

Adlington Town Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Adlington Town Council

held on Monday 13th May 2019

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

Members Present

Councillors: C Hart, J Lowe, K O'Donnell, T Summers, P Walkden

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk) and 16 members of the public.

1 Election of Town Mayor

It was resolved that Cllr Peter Walkden would be Mayor of the Town Council for the year 2019/20. Cllr Walkden completed his declaration of acceptance of office. The Mayoress will be his wife Tanya Walkden.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A Robinson, B Speers, A Ball and J Molyneaux and accepted by the Council.

3 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Walkden declared an interest in item 6.

4 Comments by the Retiring Mayor

Retiring Mayor Cllr Timothy Summers wished Cllr Walkden all the best for his year of office.

5 Election of the Deputy Mayor

A decision on the appointment of the Deputy Mayor was deferred until the first full meeting of the Council in May.

Cllr Walkden 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 To confirm the Council's eligibility for the General Power of Competence (Localism Act 2011) as set out in the Parish Councils(General Power of Competence)(Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012

It was resolved that as nine Councillors were elected in May and the Clerk holds the relevant qualification the Council is eligible for the General Power of Competence.

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, Planning Working Group, Street Scene Working Group, Website & Communications Working Group and Parish Plan Working Group.

It was also resolved to agree the membership of these groups at the next full meeting of the Council in May.

9 Representatives on outside Bodies

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

Chorley Council Liaison – Cllr P Walkden

Chorley Council Neighbourhood Area Group – Cllr A Ball (to be confirmed)

Adlington & District Community Association – Cllr B Speers, Cllr P Walkden

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

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 2019/20

The previously circulated list of meetings was approved.

12 To agree the process for co-option to the three Town Council vacancies following the May 2019 elections

It was resolved to advertise the vacancies on the Town Council notice boards, website and twitter with a closing date for applications of **14th July 2019**

13 Items for Information

The Mayor thanked his predecessor for all of his support during his year as Deputy Mayor. He explained that he was hoping to organise regular litter picks around the village during his year in office and that the first of these would take place on Saturday 8th June when it is hoped a skip will also be available on the Harding Street car park

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

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