

Adlington Town Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Adlington Town Council

held on Monday 13 May 2013

In the Community Centre, Railway Road Adlington commencing at 7:30pm

Members Present

Councillors: D Croft, C Hart, S Higgins, B Lee, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Smethurst, A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), Ann Hart, Bill Roberts, 7 members of the public.

1 Election of Town Mayor

It was resolved that Cllr Barry Lee would be Mayor of the Town Council for the year 2013/14. Cllr Lee completed his declaration of acceptance of office and thanked Cllr J Lowe for doing an excellent job as Mayor in the last year. Cllr Lee's Mayoress will be his wife Mrs Sandra Lee, and the Mayor's Charities for the year will be local organisations including the Luncheon Club.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G Dunn who was attending another meeting, Cllr E Sumner who was on holiday and Cllr J Molyneaux who was delayed, and accepted by the Council.

3 Declarations of Interest

None.

4 **Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of 14th May 2012** were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor. It was noted that these should in future be approved by the next meeting of the Council.

5 Comments by the Retiring Mayor

Retiring Mayor Cllr Jeanette Lowe said that her year in office had been very enjoyable, and she thanked the Council for all the support she has received.

6 Election of the Deputy Mayor

Cllr D Croft was nominated for the role of Deputy Mayor. He accepted the nomination and this was agreed by the Council. Cllr Croft completed his declaration of acceptance of office.

7 Mayor's Allowance

It was resolved that the Mayor's allowance would be £750, the budget amount which was previously agreed by the Council as representing the necessary expenditure for the year in office.

8 Appointment of Working Groups and Membership

It was resolved that members of the following Working Groups will discuss in detail issues relating to the subject of the Group and bring proposals to the monthly Council meeting for approval:

Finance Working Group - Cllrs C Hart, B Lee, J Lowe, J Molyneaux, A Wilson.

Planning Working Group - Cllrs C Hart, F Molyneaux, E Sumner, A Wilson.

Street Scene Working Group - Cllrs G Dunn, S Higgins, J Lowe, J Smethurst, E Sumner, D Croft.

Website Working Group - Cllrs J Molyneaux, J Smethurst, D Croft

Parish Plan Working Group - Cllrs C Hart, S Higgins, B Lee, J Lowe, J Molyneaux

9 Representatives on outside Bodies

Lancashire Association of Local Councils (Chorley Area Committee) - Cllr J Lowe, Cllr F Molyneaux

Chorley Borough/Parish Liaison - Cllr F Molyneaux

Adlington Community Association - Cllr E Sumner

Adlington & District In Bloom Action Group - Cllr J Lowe, Cllr S Higgins

Adlington Circular Walk - Cllr D Croft

Chorley Council Neighbourhood Area Group - Cllr D Croft

10 Delegation of Powers to the Clerk

It was resolved to delegate powers to the Clerk in order to:

- Report minor maintenance issues to the relevant authority on the Town Council's behalf and to email Councillors to keep them informed of these
- Request extensions to planning consultation dates where these fall between meetings

11 Dates of Meetings 2013/14

It was agreed that meetings should be arranged according to the list previously circulated and will be publicised on the website and notice boards. The Clerk has confirmed the availability of Adlington & District Community Centre for these dates.

12 Items for Information

The Mayor read out a letter which has been received from Cllr D Hoyle tendering his resignation from the Town Council due to his increasing workload in the House of Lords. Councillors said they had been grateful for his help and advice in the 14 years he has served on the Council, and that he would be missed. The Mayor closed the meeting at 8.00pm

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