

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 18th January 2016
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor Cllr S Higgins

Councillors J Banks, A Evans, C Hart, B Lee, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux (arrived late), A Robinson, T Summers, A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk) and seven residents.

1 Open Forum

Residents in attendance expressed their wishes to comment on items 7.8 and 7.9 on the agenda

2 Apologies for Absence None

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th December were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 Matters Arising The Chorley Council MyChorley training session for Councillors has been arranged for Tuesday 9th February at 7pm at Fairview Community Centre

4 Declarations of Interest

4.1 None

It was resolved to move each of the following agenda items forward, and to suspend the meeting before each item to allow the residents to comment before a decision was made by the Council

The meeting was suspended at 7.20pm

A resident of Bolton Road informed the meeting that the recent wet weather had caused major problems in the area on and around the site of the proposed housing development at Huyton Fields, including flooding on her own property. She suggested that the plans accepted by Chorley Planning which included provision for drainage on the site had been made three years ago and should be looked at again in the light of recent events.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.25pm

7.8 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council Planning, the Environment Agency and United Utilities for confirmation and assurances that the planned drainage provision is sufficient to cope with this type of weather before the development of the site commences, and to copy in the local MP, County Councillor and Stuart Milne Homes

The meeting was suspended at 7.35pm

A resident of Crawford Avenue showed photographs and explained the extent and severity of the recent flooding experienced by residents of Lower Adlington. Residents of Castle Drive have also reported flooding in their gardens and it was agreed that this may be connected to the flooding problems in Crawford Avenue and on The Common as they may be connected by a culvert.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.40pm

7.9 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council and United Utilities to request that urgent investigations are undertaken of the drainage in this area to prevent a recurrence of the problems

It was resolved to suspend the meeting at 7.40pm to allow a resident who had arrived late to speak

A resident of Harrison Road asked that the Council support her request for trees to be planted on a crescent of grass belonging to Chorley Community Housing on Harrison Road. It was resolved to add this to the February agenda to allow other residents to comment. She also reported that FP18 along the river Douglas is currently impassable. The Clerk will report this via the online LCC system

The meeting was reconvened at 7.45pm

It was resolved to bring forward discussion of the following two items as they relate to some of the issues already discussed in items 7.8 and 7.9

7.10 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council and the Environment Agency to request that the river bed of the River Douglas is cleared of debris and stonework deposited there during recent wet weather to reduce the flood risk in future

7.11 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council to request that the continuing problem of flooding on the King George V recreation ground is urgently addressed. The Council is aware that this has been a problem for many years, and is concerned that play equipment installed on the site is being continually subjected to water damage. It was also resolved to ask Anderton and Heath Charnock Parish Councils to support this request.

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for December 2015.

5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Petty Cash	Imprest – postage and Carol Concert plates & pickles	£11.08
Orange	Phone charges 24/12/15 to 23/01/16	£9.38

- 5.3 It was resolved to transfer £400 from the RBS savings account to the business current account
- 5.4 It was resolved to re-circulate all information received regarding the Community Infrastructure Levy before the next Finance Working Group meeting so that the use of this additional funding can be discussed then.
- 5.5 The proposal to submit the precept figure for this year as £18,500 was modified to suggest that this should be reduced to £17,750 to avoid an increase in the charge to individual residents. It was resolved that the precept to be requested for 2016/17 should remain at £18,500 as agreed in September 2015 as the charge to residents has reduced over recent years as the population of the village has increased.
- 5.6 It was resolved to order 200 new Carol Sheets at a delivery only charge of £3.95
- 5.7 It was resolved to purchase a scanner printer up to the value of £70.83 (before VAT) following receipt of this amount of funding from the Government Transparency Fund
- 5.8 It was resolved to opt out of the new audit scheme proposed by NALC
- 5.9 A date for the next meeting of the Finance Working Group will be set after the meeting.

Planning

6.1 New applications

It was resolved to leave the applications **15/01195/FUL 2 Nightingale Street** Erection of single storey rear extension and **15/01249/FULHH 55 Abbey Grove** Erection of single storey rear extension and front porch, including provision for a pitched roof over existing flat roof side extension for neighbours' comments

Items for Discussion

- 7.1 It was resolved to appoint one of the candidates for the vacancy as Councillor for the East Ward of Adlington and to invite him to make his Declaration of Acceptance at the February meeting
- 7.2 It was noted that the fake letter received by a resident containing the Town Council logo has been reported to the local Police
- 7.3 The suggestion from a resident that grass verges on Chester Place should be replaced by paving was noted pending further comments from residents
- 7.4 The Lancashire County Council consultation on **proposed budget options** was noted and it was resolved that Councillors would provide their individual responses to this
- 7.5 The Lancashire County Council **Lancashire Libraries consultation** was noted and it was resolved that Councillors would provide their individual responses to this. It was additionally resolved to request that Adlington Library is listed by Chorley Council as an Asset of Community Value
- Cllr J Molyneaux arrived*
- 7.6 the Lancashire County Council consultation on the **withdrawal of subsidy from local bus services** was noted and it was resolved that Councillors would provide their individual responses to this. It was additionally resolved to express the Council's concern that withdrawal of bus services will contribute to increased social isolation.
- 7.7 It was resolved to defer discussion regarding the provision of defibrillator equipment including installation, training, monitoring, ongoing costs and maintenance until after the next Chorley Liaison meeting, and to add this to the February agenda for consideration.
- 7.8 Discussed earlier in the meeting
- 7.9 Discussed earlier in the meeting
- 7.10 Discussed earlier in the meeting
- 7.11 Discussed earlier in the meeting
- It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue for 15 minutes*
- 7.12 It was resolved to send the quotation of £290.00 + VAT received from Barlow Construction for the repair and weatherproofing of the new Community Notice Board to the manufacturer (The Acorn Workshop) for their comments
- 7.13 It was resolved to contact LCC to find out if the footpath across the railway line can be temporarily re-opened before work commences on the railway footbridge
- 7.14 Concern was expressed that the partial removal of railings at the junction of Church Street and Railway Road increases the hazard at that point for pedestrians, including the many children who cross nearby. It was resolved to contact LCC to request that the railings are replaced with something more appropriate and substantial, and to copy in the local MP and County Councillor.
- 7.15 It was resolved to nominate the Mayor and Mayoress to be included in the draw for the Queen's garden party in May
- 7.16 There were no other urgent matters for the Council's attention

8 Items for Information None

The meeting closed at 9.15pm