

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 18th February 2019
in Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:**Mayor** T Summers**Councillors** A Ball, C Hart, J Lowe, J Molyneaux (arrived late), B Speers, P Walkden and A Wilson**In Attendance:** L Crouch (Clerk), County Cllr Kim Snape and two residents**1 Open Forum**

One of the residents expressed his concern at the news that the Co-op in Lower Adlington will shortly be closing, and the lack of information regarding the reasons for this and whether another supermarket will replace it. He also expressed concern that the village is becoming untidy. Cllr Speers explained that the local MP has been in contact with the Co-op about the closure but that little information is currently available. Councillors suggested that a Community Litter Pick should be arranged, promotion of this will be discussed at the next meeting. One of the residents commented that it is difficult for many residents to shop elsewhere as Lower Adlington is poorly served by public transport. Councillors agreed that suggestions for improvements to the bus service should also be considered at the next meeting.

One of the residents left the meeting, and another arrived

Cllr Speers summarised the discussion relating to the closure of the Co-op for the benefit of the resident who had just arrived.

County Cllr Snape explained to the Council that the Speed Indicator Devices currently allocated for use in the Southeast Parishes area are reaching the end of their useful life because of advances in technology, and that Chorley Council has agreed to fund two replacement units for use solely in this area if volunteers can be found from each of the parishes to manage these. The newer units will be solar powered and use Bluetooth technology to download information. Heath Charnock and Anderton Parish Councils have identified a volunteer each. Free training will also be available. Cllr Walkden agreed to be the volunteer for the Town Council, the Mayor also expressed an interest in assisting. The volunteers will need initially to identify the locations of existing brackets and whether more are needed, and agree a rota for the deployment of the units. Cllr Snape will check who will insure the units.

Following a response received from Lancashire County Council that "halo" pedestrian crossing beacons would not be installed in Lancashire the Council asked Cllr Snape to find out if there are any exceptions to this rule.

2 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Evans who was away, Cllr Robinson who was working, Cllr O'Donnell and Cllr F Molyneaux and accepted by the Council.**3 Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 21st January 2019 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.**3.1 Matters Arising** Lancashire County Council have stated that the standard road markings have been installed on the one-way section of road outside Tesco Express. It was resolved to contact the local Police regarding the incidents relating to this which were reported to the Council.**4 Declarations of Interest** Cllr Speers declared an interest in item 5 as she was to be reimbursed for costs incurred on behalf of the Council. Cllr Lowe declared an interest in item 7.11 because of her involvement with the LBKV competition.

It was resolved to move item 7.2 up the agenda for the benefit of the residents in attendance

7.2 It was resolved to wait to hear more about the reasons for the closure of the Co-op and whether another store would be moving into the building before any action is taken. It was agreed that the problem of small towns and villages losing retail outlets is country-wide and no real solutions to this have yet been found.**5 Finance****5.1** It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for January 2019**5.2** It was resolved that the overspend of £68.99 on Remembrance Sunday should be taken from the Contingency budget, as this represents the cost of the PA system and additional donation to the St John Ambulance organisation which were both authorised because of the large number of people attending last year's event.**5.3** It was resolved to approve the following payments:

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| L Crouch | Salary | |
| L Crouch | Petty cash imprest - Fellowes shredder | £93.84 |
| Orange | Phone charges 24/02/19 to 23/03/19 | £9.74 |
| B Speers | Supplies given to residents evacuated from their homes | £22.45 |

5.4 It was resolved to discuss the Council's banking arrangements at the next meeting of the Finance Working Group**5.5** The next Finance Working Group meeting will take place on 14/03/19 at 7.30pm at Fairview Community Centre and will consider the Community Awards applications received, the annual review of financial controls, and the provision of emergency funds.**5.6** It was resolved to agree the website building fee of £29.94 for the first year for a new website on 123-reg. This will rise to £59.88 for subsequent years. The Website & Communications Working Group will meet to set up the new website shortly.**6 Planning****6.1 New or Amended Applications for consideration** None

It was noted that a new application (19/00083/FUL) was submitted too late to appear on the agenda for this meeting. This application is a resubmission of 18/00960/FUL Pride of Aggi. It was resolved that the Council would re-submit the objections agreed for the original application, as the new closing date for comments is 05/03/19, and to ratify these at the March meeting.

6.2 **Other Applications to be left for neighbours' comments.** It was resolved to leave the following applications for neighbours' comments: **18/01063/CLEUD Allanson Hall Farm, Westhoughton Road** Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use - Use of land for residential caravans. **19/00008/FULHH Crawshaw Hall Farm The Common** Single-storey extension to form family/garden room. Construction of garden store and erection of garden wall. **19/00009/LBC Crawshaw Hall Farm The Common** Listed Building Consent for: Erection of single-storey side extension to form family/garden room. **19/00029/FULHH 10 The Common** Pitched roof extension to attached garage. **19/00074/FULHH 2 Oxford Street** Single storey rear extension. **19/00086/FULHH 5 Rigby Houses The Common** Erection of detached garage.

Cllr J Molyneaux joined the meeting and apologised to the Mayor for her late arrival

6.3 It was noted that at this stage of the "Call for Sites consultation for the Central Lancashire Local Plan Review" anyone can suggest a site for future development whether they own it or not, and that the site on Babylon Lane has been included at this stage in the past. Councillors were asked to let the Clerk know if they had any suggestions of sites for future building development. A later stage of the consultation will invite comments for each site which has been put forward.

6.4 It was resolved that any questions relating to the recent planning refusals and enforcement of these should be raised at the Chorley Council "Planning in Practice" session on this subject to be held on 11/03/19 and which Cllrs Hart and O'Donnell and the Mayor will be attending.

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved to confirm the suggestions to be put forward as this year's Adlington Neighbourhood Priorities by Cllr Ball at the Southeastern Parishes Neighbourhood meeting to be held on 19/02/19 as:

- permanent lighting for the War Memorial on Railway Road
- a gateway marker on the A6 at the Adlington border
- a replacement for the Adlington Senior Citizens group which has closed

One of the residents left the meeting

7.2 *This item was discussed at the start of the meeting*

7.3 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council to ask for "no dog fouling" paint signs to be put on pavements and paths around the village

7.4 It was resolved to respond to the Lancashire County Council consultation suggesting changes to the days and times Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) will open to say that the reduction in opening hours is regrettable and disappointing in an age where recycling is growing in importance, to say that the changes proposed will not allow residents to visit the centres on their way to or from work or in the evenings, and are likely to cause already busy facilities to become even busier at the weekends and to ask if consideration has been given to more flexible opening times.

7.5 It was noted that the Chorley Council Budget Consultation has now closed

7.6 It was resolved to approve the amended version of the Town Council Social Media Policy and to approve other recommendations of the Website & Communications Working Group meeting held on 11/02/19 as follows: the Clerk, Cllr Speers and Cllr Robinson will be the administrators of the new Facebook page, with all other Councillors able to post to the page and 3000 copies of the newsletter should be printed. Although this will leave very few spare copies, the cost of printing only a few more was not considered to be economical

7.7 The Rangers have indicated that they may be interested in delivering the Update again, the Clerk will arrange to speak to the Ranger leader about this. Lucy Snape has offered to deliver if no other service is available but she would need to know exactly when copies would be available.

7.8 The Clerk's appraisal highlighted that either a Clerk should be employed for more hours or the workload reduced. It was resolved that Cllr O'Donnell and Cllr Speers would assist with the production of the Update newsletter and other Councils and organisations will be asked to take a more active role in the preparations for Remembrance Sunday this year. The Clerk will arrange a meeting of all groups involved in Remembrance Sunday to consider this.

7.9 It was noted that Lancashire County Council has stated that all legal signage is in place for the one-way section of road outside Tesco Express. It was agreed that the addition of a "no exit" sign would make the junction safer.

7.10 It was resolved to send letters of thanks to the Bridge Inn public house, Marina Cafe and the Salvation Army for everything they did to help the residents evacuated from their houses and the firefighters involved in the recent fire at the Fairport Engineering site. It was also resolved to include an article thanking everyone in the next Update

7.11 It was resolved to enter both Higher and Lower Adlington in the 2019 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition at the increased fee of £30 per village.

7.12 The request from NALC for input to the Ministry of Housing and Communities Local Government (MHCLG) development of a Communities Framework consultation was noted.

7.13 It was resolved to request one item to be added to the agenda for the Chorley Liaison meeting to be held on 20/03/19 requesting the Chorley Council response to the Communities Framework consultation referred to in item 7.12. Cllr Hart will attend the next Chorley liaison meeting as the Mayor is unavailable. It was resolved to request two items for the agenda of the Borough/Clerks Liaison meeting to be held on 12/03/19 relating to complaints procedures and access to online planning documents.

7.14 LCC Highways have been informed of the locations in Adlington where road markings have become faded

7.15 The DEFRA Flooding Defences consultation was noted. Cllr O'Donnell has volunteered to find out more about this and report back to the Council.

7.16 There were no other matters which the Mayor considered urgent.

8 Items for Information

8.1 The Mayor will be holding an Easter Fair at Fairview on Easter Saturday, information to follow. The Mayor's Bingo held in January raised £360

The meeting closed at 8.57pm