

**ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
in Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

**Members Present:****Mayor:** A Robinson**Councillors** A Ball, A Evans, C Hart, J Lowe, B Speers, T Summers, P Walkden and A Wilson**In Attendance:** L Crouch (Clerk), James Reilly (Easywebsites.co.uk) and a resident**1 Open Forum**

The resident, Mr Khan, explained that he was also representing 20-30 neighbours from a terrace of houses on Chorley Road. They are concerned about the condition of an alleyway behind their properties which attracts rubbish and dog mess and which is not being maintained by the local authorities, despite the fact that the refuse collection vehicles have been regularly using it for access for many years. He has been in touch with the Chorley Councillors and Cllr Graham Dunn is currently looking into the situation. Cllr Lowe explained that unadopted roads are a problem in many parts of the village and that although residents can pay to have these resurfaced this can be very expensive. Mr Khan explained that residents would like to know the best way of addressing this.

*The Mayor thanked him for attending and he left the meeting.*

Mr Reilly provided a short demonstration of one of the websites his company has designed for a Parish Council, and answered questions from the Councillors. He explained that if they wish him to provide a new website for the Town Council there would be a £500 setup cost and £20 per month (to include one email address) after that. The website could be initially set up in a "test mode" and made live once all Councillors were happy with it. He was asked about inclusion of the live feed of planning applications which Anderton Parish Council have on their website and said it should be possible to include this at no extra charge if it can be added as an "iframe" from existing Chorley Council information.

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**2 Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr O'Donnell who was unwell and accepted by the Council.

**3 Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

**3.1 Matters Arising** None

**4 Declarations of Interest** Cllr Ball declared an interest in item 6.1 as his company is acting as the agent for the applicant. Cllr Robinson declared an interest in item 7.4 as he is an employee of Pincroft.

**Finance**

**5.1** It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for December 2017

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

L Crouch	Salary	
L Crouch	Petty cash - Imprest. Printer cartridges and magnets for notice boards, red cabbage and beetroot for carol concert, and stationery	£77.86
Orange	Phone charges 24/12/17 to 23/01/18	£9.74
Chorley Council	Provision of hanging baskets in summer 2017	£4356.11

**5.3** It was resolved to transfer £4000 from the RBS savings account to the current account

**5.4** It was agreed that the Easywebsite demonstration had been helpful and that the support and updating facilities would be much easier and more flexible to use than the current website. It was resolved to hold a meeting of the Website & Communications working group on 12/02/18 at 7.30pm at Fairview to look at the requirements in detail and to make final recommendations, including any amendments required to the budget

**5.5** It was resolved to request a precept of £18,500 for the 2018/19 financial year. This will result in a small decrease in the charge to residents. There has been an increase in the tax base for the parish because of the recently built new housing.

**6 Planning****6.1 New or Amended Applications for consideration**

**17/01140/FUL Bowen 1 Babylon Lane** Change of use of commercial unit 1 from A1 to D1. It was resolved to leave this for neighbours to comment.

**6.2 Applications to be left for neighbours' comments** None

**7 Items for Discussion**

**7.1** The proposals of the Lancashire County Council budget savings for 2018/19 consultation were noted

**7.2** It was resolved not to complete the Rural Services Network survey and to request that the Council is removed from the mailing list as the subjects covered are not relevant to Adlington

**7.3** It was resolved to send a thank you letter to Adactus for installing the new notice board on Chorley Road and to Barlow Construction for installing the new notice board on Park Road. The Clerk will also put a notice in each of the boards acknowledging their assistance.

- 7.4 It was resolved to send a thank you letter to Pincroft for funding the purchase of a tree located in front of Adlington Clinic and to be used in future as a Christmas tree.
- 7.5 It was resolved to approve the changes to the asset register to update the value of the notice boards based on current prices and to add the tree.
- 7.6 It was acknowledged that unadopted roads and alleyways are a problem for residents in many parts of the village. It was resolved to contact Cllr Dunn at Chorley Council and ask him to keep the Town Council informed of any developments or suggestions in this case, and ask the resident to contact the Council again if he has further concerns.
- 7.7 It was resolved to contact the Police and PCC to check whether Road Closures for Remembrance Sunday 2018 can be enforced. It was also resolved that the Council will part-fund any additional costs associated with the use of St Paul's Club if it is agreed that this will be necessary to cope with over-capacity in the Church. Other suggestions from the notes of the joint groups' meeting held in January were discussed and approved.
- 7.8 It was resolved to contact Lancashire County Council again regarding the predicted shortfall in Adlington primary school places.
- 7.9 The following matters were raised again:  
The lack of a one-way system on the narrow road in front of the Tesco Express store has resulted in some near-miss accidents recently. It was resolved to contact County Cllr Kim Snape about progress with this.  
Multiple banners are appearing on the railings at the top and bottom of the village. The Council considers these to be untidy and distracting. The Clerk will contact Chorley Council and ask for these to be removed.  
In addition, it was resolved to write a letter of thanks to Amelia Thompson who raised £89 at the Carol Concert by selling raffle tickets on behalf of the Mayor's Charity
- 8 Items for Information**
- 8.1 The Clerk provided the Mayor with details of the draw for attendance at the Queen's Garden Party
- 8.2 The next fundraising event for the Mayor's Charity will be a Bingo Night to be held in March  
*The meeting closed at 8.50pm*