

# ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011  
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

## Members Present:

Chair Cllr A Wilson

Councillors B Cliffe, K Ellison, C Hart, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, D Snape, K Snape, E Sumner.

**In Attendance:** L Crouch (Clerk), J Chamberlain (police volunteer), Chorley Borough Cllr G Furlong (Standards Committee)

## 1 Open Forum

Borough Cllr Gwynne Furlong explained the structure and role of the Chorley Council Standards Committee which decides whether complaints are to be referred to Standards for England, the Government agency which monitors ethical standards of local authorities. He emphasised that Councillors should keep their Declaration of Interests up-to-date and that a flowchart is available to assist in the completion of this. Borough Cllr Furlong is the appointed mentor for Adlington Town Council.

*Cllr Furlong then left the meeting*

The Police Representative Janice Chamberlain reported that some concern has been expressed regarding parking on Chorley Road near to the Ridgway Arms. Large vehicles parked close to the "pinch point" are causing some obstruction but the Police do not consider this to be within their jurisdiction. This will be added to the agenda for discussion at the next Town Council meeting.

*Mrs Chamberlain then left the meeting.*

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr D Hoyle and Cllr B Lee and accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> December 2010** were moved by Cllr Lowe and seconded by Cllr Cliffe. These were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3.1 **Matters Arising** There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr J Molyneaux declared an interest in item 6, Cllr Lowe declared an interest in item 7.5

## 5 Finance

5.1 The following payments were approved:

L Crouch	Salary	
L Crouch	Back payment of salary increment	£80.28
Petty Cash	Imprest	£7.68

5.2 It was agreed to transfer £400 from the savings account to the business account

5.3 It was unanimously agreed that there will be no increase in the precept request for this year and that the figure for 2011/12 will be £17,500. It was agreed that a maximum of £5,000 will be allocated for the provision for hanging baskets. The Street Scene working group will discuss the details of the hanging basket provision; Cllr Lowe will arrange a meeting. The Clerk will contact Chorley Council with the precept figure.

## 6 Planning

Cllr Cliffe had circulated a report in advance of the meeting based on the discussions of the Planning working group with comments relating to the "Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (Sites for Chorley)". It was agreed that these comments should be sent by the Clerk before the end of the consultation period to Chorley Council Planning department on behalf of the Town Council. The Chairman thanked Cllr Cliffe for all his work in producing the report (see Appendix).

**10/00439/FULMAJ – Grove Farm, Railway Road. Appeal against refusal of planning permission.** The original planning application was refused by Chorley as the land is currently allocated for industrial use. It was agreed that objections raised by the Town Council to the original application still stand. The Clerk was asked to consult with Cllr Cliffe and send a letter to the Planning Inspectorate detailing these objections.

## 6.1 New Applications

**10/01074/FUL Crawshaw Hall Barn, The Common** The conversion and re-use of an existing shippon and stone built piggery for residential purposes and a storage / bat barn respectively. It was agreed that as a number of applications for this site have been approved recently this may lead to the area becoming a hamlet, and that the Town Council objects to this. The Clerk was asked to contact Chorley Planning Department and to request that Councillors and Planning Officers visit the site before a decision is made.

**New Vehicle Operating License** K Darlington & Son, Margaret House, Huyton Road. 7 vehicles 1 trailer. The Town Council agreed that new business in the village should be encouraged and asked the Clerk to contact the Licensing Authority to express its approval.

- 6.2 **Applications Permitted** were noted as follows:  
**10/00933/FUL & 10/00934/LBC** Crawshaw Hall Farm – extend time limit for extant planning permissions  
07/00956/FUL & 07/00957/LBC  
**10/00898/FUL** 3 Greenfield Road – Two storey side extension

## 7 **Items For Discussion**

- 7.1 The Clerk reminded Councillors that their adlingtontowncouncil.co.uk mailboxes needed to be cleared even if email is currently being automatically forwarded to personal email accounts. The Clerk will delete all emails over one month old on a regular basis if given express permission by the owner of the mailbox. Cllr J Molyneaux will continue to use her chorley.gov.uk email address. The Clerk will delete the adlingtontowncouncil email addresses for Cllr J Molyneaux and Cllr F Molyneaux, any mail received for these will automatically be re-directed to the Clerk. All Councillors agreed that they were happy with the current system of email distribution of documents including meeting agendas, apart from Cllr Sumner who will in future receive a printed copy of the agenda by post.
- 7.2 The Finance Working Group will review the financial control procedure documents and bring these to the next meeting for approval. The Clerk will arrange a meeting of the Group and contact Chorley Council for advice on Risk Assessment for events.
- 7.3 The Clerk was asked to contact the Arriva bus operator to ask whether a permanent direct bus link between Adlington and Wigan and its surroundings could be established, as the 575 service was temporarily re-routed through the village in the recent cold weather.
- 7.4 One of the Councillors has been told that District Nurses will not be located in the Adlington Clinic once the current refurbishment of the Clinic is complete, and that local nursing staff will be relocated to Coppull. The Town Council expressed concern at this reduction in facilities. The Clerk was asked to contact the Primary Care Trust to express its concern and to confirm the information, and to copy this to the local MP and County Councillor.
- 7.5 The Street Scene working group will discuss the Lancashire Best Kept Village application.
- 7.6 The Town Council has received copies of emails sent to Chorley Council by a local resident who is concerned that Paintballing activity is continuing on the outskirts of the village despite planning permission having been refused. Cllr J Molyneaux explained that the applicants have 28 days from the date of the notice being issued to appeal, and that this period does not expire until February 2011. The resident has been contacted by the Borough Councillor.
- 7.7 It was agreed to include the contact details for “Art in Adlington” as a link on the Town Council website. The Clerk will bring a list of the current website contacts to the next meeting for review.
- 7.8 The Clerk was asked to contact Chorley Council regarding the War Memorial insurance cover.
- 7.9 Cllr Hart commented that the recent Local Transport Plan proposals were positive, but that the document summary indicated that funding for the proposals was not guaranteed.

## 8 **Items for Information**

- 8.1 The Clerk read out a list of courses which will be run by LALC. Councillors were asked to contact the Clerk if they require further information on any of these.
- 8.2 The Royal British Legion would like organisations to run “Poppy Parties” in June 2011 to mark its 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- 8.3 The Clerk will publicise the Chorley Council Health Walks on the website and in the newsletter
- 8.4 A copy of the Skipton and East Lancashire Railway Action Partnership magazine has been received
- 8.5 Leaflets have been received from Age Concern Lancashire regarding their free financial advice service. The Clerk will ask if they would like to contribute an article for the newsletter or a website link.
- The meeting closed at 8.50pm*