

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 20th January 2014
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor B Lee

Councillors D Croft, C Hart, S Higgins, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), County Cllr Kim Snape and a Police Representative

1 Open Forum

The Police Representative reported that Andy Bramhall is likely to be returning as Sergeant for the area, and that the CBM will be Andy Thornhill. It was reported that the online PACT meeting was quite successful with a number of priority issues raised, including 20mph enforcement and parking issues, although some participants were wary of making comments which would be recorded online. The next full PACT meeting will take place on 6/2/14, with another online PACT to follow on 3/3/14.

The Police Representative then left the meeting

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr E Sumner who had had a tooth extraction, Cllr J Smethurst who was unwell, Cllr A Evans who was working and Cllr G Dunn who was away on holiday and accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting of 9th December 2013** were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** None

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Wilson declared an interest in item 5.6 as he is a member of the Chorley Credit Union. Cllr J Molyneaux declared an interest in item 6 as she is a member of Chorley Council Development Control Committee.

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for December 2013

5.2 It was resolved to discuss the funding of Remembrance Sunday at the February Finance Working Group

5.3 It was resolved to discuss changes to the budget at the February Finance Working Group

5.4 It was resolved to set the precept for 2014/15 at £17,500 to avoid any increase in charges to residents

5.5 It was resolved that the Finance Working Group would meet at 7.30pm on 10/2/14 at Adlington Community Centre

5.4 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Orange	Phone charges 24/12/13 to 23/01/14	£9.31
Petty Cash	Arnold Baker reference book	£65.45
Adlington & District Community Association	Room hire for Neighbourhood Watch	£12.00

5.6 It was resolved to transfer £480 from the RBS savings account to the business current account.

6 Planning

6.1 New Applications

13/01123/FUL White Bear Marina Retrospective application for change of use of part of the main building from a boat sales area with ancillary office, into sub-divided office (use class B1) and retail unit (use class A1) spaces. It was resolved that no comment was necessary.

13/01178/FUL Sunnydale 23 Rivington Avenue Raising of roof height by 0.35m and rear dormer. It was resolved to leave this for neighbours to comment.

13/01181/AGR Adlington Hall Farm, The Common Steel portal frame building. Concern was expressed that a public footpath currently crosses the proposed site. It was resolved to contact Chorley Council to confirm that the footpath will be redirected and suitably signposted.

13/01215/FUL Tesco, 176 Chorley Road Application to vary conditions 4 (approved plans) and 6 (car park and vehicle manoeuvring areas). It was resolved to contact Chorley Council to repeat the objection that no provision has been made to soundproof the air conditioning units which are located close to residential property, and that deliveries should be restricted to between 8.00am and 9.00pm.

Applications Granted The following permissions were noted:

13/00950/FUL Sandons Farm Sandy Lane Section 73 Application to vary condition 1 (approved plans) of planning approval 10/00257/FUL to include a single storey rear extension

13/00911/FUL Adlington Motor Services 48 Market Street Erection of vehicle shelter

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved to contact Lancashire Constabulary, the Police and Crime Commissioner, the local MP and LCC regarding the reported increase in crime in the local area as indicated at recent PACT meetings to find out whether the method of recording crime has changed, and whether criminals when identified are local or from outside the area.

7.2 Provisional dates for the Town Council meetings 2014/15 were discussed and will be published when the room bookings have been confirmed.

- 7.3 It was resolved to respond to the **LCC Subsidised Bus Services – Budget Proposals** to point out that the number 10 bus evening and Sunday service which is now being withdrawn was one of the alternative routes suggested for the use of Adlington residents when the decision was made to remove the Chorley Hospital stop from the 125 route. In addition the decision to withdraw evening and Sunday services on the number 2 route to Brinscall will cause problems for some local residents. Concern was expressed that the removal of the 125 hospital stop was to prevent “bunching” of services, but that this does not appear to have improved.
- 7.4 There were no items suggested for discussion at the LALC Area committee meeting on 13/02/14
- 7.5 Although Chorley Council has funding in place for the proposed skate park on Jubilee recreation ground, additional funding of £30,000 to £50,000 will be needed to provide additional play equipment on the site. It was resolved to support the suggestion from Chorley Council that the Town Council should consider grant applications to provide this funding with the assistance of Lindsey Blackstock from Chorley Council. It was resolved to invite Lindsey to the next meeting of the Council to discuss the details
- 7.6 It was resolved to contact Jamie Carson to say that the problem of weeds is a general one throughout the village, and is particularly bad on the main roads.
- 7.7 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council and Lancashire Constabulary with the concerns expressed by a resident regarding the clay pigeon shooting taking place on land adjacent to Lewis Close
- 7.8 It was resolved to contact the regular contributors to the Update newsletter. Councillors were asked to send any articles for inclusion to the Clerk by the end of February.
- 7.9 The Mayor asked the Clerk to find out when Network Rail plans to reinstate the stairway access to Adlington Station, which has been closed since early December. In addition, as the conditions for handover of the Park and Ride facility appear to now have been met, the Clerk was asked to contact Chorley Council Planning department to confirm this.
- 8 Items for Information**
None
The meeting closed at 9.00pm