

# ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013  
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

## Members Present:

Mayor J Lowe

Councillors D Croft, G Dunn, S Higgins, B Lee, J Smethurst, A Wilson

**In Attendance:** L Crouch (Clerk) and two local residents

## 1 Open Forum

Mr and Mrs Proctor introduced themselves and summarised their objections to any proposed development of "the Grove" on Railway Road. They expressed concern that the Town Council in its response to the Chorley Council Sites for Chorley issues and options discussion paper (December 2010) had summarised its recommendation for "the Grove" as "*possible future consideration but for housing purposes only*".

**2 Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr C Hart who was at a funeral, Cllr E Sumner because of the inclement weather, Cllrs F & J Molyneaux who had Chorley Mayoral duties and Cllr D Hoyle who was in London, and accepted by the Council.

**3 Minutes of the Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012** were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

**3.1 Matters Arising.** Essential repair work on the notice boards will be starting soon

## 4 Declarations of Interest None

*It was resolved to move item 7.7 to the start of the meeting for the benefit of the residents*

**7.7** It was resolved to contact Chorley Council planning department regarding the Town Council's response to the Sites for Chorley issues and options discussion paper (December 2010) to put on record that the Council's recommendation for "the Grove" site should now emphasise that "there would be no development of the site" as originally included in the text in the light of recent developments in its close proximity.

## 5 Finance

**5.1** It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for December 2012

**5.2** It was resolved to grant a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest dispensation to all Councillors present at the meeting who had signed the Dispensation Request to discuss item 5.3

**5.3** It was resolved to set a precept of £17,500. This represents no increase in income from the previous year. The Clerk was asked to confirm with Chorley Council that this will also represent no increase in the charge to individual households.

**5.4** It was resolved to contact Came & Company insurance to express the Council's disappointment with the response received regarding the planter damaged in an accident on Market Place, and to request their assistance in obtaining information from the Police

**5.5** A Finance Working Group meeting was arranged for 7pm at Fairview Community Centre on 12/2/13. Subjects to be discussed will include the applications for Community Awards, a review of the insurance policy, and a review of the financial and year-end procedures.

**5.6** It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Orange	Phone charges 24/12/12 to 23/01/13	£9.31
Chorley Civic Society	Membership (payment made under Local Govt Act 1972 Section 137)	£20.00
Benegraph	Contribution to brass plate for Jubilee Bench (one third)	£46.00

**5.7** It was resolved to transfer £500 from the savings to the business current account

## 6 Planning

### 6.1 New Applications

It was resolved that the following applications would be left for neighbours' comments:

**12/01117/FUL 26 Mayfield Ave** Two storey side extension and first floor rear extension.

**12/01151/FUL Land Bounded By Park Road And Acresfield** Application to amend the wording of conditions 2 and 3 (Code for Sustainable Homes) of application 10/00770/FUL.

**12/01152/FUL Land And Buildings East Of 43 - 51 Acresfield** Application to amend condition 2 (approved plans) of application 10/00771/FUL

**13/00023/FUL 3 Old School Lane** Erection of single storey side extension to create ancillary accommodation, erection of single storey rear extension, conversion of attached side garage and erection of belvedere to create first floor lounge area.

Concern was expressed that the Council had received no notification of the appeal and subsequent approval granted for application 10/00770/FUL

## 6.2 Applications Permitted

The following granted planning permissions were noted:

**12/00878/COU Burnett Cars Unit 2 60A Westhoughton Road** Change of use from car sales to furniture sales

**09/12/0935 and 09/12/0936 Rigby Landfill Site, Chorley Road, Standish** to allow the site to be restored by 31 March 2014

**12/01100/FUL 46A Westhoughton Road** Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of new single storey rear/side extension

**12/01102/FUL 8 Sutton Lane** Single storey rear extensions and alterations

**12/01108/FUL 8 Mornington Road** Erection of single storey rear extension and garage to side

## 7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved that Cllr Croft will represent the Town Council at the Chorley Neighbourhood Area meeting on 14/2/13

7.2 It was resolved that Cllr Croft will run a training session for Councillors interested in finding out more about social media. This will take place at 7pm at Fairview Community Centre on 5/2/13

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

7.3 It was resolved to submit a request to Lancashire Highways for the installation of double yellow lines on both sides of Grove Farm Drive and on the left-hand downhill side of Railway Road between its junction with Grove Farm Drive and the railway bridge.

7.4 It was resolved to contact Fairpoint to thank them for their efforts so far regarding the parking problems and to express the hope that an alternative parking site can be negotiated. It was also resolved to include an article on the subject in the next edition of Update.

7.5 It was resolved to defer a response to the Chorley Council Gambling Act 2005 Consultation until the next meeting to allow Councillors to look at the complete documentation online.

7.6 It was resolved to defer a response to the Central Lancashire Highways and Transport Master Plan until the next meeting. It was considered that this was an opportunity to make a representation on behalf of Adlington that the railway bridge is in need of replacement.

7.7 *This item was discussed at the start of the meeting*

7.8 It was resolved to confirm the decision of the October 2012 meeting in favour of the proposal to move the Adlington/Anderton boundary stone to its correct position. It was also resolved that the Council does not see this project as a priority in the current economic climate and will not provide any financial support. It was suggested that Anderton Parish Council should ask Chorley Council to relocate the stone.

7.9 Cllr Lee and Cllr Higgins expressed an interest in attending the Chorley Council Planning in Practice session on 4/3/13. The Clerk will contact Chorley Council

7.10 It was resolved to ask Chorley Council to provide the Adlington hanging baskets for 2013 if the price for these is similar to last year's and if an assurance is received that any plants which die early will be replaced.

7.11 It was resolved to contact Chorley Planning department for further information regarding the opening date for the new railway station park and ride facility, and who will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance once this has been completed.

## 8 Items for Information

8.1 The Clerk circulated notes summarising the General Power of Competence

8.2 Public Rights of Way parish/local delivery scheme update meeting is on 6/2/13 11am-1pm

*The meeting closed at 9.30pm*