

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 19th January 2015
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor Cllr D Croft

Councillors A Evans, C Hart, S Higgins, B Lee, J Lowe, J Molyneaux, E Sumner, A Wilson

In Attendance: County Cllr Kim Snape, L Crouch (Clerk)

1 Open Forum

None

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr Smethurst who was attending a parents' evening and Cllr F Molyneaux who was without transport and accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8th December** were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** None.

4 **Declarations of Interest** 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 2014. The current overspend following the donation made by the Council towards the improvements on Jubilee Recreation Ground was highlighted, and it was agreed that close monitoring of further spending this year would be necessary

5.2 It was resolved to submit a precept request to Chorley Council for the year 2015/16 for the amount of £17,500. This is the same total annual amount as has been requested since 2009/10, and should represent a decrease in the cost per household this year.

5.3 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
L Crouch	One-off payment for December Pay Award	£21.62
L Crouch	Petty Cash - imprest	£12.72
Orange	Phone charges 24/12/14 to 23/01/15	£9.31

5.4 It was resolved to transfer £450 from the RBS savings account to the business current account.

6 Planning

6.1 New Applications

14/01243/FUL Adlington Police Station 26 Church Street Change of use from Police Station (sui generis) to dwelling house (class C3) with single storey extension to rear and canopy to front. It was agreed to leave this for neighbours' comments.

14/01325/FUL White Bear Coaches 1 Water Street Demolition of existing building used in connection with the hire of coaches and erection of new light industrial building. Concern was expressed that any increase in noise, hours of operation or traffic following a change of industrial use on the site would be detrimental to local residents. In addition, no provision appears to have been made on the plans for waste or recycling collection.

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved to respond to the **Chorley Council Review of Open Space Byelaws** to say that this is a comprehensive document and the Council does not consider any changes are currently required.

7.2 As no response has yet been received from the National Association of Local Councils to the questions raised at the last meeting, it was resolved to contact them again before a decision is made regarding the Council's membership for next year.

7.3 A meeting of the Website Working Group will be arranged before the next full Council meeting.

At this point the meeting was suspended for 10 minutes to receive information from County Cllr Snape

7.4 It was resolved to contact LCC Highways regarding the legal status of the temporary double yellow lines to be installed on Railway Road during the Chorley Road and Rawlinson Lane road closures, and to request that these remain in place after this period, and to copy to the Police and County Councillor. It was also resolved to contact Bellway Homes to request that the Park and Ride car park be made available to rail users during the diversions, before all formal processes have been completed.

7.5 It was resolved to contact LCC Highways to request that the timings of the traffic lights at both ends of Railway Road are adjusted to optimise traffic flow.

7.6 It was resolved to contact Stagecoach bus company to express the Council's opinion that the diversion of the service 3 bus along Chorley Road does not represent an adequate replacement for the regular 125 service as it does not run early or late enough, is an hourly service only, and does not run at all on Sundays. It was also resolved to obtain a current timetable and make this available on the website.

- 7.7 It was resolved to contact Chorley Community Housing with a list of concerns regarding work outstanding on CCH properties, including exterior appearance and new kitchens and bathrooms
- 7.8 It was resolved to contact Northern Rail to find out how many times the regular stopping train services have been cancelled in favour of express services.
- 7.9 It was resolved to contact Trans Pennine Express to find out when the Edinburgh to Manchester airport service will be reinstated via Chorley following the electrification, and what impact this will have on other services on the line, specifically on the possibility of additional scheduled stops at Adlington.
- 7.10 There were no items for discussion following the recent WW1 and Remembrance Sunday meeting. Another meeting will be held before Remembrance Sunday this year.
- 7.11 It was agreed to respond to the Lancashire County Council budget proposals 2015/16 to 2017/18 to ask what proposals there are in place to increase income generation, to request that provision is made for facilities outside the main town centres, and to suggest that rather than withdrawing support for school buses services should be combined and provide pupils from an area access to a number of schools.
- 7.12 It was resolved to submit two additional Jubilee Recreation Ground projects as possible Neighbourhood Priorities to Chorley Council – the installation of a Trim Trail, fitness equipment and landscaping; and improvement of the paths and tarmac. It was also resolved to support an expression of interest for funding from the Lancashire Environmental Fund.
- 7.13 It was resolved to contact the Lancashire Youth Service and local MP to express the Council's dismay at the withdrawal of the Youth Club at Fairview Youth & Community Centre, which has been done without consultation and to ask what alternative provision will be offered following the closure.
It was resolved to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue for 15 minutes
- 7.14 It was resolved to enter both Higher and Lower Adlington in the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2015 as the judges' feedback received is very useful. Cllr Lowe will arrange a meeting of the Streetscene Working Group to discuss the detail of the application.
- 7.15 It was resolved to contact the local MP, County Councillor, County Cllr John Fillis and the North West Transport Commissioner to ask them to contact transport providers to request reductions in public transport fares following the national reductions in fuel costs.
- 7.16 It was resolved to contact the emergency service providers to ask what provisions have been made to ensure that response time targets will be met during the period of road closures in the village.
- 8** **Items for Information** County Cllr Snape has been offered some 20mph publicity signs and will arrange for these to be erected around the village. The Mayor's next fundraising event will be the Pub Quiz at the Spinners Arms on Thursday 05/02/15 at 8.30pm
The meeting closed at 9.15pm