

# ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014  
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

## Members Present:

Councillors D Croft, G Dunn, A Evans, C Hart, J Lowe, J Molyneaux, J Smethurst, A Wilson

**In Attendance:** L Crouch (Clerk), a Police Representative and a local resident.

## 1 Open Forum

The Police Representative reported that the online PACT had been popular with residents who are usually unavailable to attend, and that these would be continued alternating with the regular meetings. At the most recent meeting Sgt Bramhall answered questions relating to the recent crime figures. The new CBM for this area will be Andy Thornhill. Cllr Dunn commented on the importance of the CCTV provision as a deterrent to crime. The next online PACT will take place on 3/3/14 and the next meeting will be on 3/4/14.

*At this point Cllr J Molyneaux arrived.*

The local resident asked a question regarding recent licensing issues at the Cardwell Arms, and the Police Representative offered to find out about these

*The Police Representative then left the meeting*

## 2 Apologies for Absence

were received from Cllr S Higgins and Cllr B Lee for family reasons and Cllr F Molyneaux who was indisposed and accepted by the Council.

It was resolved that the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Croft, would chair the meeting in the Mayor's absence.

## 3 Minutes of the Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014

were accepted as a true record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

## 3.1 Matters Arising

Work to repair the stairway at Adlington Station has now started and it is due to open again in the next two weeks.

## 4 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wilson declared an interest in items 5.3 and 5.6 as he is a member of the Chorley Credit Union. Cllr J Molyneaux and Cllr Dunn declared an interest in item 6 as they are members of Chorley Council Development Control Committee. Cllr Lowe declared an interest in item 5.3 as she is a member of Adlington & District In Bloom Group.

## 5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for January 2014

5.2 It was resolved to defer the discussion of top-up funding for the Jubilee Recreation Ground improvements until the March meeting when it is hoped that Lindsey Blackstock from Chorley Council will attend. Cllr Evans will look into some funding sources which have already been suggested.

5.3 It was resolved to approve the following recommendations of the Finance Working Group:

- Community Awards to be given to the following organisations: Adlington & District Community Association (£150), Adlington & District in Bloom (£250), Adlington Luncheon Club (£100), Rivington & Adlington Brass Band Youth Section (£300), Adlington Senior Citizens (£80) and Adlington Carnival (£120)
- The current level insurance cover is appropriate
- Chorley Council should be asked to provide 40 pairs of hanging baskets for 2014 if the quotation is similar (per basket) to the corrected 2013 amount
- The asset register is accurate. Some additions are required to the Risk Management documents and suggestions will be considered at the March Meeting. The Financial Regulations based on the NALC recommendations and circulated with notes before the meeting should be adopted.
- Financial year end and audit procedures followed in 2013 should also be followed this year
- The current level of reserve funds should be maintained and £5000 of this should be invested in the Chorley Credit Union
- The budget for 2014/15 should be amended as follows:

Civic Sunday	£400 (increased from £200)	To allow for band costs if a road closure can be arranged (reinstated to 2013/14 figure)
Remembrance Sunday	£300 (reduced from £400)	To take into account proposed sharing of costs between Parishes based on population figures

It was also resolved that the explanation of the background to Civic Sunday would be included again in the next edition of Update

5.4 All account signatories have now been approved by Chorley Credit Union

5.5 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Orange	Phone charges 24/01/14 to 23/02/14	£9.31
Chorley Credit Union	Reserve Account opening deposit	£5000.00

5.6 It was resolved to transfer £5400 from the RBS savings account to the business current account.

## 6 Planning

### 6.1 New Applications

**13/00754/OUT 59 Church Street** Outline application for the erection of a four bedroom detached house (with all matters reserved) and **13/00755/OUT 59 Church Street** Outline application for the erection of a pair of semi-detached houses (with all matters reserved). It was resolved to express the Council's concern that road safety at the access point for these sites would be adversely affected if development was allowed, as it is located at a point of poor visibility at the brow of the hill, where the speed limit changes from 40mph to 30mph and the road narrows. In addition there is roadside car parking at this point. It was resolved to leave the following applications for neighbours' comments:

**14/00045/FUL 40 Belmont Road** Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new bungalow (with rear dormers), **14/00002/FUL 33 Grove Crescent** Erection of first floor front extension, single storey side / rear extension and hipped roof over flat roofed garage and **14/00107/FUL 31 Grove Crescent** Proposed re-facing of the front elevation, consisting of refurbishment/remodelling of existing garage into a lounge.

6.2 **Applications Granted** The following permissions were noted:

**13/01085/TEL Grove Farm Railway Road** Proposed upgrade of existing telecom apparatus

**13/01181/AGR Adlington Hall Farm, The Common** Steel portal frame building

### 7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved that entries for the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition will be submitted on behalf of Lower Adlington and Higher Adlington. The Street Scene Working Group will meet on 4/3/14 at 7.30pm at Fairview Community Centre to discuss the entries in detail.

7.2 It was resolved to contact First TransPennine for confirmation that the Preston to Manchester service via Chorley will be reinstated once the electrification is complete, and in addition to request that more of their services stop at Adlington in future to give improved access to Manchester Piccadilly station and Manchester Airport. This would be justified based on the growing population of the village and the new "Park and Ride" facility which will soon be available.

7.3 It was resolved to find out who owns the open space on Park Road before requesting any changes to the road layout. Cllr J Molyneaux will look into this.

7.4 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council planning enforcement with the concerns of a resident regarding works being carried out to the rear of 127 Park Road

7.5 It was resolved to contact Lancashire County Council and the local County Councillor regarding the request from a resident for a controlled pedestrian crossing on Market Street.

7.6 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council planning enforcement with the concerns of a resident regarding vehicles which appear to be using the Park Road access to the sand quarry

7.7 It was resolved to pass on the concerns expressed by a resident regarding dog fouling around the village to the Chorley Council Neighbourhood Warden

7.8 It was resolved that Councillors should contact Chorley Council directly to express an interest in the Neighbourhood Planning Workshop to be run by the LGA Planning Advisory Service at Chorley Town Hall on Tuesday 11/3/14 from 4pm to 8pm. Cllrs Croft and Evans have already expressed an interest.

7.9 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council to request the replacement of two outdated litter bins outside the Library and at the entrance to St Paul's Primary School. In addition, it was resolved to suggest the relocation of a bin on Babylon Lane from its junction with Whitebeam Close to its junction with Fielding Place as suggested by Heath Charnock Parish Council

7.10 The Deputy Mayor informed the meeting that Network Rail would be holding an information event regarding the electrification project on 12/03/14 from 4pm to 8pm at the Community Centre on Railway Road.

### 8 Items for Information

Cllr J Molyneaux gave a summary of the priorities agreed at the Neighbourhood Area Meeting (Southeast Parishes) which are parking improvements, health walks and provision of alley gates

*The meeting closed at 9.00pm*

## APPENDIX –2014/15 budget amounts including amendments highlighted (item 5.3)

	<b>Suggested Budget</b>	<b>Diff from 2013/14</b>
Mayor's Allowance	750.00	0
Clerk's Salary	4,750.00	0
Administrative & Telephone Costs	350.00	0
Training Costs	250.00	0
Insurance	1000.00	0
Audit	<b>200.00</b>	-50.00
Mayor's Inauguration	150.00	0
<b>Civic Sunday</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>-100.00</b>
Carol Service	450.00	0
Streetscene Enhancement	5,000.00	0
RBL Wreath	20.00	0
Subscriptions	620.00	0
Newsletter – Printing & Production	<b>1000.00</b>	-100.00
Newsletter - Distribution	600.00	0
Neighbourhood Watch	50.00	0
Community Awards Scheme	1000.00	0
<i>Notice Board cleaning and repair (deleted, to be taken from Streetscene)</i>	<b>0</b>	-200.00
Other Projects & Contingencies	1000.00	0
Election Expenses	300.00	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18190.00</b>	-450.00