

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 18th January 2010
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Town Mayor Cllr K Ellison

Councillors B Cliffe, C Hart, B Lee, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, D Snape, E Sumner, A Wilson, R Yates

In Attendance: L Crouch, J Chamberlain.

1 Open Forum

The Police representative, Janice Chamberlain, explained that the December "Police and Communities Together" (PACT) meeting had been cancelled because of the weather and that the next meeting will be at 2.30pm on Thursday 4th February 2010 at Adlington Community Centre. *Mrs Chamberlain then left the meeting.*

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr D Hoyle.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting of 14th December 2009** Moved by Cllr F Molyneaux and seconded by Cllr Lowe. These were accepted as a true record.

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr J Molyneaux declared an interest in item 6.

5 Finance

5.1 The following payments were approved:

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| L Crouch | Salary | |
| Petty cash | Imprest – December | £5.06 |
| Adlington & District C A | Neighbourhood Watch | £12 |
| Chorley Council | VAT for Planter | £150 |
| J Lowe | Bulbs for Planter | £39.95 |

5.2 It was agreed to transfer £500 from the savings account to the business account

6 Planning

6.1 No new applications have been notified

6.2 The applications permitted were noted. Cllr Cliffe reported that the Fairview affordable housing application **09/00714/FULMAJ** was approved at the recent Chorley Development Control meeting and that the application for the erection of 12 dwellings at the Grove on Railway Road **09/00513/OUTMAJ** was refused.

6.3 **09/00879/OUTMAJ** Grove Farm. The withdrawal of this application was noted

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was decided that the precept figure could only be agreed once the Update schedule for the year had been discussed in item 7.5

7.2 Cllr Cliffe will go to the LCC Minerals and Waste Consultation drop-in session at Chorley Library on Monday 25th January.

7.3 The Mayor will send the draft web pages to Daily.co.uk for implementation.

7.4 The Mayor and Clerk will follow up the points raised in the Update Residents' Questionnaire. Responses will be included in the next Update.

7.5 The purchase of Microsoft Publisher software at a cost of approximately £130 for the Town Council computer was agreed, the money to come from the reserve fund as it has not been included in this year's budget. Cllr Yates voted against this decision. Cllr Yates will purchase

the software on the Town Council's behalf. It was agreed that one edition of Update would be produced before the end of March, and that the budget for next year would include provision for only three editions in order to keep the Precept at its current level. It was agreed that a fourth edition could be produced using reserve funds if this was considered necessary later in the year.

Item 7.1 was discussed and it was agreed that the Adlington Town Council Precept figure for 2010/11 will be £17,500. The Clerk will inform Mike Harkins at Chorley Council.

- 7.6 Cllr J Molyneaux gave a summary of the discussions which took place at the Lancashire Locals Budget meeting on 13th January.
- 7.7 Cllr F Molyneaux and Cllr J Molyneaux will attend the Town/Parish Council Liaison Group meeting on 20th January.
- 7.8 The Mayor and Clerk will contact Northern Rail to suggest possible changes in the Dec 2010 timetable, based on the information received from regular users of the service. It was suggested that the new station at Buckshaw may have some effect on other stops.
- 7.9 The Council has no comment to make relating to the Chorley Council Gambling Act consultation.
- 7.10 It was agreed that only minor changes are required to the Model Standing Orders, and that once these have been made these should be officially adopted by the Council. Printed copies were circulated, and Cllr Hart will circulate a link to an online version.
- 7.11 A discussion of the archive requirements was deferred until the next meeting.
- 7.12 The Town Council expressed its support for the plans of SELRAP for the reopening of the Colne to Skipton rail link and asked the Clerk to send a letter of support on its behalf.
- 7.13 Councillors were asked to let the Clerk know if they were interested in attending any of the "Team Lancashire" training events.
- 7.14 The Clerk will contact Stuart Sweetnam regarding dog fouling in problem areas of the village and the Neighbourhood Team response to this. She will also find out details of the services provided by the Probation Service, particularly with regard to litter-picking. The Streetscene sub-committee will meet to discuss a potential schedule for litter clearing.
- 7.15 No information has yet been supplied by Chorley Community Housing regarding the proposed redevelopment of Acresfield and Windsor Avenue.
- 7.16 An amended version of the Bert Scott press release was agreed. The Clerk will send this to Richard Houghton at CCH.
- 7.17 Regret was expressed at the proposal to abolish the Lancashire Locals from March 2010, as it was felt that this would result in the loss of a valuable forum for two-way communication between the authorities. The Clerk was asked to write to Kiara Clarke expressing the Town Council's hope that an equivalent opportunity for consultation would be provided in its stead, and to copy this to Mike Devaney and Cllr Pat Case. Cllr Cliffe will attend the next Lancashire Locals meeting on 3rd February.
- 7.18 It was agreed that the Clerk should attend the LALC Finance Workshop on 3rd February at a cost of £25.

8 **Items for Information**

- 8.1 The Mayor will attend the Chorley and District Neighbourhood Watch Meeting on Monday 25th January. A representative of Adlington Town Council has been invited as the use of the SPID will be discussed.
- 8.2 Concern was expressed that the response of Chorley Council to the recent extreme weather was too slow. The Clerk was asked to write to the Council to ask what contingency plans have been put in place for any recurrence of the weather conditions.
- 8.3 The Town Council has received complaints about the condition of the toilets at the Cemetery. The Clerk was asked to report this to Chorley Council.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm