

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 18th February 2013
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor J Lowe
Councillors D Croft, C Hart, D Hoyle, B Lee, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, J Smethurst, E Sumner, A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk) and a Police representative

1 Open Forum

The Police representative explained that PC Matt Lee has been seconded to Bamber Bridge as Acting Sergeant, and that the CBM for Adlington is currently PC Nichola Barff-Lewis. There have been three burglaries in the Adlington area in the last few weeks.

The Police representative left the meeting

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr G Dunn who was on holiday and Cllr S Higgins who was attending a hospital appointment and accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting of 21st January 2013** were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising.** Cllr Croft reported that he had attended the recent Chorley Council Southeast Neighbourhood Area meeting and added the Council's concerns regarding road safety in the area of the bridge on Railway Road to the list of actions for the group.

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Lowe declared a pecuniary interest in items 5.2 and 7.1 because of her involvement with the Adlington and District in Bloom group and her position with the Lancashire Best Kept Village organisation.

5 Finance

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

5.2 It was resolved to approve the recommendations of the Finance working group as follows:

- Community Awards funding to be granted

Adlington & District Community Centre	£300	Contribution to the installation of a hearing aid loop system
Adlington in Bloom	£250	Sponsorship of 3 planters for a year and the North West in Bloom competition entry fee
Adlington Luncheon Club	£100	Purchase of new kitchen utensils
Rivington & Adlington Brass Band	£350	Contribution towards the cost of 6 Besson student instruments

- Current insurance cover is considered to be adequate but consideration needs to be given to a contribution from adjoining Parishes for the Jubilee Bench cover. The claim for the damaged planter should be followed up with the Police
- 40 pairs of hanging baskets to be provided by Chorley Council in summer 2013
- Amendments should be made to the asset register and financial regulations documents and the risk management should remain unchanged.
- The current financial year-end and audit procedures provide sufficient control for use in 2013

The Clerk circulated a copy of the NALC recommended financial regulations which differ slightly from those currently in use by the Council, and recommended that these should be adopted. The Clerk was asked to find out why the Council cannot continue with its existing regulations. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

It was resolved to ask last year's Internal Auditor to audit the Council finances this year.

5.3 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Orange	Phone charges 24/01/13 to 23/02/13	£9.31
Chorley Council	Hanging Basket provision in 2012	£4,400.00

5.4 It was resolved to transfer £4800 from the savings to the business current account

6 Planning

6.1 New Applications

It was noted that there were no new planning applications for Adlington this month

6.2 Applications Permitted

The following granted planning permissions were noted:

12/01097/FUL 4 Castle House Lane - Erection of single storey extension to rear elevation and provision of pitched roof over existing flat roof garage

12/01060/FUL(Subject to Legal Agreement) Land 20M West Of 6 Ellerbeck View Castle House Lane - Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 6 no. dwellings and conversion of existing office to bungalow with onsite parking

12/01177/FUL 26 Mayfield Avenue - Two storey side extension and first floor rear extension

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved to refer the 2013 Lancashire Best Kept Village entry to the Streetscene Working Group for discussion. Cllr Lowe will arrange a meeting and inform all Councillors

7.2 Cllr Smethurst asked for all contributions for the next edition of the Update to be sent to him in the next two weeks

7.3 It was resolved that no response was required to the Chorley Council Gambling Act 2005 Consultation

7.4 It was resolved to submit the comments suggested by Cllr Lee in response to the Central Lancashire Highways and Transport Master Plan consultation, which related mainly to the lack of rail service provision for the village and the emphasis in the Plan on the Preston area

7.5 It was resolved to issue a statement regarding the removal of the Adlington/Anderton boundary stone in the next edition of Update, and to contact the Chorley Guardian to ask for a correction to be printed stating that there are currently no plans in place to move this.

7.6 It was resolved to refer a response to the Central Lancashire Open Space and Playing Pitch Supplementary Planning Document consultation to the Streetscene Working Group for discussion and to request an extension to the date for comments until after the March Town Council meeting

7.7 It was resolved to request that the next Three Tier Forum meeting considers the lack of provision for trains, buses and taxis in Adlington in the Central Lancashire Highways and Transport Master Plan

7.8 It was resolved that Cllr Croft will send some "test" tweets on the Council's behalf and Councillors will consider the proposals for a social media policy at the next meeting.

7.9 It was resolved in principle to provide plaques for the Edna Shone memorial bench and tree subject to quotations received for provision and fitting

8 Items for Information

None

The meeting closed at 8.17pm