

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 19th February 2018
in Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Councillors A Evans, C Hart, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, T Summers, P Walkden and A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk)

1 **Open Forum** None

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr O'Donnell who was on holiday, Cllr Ball who was unwell, Cllr Speers who was away and Cllr Robinson (Mayor) who was working and accepted by the Council. It was resolved that in the absence of the Mayor the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Summers, would chair the meeting.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 15th January 2018 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** It was noted that a number of advertising posters were still on display on the railings at the road junctions in Higher and Lower Adlington and that these make the village look untidy as well as causing a distraction for motorists and pedestrians. The Clerk will contact Chorley Council for advice.

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Lowe declared an interest in item 5 as one of the payments relates to items she purchased on the Council's behalf. Cllr J Molyneaux declared an interest in item 6 as she is a member of the Chorley Council Development Control committee.

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Orange	Phone charges 24/01/17 to 23/02/18	£9.74
Jeanette Lowe	Plants for Planters	£33.00
Lancashire & Merseyside County Training Partnership	One place on the New Councillor (2 Modules) and Community Engagement courses	£88.00

5.2 *There was no item 5.2, due to an error in the numbering of the agenda*

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

5.4 It was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Website & Communications working group held on 12/02/18 and to look again at the Hugo Fox website provider as used by Anderton Parish Council. It is considered that this would provide a cheaper and more flexible option for the development of a new website. The Clerk will contact the Anderton Councillor who set up the website and invite him to a future meeting of the working group. The two yearly payment of £35.82 & VAT for the current website hosting is due at the end of this month, it was agreed that this should be paid.

6 Planning**6.1 New or Amended Applications for consideration**

18/00004/REM Reserved matters application for the erection of a single agricultural worker's dwelling, Adlington Hall Farm, The Common. It was resolved to leave this for neighbours comments, and noted that the original planning permission limits the use of the property to agricultural workers.

6.2 Applications to be left for neighbours' comments

It was resolved to leave the following application for neighbours' comments **17/01228/FULHH**

60 Carrington Road Self-contained two storey side extension.

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was agreed that although the report received from one of the Lancashire Best Kept Village judges last year was very poor, the competition organising committee has responded to the Council's complaint and made assurances that judges' training will be improved and the quality of the reports assessed before these are sent out in future. It was resolved to enter the competition on behalf of both Higher and Lower Adlington again this year. A Streetscene Working Group meeting will be held on **28/02/18 at 7pm at Fairview Community Centre** to agree the Certificate of Merit entries for this year.

7.2 It was resolved to contact Network Rail again regarding the damaged handrail on the steps and the damaged shelters at Adlington Station as no work has been done since the Clerk contacted them last month. It was also resolved to include a request for the repainting of the white and yellow lines on the platform, which are badly faded.

7.3 Cllr Hart clarified the history of the Adlington Circular Walk. The walk was originally set up by Groundwork in the 1990s and the interpretation boards along the route were erected by them in partnership with British Waterways. The Friends of the Adlington Circular Walk group was set up in order to walk the route once a year and has no ownership of any of the boards or signage. The current membership of the Friends is now so low that the group will now be disbanded and its assets (around £50) split between the parishes of Anderton, Heath Charnock and Adlington as specified in the constitution. Cllr Hart then intends to start a new group with a social media presence to promote the walk. He will write an article for the next edition of the Update newsletter inviting public participation.

- 7.4 It was resolved to contact Adactus again for an update on any plans to improve parking on Park Road
- 7.5 Cllr Evans explained that she had been speaking to a resident who on leaving care at the age of 18 requires the provision of supported independent living which is not available in Adlington, and who will therefore need to leave the local community in which they have grown up. It was resolved to contact both the Lancashire Adult Social Care and the Chorley Council Housing departments to ask what provision is made available to vulnerable young people, and who makes the decision regarding future accommodation.
- 7.6 It was resolved to consider what might be included in a display relating to the work of the Town Council before asking for space in the library or elsewhere to be made available. Cllr Hart will write an article for the Update newsletter explaining the responsibilities of the County, Borough and Town Councils.
- 7.7 The Council has been approached by the North West Ambulance Service regarding an Automated External Defibrillator located on the building previously occupied by the Fairpoint group. Concern was expressed that the electricity supply for the unit may have been cut off now that the building is unoccupied. Cllr Summers will check on its status when he is doing the other AED checks. It was agreed that if the owner of the building can be identified and the electricity supply is available the Council would consider taking over responsibility for checks, insurance and the supply of consumables for this additional unit.
- Cllr J Molyneaux supplied information regarding the "Silent Soldier" Campaign. It was agreed to consider this and other methods of marking the 100 year anniversary of the end of the First World War at the next meeting.
- It was resolved to hold a Finance Working Group meeting to consider the applications received for Community Award Funding and to bring its recommendations to the next full meeting. It was agreed to hold this meeting **on 28/02/18 at 7.30pm at Fairview Community Centre.**

8 Items for Information

- 8.1 Donations towards the cost of last year's Remembrance Sunday event have been received from Anderton and Heath Charnock Parish Councils
- 8.2 A suggestion has been received that a pedestrian crossing is required on the A6 outside the Pincroft building. It was suggested that the resident contact Lancashire County Council directly with this request.
- 8.3 The next fundraising event for the Mayor's Charity will be a Bingo event on 27/03/18 at 7.30pm at St Paul's Church Club.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm