

# ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2015  
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

## Members Present:

Mayor Cllr D Croft  
Councillors A Evans, C Hart, S Higgins, B Lee, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux (part of meeting), E Sumner, A Wilson

**In Attendance:** L Crouch (Clerk), Fr David Arnold, Paul Maloney (Freestyle Urban Soccer) and 7 residents

## 1 Open Forum

Vicky Skyner expressed her concerns that any redevelopment of the Old Vicarage, a property owned by her family, would be detrimental to local wildlife, particularly if the well-established trees forming the rookery were removed. Temporary tree preservation orders are now in place and the Chorley Council wildlife officer is aware of the possible presence of bats and other wildlife on the property. An email was read out from another member of the family, acting as executor for the most recent occupier stating that there are no plans to demolish the property, redevelop the site or remove any of the trees from the garden.

Two local business owners addressed the meeting to express their concerns that retailers are being badly affected by the current road closures. Councillors and other residents present at the meeting suggested that promotion via social networking may remind local people to support local suppliers during this difficult time.

Paul Maloney explained to the meeting his plans to run 12 weeks of free activities for young people on the Jubilee Recreation Ground, providing tuition using mobile arenas and portable floodlights. The project has been funded by a grant from the Police & Crime Commissioner. Similar projects have been shown to reduce anti-social behaviour. The Council agreed that the project was well timed as support from the Lancashire Youth service has recently been withdrawn from the village.

The Mayor thanked all the visitors for attending

*At this point 2 of the residents left the meeting with Mr Maloney*

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

3 **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January** were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** None.

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr J Molyneaux declared an interest in item 6 on her arrival as she is a member of Chorley Council Development Control Committee.

*It was resolved to discuss item 6.2 from the agenda first for the benefit of the residents present*

6.2 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council to request that the temporary Tree Preservation Orders at the Old Vicarage be made permanent, and to express the Council's view that the rookery and the bat corridor through the village are important features which need to be preserved, along with any other wildlife which may be identified by an environmental survey.

*The remaining residents left the meeting*

## 5 Finance

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

5.2 It was resolved to accept the proposals for hire charges for the Community Centre for Town Council meetings. The Finance Working Group will discuss the changes required to the budget for 2015/16 to allocate this payment as room hire, and to remove the current Neighbourhood Watch category. The Group will meet on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at Fairview Community Centre.

5.3 It was resolved that the Finance Working Group will consider the applications received for Community Award funding and bring its proposals to the next Council meeting

5.4 It was resolved that the Finance Working Group will consider the requirements of the **Financial Transparency Code for Parish and Town Councils** in more detail.

5.5 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
L Crouch	Petty Cash - imprest	£3.97
Orange	Phone charges 24/01/15 to 23/02/15	£9.31

5.6 It was resolved to transfer £450 from the RBS savings account to the business current account.

5.7 It was resolved to continue current membership of NALC and LALC but to reconsider the continuation of this membership at a meeting before September 2015. It was also resolved to request the password for the NALC website so that the online resources available can be assessed

*Paul Maloney returned to the meeting*

- 5.8 It was resolved to contact the Lancashire County Council Parish Champion to request funding to assist in the provision of a community notice board to be sited at the centre of the village
- 5.9 It was resolved that the Council is keen to support Rivington & Adlington Band's promotion of a summer band contest, but that any request for funding would need to have been made separately as part of the Community Awards process
- 6 Planning**
- 6.1 **New Applications**  
**LCC/2015/0014 and Chorley Council 15/00097/CTY Sandons Farm, Sandy Lane** Extension to the area of phased extraction of sand and gravel and infilling with inert waste for restoration purposes, back to agriculture and conservation. It was resolved to contact both Lancashire County Council and Chorley Council to express concern that the agreed operating hours are not being enforced, following a complaint from a resident.
- 6.2 This was discussed at the start of the meeting
- 7 Items for Discussion**
- 7.1 It was resolved to defer consideration of the 2015/16 meeting dates until the next meeting
- 7.2 It was resolved to offer the Town Council's three chairs to any local charitable organisation
- 7.3 It was resolved to thank Chorley Council for its offer of support in the upkeep of local War Memorials and to pass this information on to Adlington in Bloom so that any problems can be reported quickly.
- 7.4 It was resolved to defer publication of the next edition of the Update newsletter until late May/early June so that election details can be included.
- 7.5 It was agreed that the current road diversions and signage have improved greatly from when these were first installed, but that there are still problems with motorists who are not following the rules at the traffic lights at the top of Railway Road, at its junction with Bolton Road. It was resolved to contact Lancashire County Council and the Police to express these concerns. It was also resolved to ask Network Rail whether the Skew Bridge work is now ahead of schedule.  
*Cllr June Molyneaux arrived*
- 7.6 It was resolved to accept the recommendations of the Streetscene Working Group regarding the Lancashire Best Kept Village entries. Although the provision of a community notice board was agreed in principle, it was resolved to consider possible funding (see 5.8) before going ahead with the project
- 7.7 It was resolved that the Council will publicise only local charitable events and organisations, and that posters will appear only on a community notice board.  
*It was resolved to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue for 15 minutes*
- 7.8 It was resolved that the Town Council will retain only the Clerk's adlingtontowncouncil.co.uk email addresses as the individual councillor addresses are not well used and attract spam. The Clerk will pass on any email which arrives for the Council via a circulation list of Councillors' chosen addresses. A list of the current Councillor contact details was circulated so that these could be verified or changed.
- 7.9 It was resolved that as the response to the "Commission on the future of public services in Chorley" consultation can be completed individually, Councillors should submit their own personal responses.
- 7.10 There has been some interest in the current vacancy on the Town Council from four residents who have contacted the Clerk. It was agreed that insufficient time is now available before the May election for applications and interview to take place. The Clerk will contact the residents.
- 8 Items for Information None**  
*The meeting closed at 9.15pm*