

Adlington Town Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Adlington Town Council

held on Monday 11 May 2015

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

Members Present

Councillors: A Evans, C Hart, S Higgins, B Lee, J Lowe, A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk) and 8 members of the public.

1 Election of Town Mayor

It was resolved that Cllr S Higgins would be Mayor of the Town Council for the year 2015/16. Cllr Higgins completed his declaration of acceptance of office. Cllr Higgins' Mayoress will be his wife Mrs Julia Higgins.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs F & J Molyneaux who were attending another meeting and accepted by the Council.

3 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Higgins 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 and Councillor Dan Croft thanked the Town Councillors for all of their support and wished the new Mayor all the best for his year in office.

5 Election of the Deputy Mayor

Cllr A Evans was nominated for the role of Deputy Mayor. She accepted the nomination and this was agreed by the Council. Cllr Evans completed her declaration of acceptance of office.

Cllr Higgins left the room and it was agreed that Cllr Evans 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 Higgins 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 S Higgins, C Hart, B Lee, J Lowe, J Molyneaux, A Wilson.

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

Street Scene Working Group - Cllrs A Evans, S Higgins, J Lowe.

Website & Communications Working Group - Cllr A Evans. It was resolved to extend the scope of this group to include the newsletter and other communications, and to ask for the assistance offered by ex-councillors Dan Croft (website) and Jon Smethurst (newsletter) as required.

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

Three Tier Liaison - Cllr S Higgins

Chorley Council Neighbourhood Area Group - Cllr A Evans

Adlington & District Community Association - Cllr A Wilson

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

Adlington Circular Walk - to be decided when a meeting is arranged.

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 2015/16

The previously discussed list of meetings was circulated and approved. The Clerk has confirmed the availability of Adlington & District Community Centre and Rivington & Adlington Brass Band

11 Co-option to Vacancies

As there are currently four vacancies on the Town Council it was resolved to advertise for co-option to these as soon as possible, and to discuss applications received at the June meeting of the Council.

12 Items for Information None.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 8.00pm

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