

Adlington Town Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Adlington Town Council

held on Monday 8th May 2017

In Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7:30pm

Members Present

Councillors: A Ball, A Evans, C Hart, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, A Robinson, T Summers, P Walkden,
A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk) and 19 members of the public.

1 Election of Town Mayor

It was resolved that Cllr Alan Robinson would be Mayor of the Town Council for the year 2017/18. Cllr Robinson completed his declaration of acceptance of office. He presented the outgoing Mayor with flowers in recognition of all of her hard work over the year.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Molyneaux who was attending another meeting and Cllr O'Donnell who had another engagement and accepted by the Council.

3 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Robinson declared an interest in item 6.

4 Comments by the Retiring Mayor

Retiring Mayor Cllr Alison Evans thanked the Town Councillors and Clerk for all of their support on a personal level and for their efforts over the year in the assessment and understanding of all of the documentation received by the Council. She also particularly thanked Cllr Lowe for her help and advice, Cllr Robinson for stepping in as Deputy Mayor only a few weeks before the meeting, and Cllr Ball for attending a meeting on the Council's behalf immediately after joining. She said that being Mayor had made her even more aware of what a great community Adlington is and thanked everyone for being part of that. She thanked Cllr Barry Lee who has recently resigned from the Council for over 20 years of service to the Community.

5 Election of the Deputy Mayor

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

Cllr Robinson took no part in the discussion of item 6

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.

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 A Robinson, A Evans, C Hart, J Lowe, J Molyneaux, A Wilson, A Ball

Planning Working Group – Cllrs C Hart, F Molyneaux, A Wilson, T Summers

Street Scene Working Group – Cllrs A Evans, J Lowe, A Robinson, P Walkden, T Summers

Website & Communications Working Group – Cllrs A Evans, P Walkden, J Lowe, A Robinson, A Ball. It was resolved 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, J Lowe, J Molyneaux, A Evans, K O'Donnell

8 Representatives on outside Bodies

Lancashire Association of Local Councils (Chorley Area) – Cllrs J Lowe, Cllr P Walkden
Chorley Council Liaison – Cllr A Robinson

Chorley Council Neighbourhood Area Group – Cllr A Ball

Adlington & District Community Association – Cllr A Evans, Cllr P Walkden

Adlington & District In Bloom Action Group – Cllr A Evans, Cllr J Lowe, Cllr K O'Donnell

Adlington Circular Walk – to be decided as required

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 2017/18

The previously discussed list of meetings was circulated and approved.

11 Items for Information None.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 8.00pm

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