

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 15th February 2016
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Councillors A Evans, C Hart, B Lee, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, A Robinson, T Summers, A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), Peter Walkden, County Cllr Kim Snape and a local resident

1 Open Forum

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr Higgins who was unwell. The Council accepted his apology and expressed its best wishes for his recovery. It was resolved that the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Evans, would chair the meeting in his absence. Apologies were also received from Cllr Banks who was attending another meeting and accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 18th January 2016 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** It was resolved that the response from LCC Highways regarding the removal of the railings on the corner of Railway Road and Church Street is unacceptable. It was resolved to contact LCC again to request that the railings are replaced with a more resilient safety feature as the current situation represents a serious health and safety hazard to pedestrians.

Further information has been requested by Chorley Council to support the Council's application to list Adlington Library as an Asset of Community Value. Cllr Hart will look at this in more detail.

4 Declarations of Interest

Cllr J Molyneaux declared an interest in item 6 as she is a member of Chorley Council Development Control Committee.

The Clerk highlighted her interest in the Lancashire Library Service as she is an employee, and explained that although she can express the opinion of the Town Council regarding cuts to Library services in Lancashire she can take no part personally in the Council's discussions on this subject.

4.1 It was resolved to co-opt Mr Peter Walkden as Town Councillor for Adlington East. Cllr Walkden made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for January 2016

5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
L Crouch	HP All-In-One printer purchased on the Council's behalf	£79.00
Orange	Phone charges 24/01/16 to 23/02/16	£9.38

5.3 It was resolved to transfer £500 from the RBS savings account to the business current account

5.4 It was resolved to discuss the Council's duties with regard to workplace pension law at the Finance Working Group meeting arranged for Monday 29/02/16

5.5 It was resolved to consider the Chorley Credit Union dormant account charge at the Finance meeting

6.1 Planning

New applications

16/00051/TPO Huyton Terrace (Baly Place Farm) removal of two diseased trees (T3 & G2) covered by TPOs & replacement of such. It was resolved to request that the trees are replaced with similar trees as soon as possible after the diseased ones are felled.

16/00047 PDE 10 Grove Farm Drive single storey rear extension. This is permitted development.

16/00099/ADV Royal Bank of Scotland, Market Place erection of two internally illuminated fascia signs, two internally illuminated projecting signs & five non illuminated signs. It was resolved that as this is a replacement of an existing sign no comment is required.

Items for Discussion

7.1 The comments received at the last meeting from a resident who would like trees to be planted on the crescent in Harrison Road were considered. It was resolved that additional parking spaces are required more in this location and that trees would add to the leaf litter and therefore localised flooding problems. It was resolved to contact Chorley Community Housing with the comments of the Council and also those of the resident.

7.2 It was resolved to apply for the British Heart Foundation funding to provide local defibrillators. Cllr Lee will contact the North West Ambulance service for advice before the Finance meeting.

7.3 It was resolved to reverse the decision made at the meeting in January 2016 to opt out of the new National Association of Local Councils audit scheme, as additional information received since the meeting indicates that inclusion in the scheme is the more financially effective option.

7.4 It was resolved to contact LCC to ask that all drains are cleared of leaf build-up on a more frequent and regular basis

- 7.5 The Street Scene Working Group will arrange a meeting in the next few weeks to assess potential Certificate of Merit entries for the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition.
- 7.6 It was resolved to include information relating to the New Councillor, Precept, Citizen Awards, Civic Sunday, Chorley Council "switch" service and local music & drama groups in the next edition of the Update newsletter. It was also resolved to contact Adlington & District Heritage society and ask if they would like to submit an article for inclusion. All articles need to be sent to the Clerk by 29/02/16
- 7.7 It was resolved to submit the following for inclusion on the agenda for the next Chorley Liaison meeting to be held on 16/03/16:
- whether a register of defibrillators in the local area is available
 - how the needs of vulnerable groups are going to be served following the withdrawal of community transport services
 - what is being done to provide volunteers with support to enable them to take over community services
- 7.8 The sudden withdrawal, effective from the end of March 2016, of £3700 annual funding from the local Luncheon Club was discussed. It was resolved to contact LCC to express the Council's opinion that this has been handled badly and should have been done in a more gradual manner and with more warning to allow the group to prepare for this. The Council considers this to be a very well-run and successful organisation run by dedicated volunteers and hopes that it is able to find alternative sources of funding to allow it to continue providing this valuable service which addresses social isolation and is provided to help the most vulnerable local residents. It was resolved to ask if some provision can be made from the LCC Transitional Fund to help the group to find other sources of funding and to perhaps work with other Luncheon Clubs in Lancashire
- 7.9 The Council has been made aware that an LCC Highways proposal for Prohibition of Waiting at the junction of Hatton Street and Harrison Road is unpopular with residents. An extension has been granted to allow this to be discussed at the next meeting of the Town Council on 21/03/16
- 8 Items for Information**
- It was noted that PCSO 7611 Ben Pilling has recently joined Coppull & Adlington Neighbourhood Policing Team. The Clerk will invite him to attend a Town Council meeting
- The meeting closed at 8.50pm*