending 31 March 2015, Mr J Lawson.

260.10 Asset Register

RESOLVED: Council reviewed the Asset Register and added in some details of seats and board and agreed the document.

260.14 Environment Reports

Service area behind the shops the grid is blocked – report.

Parking on Hallgate and in the lay by was discussed, also at Derian House. LCC's response on Derian House had been circulated that they will not take any action. Request a 'no overnight parking' and 'limited to 3 hours parking' signs for the lay by.

The flooding of Foxcote play area was discussed. Request CBC close play area because of sewerage contamination.

Big Willow trees and branches at The Farthings leaning over the road, on other trees – request CBC check for safety.

Litter has been reported in the woods behind Deerfold and Elmwood and these are being monitored. A seat has been requested at the bus stop at Derian House/BHC on Derian House side.

The lease of the Pony Field for football was queried, Cllr Lynch said it was subject to change of use planning application and will be a 10 year lease with conditions.

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

Advisory Committee – Cllr Robinson reported on the Hall closure for flooring and window repairs; the river has got funding for clearing and cut backs.

Neighbourhood Working – meeting on 18 February.

Friends of Astley Park - Cllr Robinson reported Bat boxes project is progressing with St Michaels and Southlands schools involved; Balsam programme made; looking next at Chinese garden.

PACT - Cllr Lynch reported on the PACT meeting.

260.16 Matters for information

2015 meeting dates: 7pm Wednesdays: 7 January, 4 March, 13 May, 1 July, 2 September, 4 November.

The Chairman declared the public part of the meeting closed.