

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 16th January 2012
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor Cllr C Hart

Councillors G Dunn, B Lee, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, K Snape, E Sumner, A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), a Police representative, Mr I Smith, Mr M Heming and Mr T Dean (Fox Land & Property) and approximately 50 members of the public

1 Open Forum

Tim Dean and Mike Heming addressed the Council on the subject of the application which will shortly be submitted by FLP to Chorley Council for planning permission to build 300 houses on land off Bolton Road. When challenged by the Council on the question of the FLP publicity and public presentation which claimed that the Town Council had already been consulted, when it had not, Mr Heming and Mr Dean apologised. They explained that the land has been classified as "safeguarded" land since 1995 and is under consideration for housing or light industrial use as part of the current Chorley Council allocation process. The company is undertaking extensive consultation and responding to any concerns expressed by amending its plans prior to submission. They have so far spent a year looking at the ecological and environmental status of the land. The plans include one road entrance to the site and two emergency routes, affordable housing, public open space and a multi-use sports area. Concern was expressed by the local residents in attendance that the village could not support the increase in population, particularly with regard to traffic, parking, schools and health services. The Mayor explained that the Town Council cannot respond until a formal plan has been submitted to the Planning Authority, and advised residents come along to the Town Council meeting following formal submission to allow their concerns to be included in the Town Council's response. He thanked the company representatives for attending the meeting.

Mr Dean & Mr Heming and most of the residents then left the meeting

The Police representative had nothing to report, *she then left the meeting.*

Ian Smith explained his plans to start a cycling group in the village, and asked for the Council's support. He was advised to apply for funding via the Community Awards process, and it was suggested that an article could be included in the next edition of the Update newsletter. *Mr Smith then left the meeting.*

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr D Hoyle who was in London, and Cllr J Taylor who was unwell, and accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting of 12th December 2011** were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising.** A letter regarding the closure of Adlington Police Station and possible provision of a local base for the police has been received from Lancashire Constabulary. It was resolved to send a copy of this letter to the local MP.

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr J Molyneaux declared a personal interest in item 6 as she is a member of the Chorley Council Development Control Committee. Cllr Lowe declared a personal interest in item 7.7 as she is the secretary organising the LBKV competition.

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for December 2011.

5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Petty Cash	Imprest	£7.96

5.3 It was resolved to transfer £400 from the savings to the business current account

6 Planning**6.1 New Applications**

It was resolved to approve the recommendations of the Planning Working Group with regard to the following:

11/01025/REMAJ Grove Farm - Reserved matters application for the erection of 67 dwellings and a Park and Ride Car Park. Concern was expressed by the Working Group regarding the following:

- Location of the main sewer and whether this runs under a planned building
- Traffic problems at the junction with Railway Road
- Adoption & maintenance of the Park & Ride car park, including the fitting of a fuel interceptor, lighting and CCTV cameras

In addition it was resolved that United Utilities should be consulted to confirm that the main drainage system can cope with the extra load, and this was added to the notes from the meeting. Cllr J Molyneaux will pass the comments on in person to the Planning Department. It was agreed that **11/01057/FUL 22** Ollerton Street – First floor rear extension should be left for neighbours to comment.

11/01086/FUL Ridgway Arms – alterations to the existing building including rear extension. It was resolved that the Clerk will contact Chorley Planning to express the Council's concern regarding the broad category of use, location of air conditioning units, status of the highway in front of the building and lack of internal facilities included.

6.2 Applications Permitted for 11/00881/FUL 20 Mayfield Ave, 11/00920/FUL

8 Nightingale St , 11/00962/FUL Adlington Community Centre and **11/00954/FUL** The Co-operative, Market Place were noted.

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 The resignation of Cllr K Ellison was accepted by the Council with regret. It was resolved that the Clerk will contact Chorley Council to start the process for filling the vacancy. Cllr Snape will discuss the Town Council website access and maintenance with the Clerk.

It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue until 9.30pm

7.2 It was resolved to accept the recommendations of the Street Scene Working Group for at least 38 pairs of hanging baskets to be erected, and quotations for the provision and maintenance of these will be invited before the next meeting.

7.3 It was resolved that the Street Scene working group will discuss answers to the questions received as part of the Knight Kavenagh and Page research.

7.4 It was resolved that the Clerk will contact Lancashire Parking Services to express concern at illegal parking in specific areas of the village.

7.5 It was resolved that the Clerk and Mayor will review the circulation of email

7.6 It was resolved to sign up to a mobile phone 30 day SIM only contract in the name of the Council, and to authorise a monthly payment of up to £10 per month for this service.

7.7 It was resolved to enter both Higher and Lower Adlington for the Lancashire Best Kept Village as in previous years. The Street Scene Working Group will discuss the entry.

7.8 It was resolved to arrange for the Mayoral Chain to be re-gilded at the quoted price of £350 net. It was agreed that the pendant does not need re-gilding. Cllr Molyneaux will find out where the box for storage of the Chorley chains of office was obtained.

7.9 It was resolved that the Clerk will respond to the query regarding SPID boards to say the Council is keen to enforce the speed limit but is unsure of the location of these.

7.10 It was resolved that the Clerk will order 200 new Carol Sheets at a total cost of £20

7.11 It was resolved that the Clerk will report dog fouling problem areas to Stuart Sweetnam

7.12 Mr Smith was advised to apply for Community Awards funding in the Open Forum

7.13 It was resolved to advertise for a replacement Update delivery service as previously

7.14 A meeting will be arranged between the three local Councils to discuss the Jubilee

7.15 It was resolved to nominate Cllr Lowe for the Queen's Garden Party ballot.

8 Items for Information

8.1 The Chorley Council "Planning in Practice" Workshop will be held on Monday 23rd January. Any Councillor wishing to attend should contact Chorley Council directly.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm