

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 13th February 2017
in Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor A Evans

Councillors C Hart, B Lee, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, A Robinson, T Summers, P Walkden and A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), Mr Ainsley Ball

1 **Open Forum** The Clerk reported that the local Police representative had sent his apologies and would be providing the recent crime figures shortly after tonight's meeting.

2 **Apologies for Absence** None

3 **Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 16th January 2017 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** The Police have withdrawn their recent request for funding

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr J Molyneaux declared an interest in item 6 as she is a member of Chorley Council Development Control committee. Cllr Wilson also declared an interest in item 6 as he lives close to the property which is the subject of planning application **17/00011/FULHH**

4.1 The recent resignation of Cllr Jim Banks was noted and it was resolved to thank him for the time and service he has given to the Council. The Mayor asked Councillors to consider the Deputy Mayor vacancy.

4.2 It was resolved to co-opt Mr Ainsley Stephen Ball as Town Councillor for the Central Ward of Adlington. Mr Ball made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for January 2017

5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Orange	Phone charges 24/01/17 to 23/02/17	£9.50

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

5.4 It was resolved to hold a Finance Working Group meeting to consider the Community Award applications and other financial matters at 7pm on 01/03/17 at Fairview Community Centre

5.5 It was resolved to consider the change to the Town Council bank account signatories at the next meeting, once the Deputy Mayor has been appointed

5.6 It was resolved to accept the conditions of the keyholder agreement and premises use policy for Adlington Library with the amendment as signed by the branch manager.

6 Planning

6.1 **New or amended applications** None

6.2 **Applications to be left for neighbours' comments**

It was resolved to leave the following applications for neighbours' comments:

16/01163/FUL 46 Church Street Erection of a detached double garage.

16/01159/FUL Pincroft Dyeing And Printing Company Limited Market Street Erection of a smoking shelter.

17/00011/FULHH 7 Highfield Close Front extension to provide usable garage and porch area.

17/00034/FULHH 16 Fairview Drive Erection of a detached outbuilding.

17/00057/FULHH 21 Lewis Close Demolition of existing conservatory and extension of existing kitchen including new pitched roof.

17/00058/FULHH 2 Highfield Road Proposed ground floor rear extension, together with roof canopy and alterations to existing kitchen roof.

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved to contact Lancashire County Council to express concern that the budget consultation was not a valid consultation exercise as not enough time was given within the constraints of the rules which govern Town and Parish Councils for a legal response to be sent.

7.2 It was resolved that no response was required to the Chorley Council budget proposals as all residents have been given the opportunity to comment.

7.3 It was resolved that either Cllr Lowe or Cllr Hart will attend the next Chorley Liaison meeting on 15/03/17 as the Mayor is unavailable. It was resolved to request an agenda item as follows "*How can the problems of social isolation be effectively addressed when there is a constant reduction in services such as local transport, meals on wheels, luncheon clubs, dial-a-ride and other community facilities? Should the Liaison group be contacting the Government to express its concern that social isolation is an increasing problem in local communities which needs to be urgently addressed?*"

It was agreed that as item 7.12 relates to the bus services the question of popular bus services being provided by alternative contractors should also be raised at the meeting.

- 7.4 Councillors were asked to submit any articles or information for inclusion in the next edition of the Update newsletter by the end of February at the latest. Lucy Snape is currently available to deliver this only at the beginning of April.
- 7.5 The availability of Registers of Interests on both the Town Council and Chorley Council websites was noted
- 7.6 United Utilities has responded to say that it was unaware of the flooding issues experienced at Pincroft in December 2015. Cllr Robinson will check which agencies were involved at the time and what progress has been made to prevent a recurrence.
- 7.7 Cllr Ball will attend the next Neighbourhood Area Group meeting on 20/2/17
- 7.8 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council to express the Council's opinion that the proposed Chorley Council Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy was a very good document and that the policy would assist residents to stay in their own homes by providing easier access to and a fairer distribution of funds.
- 7.9 It was resolved to respond to the Chorley, Preston and South Ribble Employment Skills Statement consultation to say that this is a step in the right direction and to express the hope that these statements will carry weight in the planning process.
- 7.10 It was resolved to contact LCC Highways to express concern regarding the proposed location of the Puffin Crossing on Bolton Road because this is already a busy location close to both a road junction and a bus stop. Exit for vehicles from Rothwell Road is already difficult because of poor visibility.
- 7.11 Nominations for Citizen and Young Citizen Awards have been received from residents. Councillors were asked to bring all suggestions for the awards to the next meeting for consideration.
- 7.12 *This item was discussed earlier in the meeting alongside item 7.3*
- 7.13 It was resolved to raise the question of noise from skips being dragged along the ground at Fairport with Chorley Environmental Health before this becomes a problem for residents again in the summer.
- 7.14 There were no further matters which the Mayor considered urgent

8 Items for Information

- 8.1 Cllr Lee informed the meeting that he will be leaving the area but hopes to remain as a Town Councillor until the Annual Meetings in May
- 8.2 The Mayor has been invited to but is unable to attend the Induction and Installation of the Reverend Canon Peter Howell-Jones at Blackburn Cathedral on 25/03/17. Cllr Walkden will attend in her place.
- 8.3 The next fundraising event for the Mayor's Charity will be a Bingo Night at St Paul's Club on 28/03/17 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.40pm