

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 21st February 2011
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Chair Cllr A Wilson

Councillors B Cliffe, K Ellison, C Hart, D Hoyle, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, E Sumner.

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), Mrs P Gibbs

1 Open Forum

Mrs Gibbs addressed the Council to express her concerns regarding the number of cars being parked for long periods of time in front of the Ridgway Arms, and the fact that some cars are being sold from there. Cllr Cliffe explained the findings of the recent LCC Highways Status Investigation, which concluded that this area forms part of the public highway and currently has no parking restriction. The Clerk was asked to clarify the legal position regarding parking and selling from this area. Mrs Gibbs was also advised to address the question at the next Police and Communities Together meeting.

Mrs Gibbs then left the meeting.

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr J Molyneaux, Cllr D Snape and Cllr K Snape and accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting of 17th January 2011** were moved by Cllr Lowe and seconded by Cllr Cliffe. These were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3.1 **Matters Arising** There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr B Cliffe declared a prejudicial interest in item 6.1 (Fairview Farm), Cllr Lowe declared an interest in item 5.4 (Adlington & District In Bloom) and 7.6 (Lancashire Best Kept Village). Cllr A Wilson declared an interest in item 7.7.

5 Finance

5.1 The following payments were approved:

L Crouch	Salary	
L Crouch	Travelling expenses - training	£15.66

5.2 It was agreed to transfer £400 from the savings account to the business account

5.3 The Clerk provided a current summary of accounts and this year's payments still outstanding. The Council approved its current financial position. It was noted that the annual insurance premium payment is due next month, and the Clerk was asked to obtain quotations to allow comparison with the current provider (Zurich) once the renewal quotation has been received.

5.4 The following Community Awards scheme donations were approved:

Adlington Luncheon Club - £100

Adlington & District in Bloom - £200

Adlington & District Community Centre - £500

These payments will be made in April.

It was provisionally agreed to donate £100 towards the upkeep of the St Paul's Church Clock on receipt of more specific expenditure figures relating to the clock and its maintenance. The Clerk will contact Mrs W Salvage to obtain this information before the next Town Council meeting.

Community Award funding was not approved for Kidzone and St Paul's Nursery. The Clerk will contact these organisations.

5.5 Only one of the three contractors contacted provided quotations as requested. It was agreed to accept the quotation received from Mr P Dodd to provide 30 pairs of hanging baskets and to water these for 12 weeks

6 Planning

6.1 New Applications

11/00059/FULMAJ Land Adj Fairview Farm - Section 73 application to vary conditions 1 (approved plans), 17 (levels- in respect of plots 8, 9, 10 and 11 to accommodate the drainage requirements) and 24 (approved plans- specifically in respect of the approved landscaping plans) attached to planning approval 09/00714/FULMAJ.

Cllr Cliffe summarised the concerns of local residents regarding the proposed changes to the plans.

Cllr Cliffe then left the meeting

It was agreed that there was some concern regarding the danger to residents of the proposed open pond in the centre of the site, and the possibility that the re-routing of the stream would increase the flood risk. The Clerk will contact Chorley Council to express these concerns.

Cllr Cliffe returned to the meeting

11/00005/FUL Land 440M North West of Beacon House, Sandy Lane – Retrospective application for

- 6.1 the erection of an agricultural barn. No objections or comments.
 6.1 cont **11/00092/FUL Adlington Motor Services, 48 Market Street** – Single storey side and rear extension.
 No objections or comments.
- 6.2 **Applications Permitted** were noted as follows:
10/00812/FUL White Bear Marina – change of use to 48 residential moorings
10/00990/FUL 28 Fairview Drive – construction of a car port
10/01074 Crawshaw Hall Barn – conversion of shippon for residential purposes
- 6.3 **Applications Refused** were noted as follows:
10/00770/FUL Land bounded by Park Road and Acresfield – erection of five 3-bedroom houses and four 2-bedroom apartments
- 6.4 **Appeals Application**
10/00034/REFUSE Grove Farm. As previous objections raised have been sent to the Planning Inspectorate, no further action is required at this stage.
- 7 **Items For Discussion**
- 7.1 The Clerk was asked to contact the Police to find out if the parking at the “pinch point” on Chorley Road was considered to be causing an obstruction under the Highways Act legislation.
- 7.2 The level of Adlington policing has now returned to normal
- 7.3 It was agreed that Councillors will consider the matter of nominations for this year’s Citizens’ Awards and bring suggestions to the next meeting.
- 7.4 It was agreed to formally adopt The Local Authorities Model Code of Conduct (2007) **including** paragraph 12(2) and the updated version of the Town Council Standing Orders dated February 2011.
- 7.5 A local resident has expressed concerns regarding the proximity of the railway level crossing to the Fairview Community Centre playground. This crossing was checked by Network Rail for safety in September last year, and the Council was informed of the company’s plans for school visits to warn of the dangers. Councillors expressed the opinion that this type of crossing is inherently dangerous, but are aware that this is a well-used footpath, with audible signals from passing trains.
- 7.6 The Clerk was asked to contact Chorley Community Crime Prevention with additional road sign suggestions. The Clerk was also asked to contact properties identified as possible Certificate of Merit entries in the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition, and to report problems identified with Footpaths 5 and 6 to Lancashire County Council.
- 7.7 The surface of Highfield Road is currently in poor condition due to its use as the access road for the Fairview development. Some temporary repairs have been made and the contractors are currently in consultation with Lancashire County Council regarding resurfacing at the end of the construction.
- 7.8 Contributions for the newsletter should be sent to the Clerk by the end of February
- 7.9 The content of the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service Draft Risk Management Plan was noted
- At 8.55pm it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue for 30 minutes.*
- 7.10 The Clerk was asked to invite Ian Aldred from Chorley Council Housing Department to the next meeting of the Council to clarify the current position regarding allocation of the Fairview rental housing.
- 7.11 Sites for the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge must be nominated by the owner of the land. The Clerk was asked to contact Jamie Carson at Chorley Council to express the support of the Town Council for Fairview Community Centre’s request for inclusion of their proposed multi-use sport facility.
- 7.12 No nomination was received for a Town Council representative on the proposed Three Tier Forum, and the Council will not be represented at the meeting on 24/3/11
- 7.13 The content of the report on the reorganisation and restructure of the Lancashire County Council Young People’s Service was noted
- 7.14 Road signs are missing from Market Place and Railway Road. The Clerk was asked to contact Chorley Council about this.
- 7.15 The Clerk was asked to contact Chorley Council for further information regarding responsibility for the War Memorial plaques.
- 7.16 The Chairman does not wish to be nominated to attend the Queen’s Garden Party
- 7.17 The Edna Shone Memorial Bench sited at the end of Daisy Hill Drive will need to be re-sited because of building work. Councillors were requested to consider alternative sites for discussion at the next meeting.
- 8 **Items for Information**
- 8.1 There will be a Planning in Practice Workshop at Chorley Town Hall 16 March 2011.
- 8.2 Some emails to chorley.gov.uk addresses are not being received because of email security measures.
- The meeting closed at 9.25pm*