

Adlington Town Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Adlington Town Council

held on Monday 12 May 2014

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

Members Present

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

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

1 Election of Town Mayor

It was resolved that Cllr D Croft would be Mayor of the Town Council for the year 2014/15. Cllr Croft completed his declaration of acceptance of office and thanked Cllr B Lee for all his help and support in the last year. Cllr Croft's Mayoress will be his fiancée Victoria Robinson, soon to be Mrs Victoria Croft and the Mayor's Charities for the year will be Chorley & District Mencap Society, and local organisations including the Luncheon Club.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G Dunn who was attending a family event and accepted by the Council.

3 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Croft declared an interest in item 6, and it was agreed that he would leave the room for that item

4 Comments by the Retiring Mayor

Retiring Mayor Cllr Barry Lee said that his year in office had been very enjoyable, and he thanked the Town Councillors for all of their work behind the scenes to help the regular meetings run smoothly and their support at all the events during the year.

5 Election of the Deputy Mayor

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

Cllr Croft left the room and it was agreed that Cllr Higgins would chair the meeting in his absence

6 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.

Cllr Croft returned to the meeting

7 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 D Croft, 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 A Evans, S Higgins, J Lowe, J Smethurst, E Sumner.

Website Working Group - Cllrs J Smethurst, D Croft

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

8 Representatives on outside Bodies

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

Chorley Council Parish Liaison and Three Tier Forum - to be discussed at the next Council meeting

Chorley Council Neighbourhood Area Group - Cllr A Evans

Adlington & District Community Association - Cllr E Sumner

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

Adlington Circular Walk - Cllr D Croft

9 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

10 Dates of Meetings 2014/15

The previously discussed list of meetings was circulated and approved. The Clerk has confirmed the availability of Adlington & District Community Centre for these dates.

11 Items for Information

Cllr J Molyneaux informed the Council that discussions had taken place at Chorley Council regarding the feasibility of extending the Harding Street car park, and that this was to be included as a Neighbourhood Priority.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 8.00pm

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