

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 18th March 2013
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor J Lowe

Councillors D Croft, G Dunn, S Higgins, B Lee, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk) and 18 residents

1 Open Forum

The local residents were in attendance to express their objections to the planning application for bed & breakfast accommodation on the former Naylor & Walkden site on Hatton Street as follows:

- There is no local need for additional hotel beds
- the proposal would lead to increased traffic, noise and nuisance
- parking is already a problem in this area and this development would make this worse
- access is already restricted for emergency & utility vehicles at times
- concern was expressed that a license to sell alcohol may have been applied for

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr C Hart who was on holiday, Cllr D Hoyle who was in London, Cllr J Smethurst who was attending another meeting and Cllr E Sumner who was unwell and accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting of 18th February 2013** were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising.** The Adlington/Anderton boundary stone will be moved by Chorley Council.

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Lowe declared a pecuniary interest in items 5.3 and 7.2 because of her position with the Lancashire Best Kept Village organisation.

It was resolved to move the third section of item 6.1 to the top of the agenda for the benefit of the local residents attending the meeting

6.1(a) **13/00168/FUL Naylor & Walkden Hatton House 15 Hatton Street** Change of use of an existing vacant office building to a Bed & Breakfast Guest House with proprietor's accommodation. It was resolved to object strongly to this application for the following reasons:

- access onto the A6 from Harrison Road is poor
- it would lead to an increase in traffic and a change to traffic time patterns
- it would lead to increased parking problems for local residents
- it would be inappropriate for a residential area which includes sheltered housing
- the change of use to C1(hotel or hostel) would change the demographic of the area and is not included in the Chorley Local Plan
- it would increase the existing access problems for emergency and utility vehicles

It was also resolved to ask that this decision is made by the Chorley Council Development Control Committee and not delegated to officers

All residents apart from two left the meeting at this point

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for February 2013

5.2 It was resolved that the Town Council insurance should continue to be provided by Came and Company and a three-year agreement was approved to allow the Council to benefit from the lower rate of annual premium. It was also resolved that the Council will pay the additional premium for the Jubilee stone bench in 2013 (currently £10.03) but that Anderton and Heath Charnock should be asked to pay this alternately with Adlington in future years.

5.3 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Petty Cash	Imprest – stationery	£2.50
Orange	Phone charges 24/02/13 to 23/03/13	£9.31
Came & Company (Broker Network Ltd)	Annual premium (3 year agreement)	£739.35
Barlow Construction	Repairs to four notice boards	£954.00
Lancashire Best Kept Village	Competition entry fee (Local Govt Act 1972 Section 137)	£40.00

It was resolved that this payment was subject to a final inspection of the completed work

5.4 It was resolved to transfer £2000 from the savings to the business current account

6 Planning

- 6.1(b) **New Applications**
09/13/0133 Sandons Farm, Sandy Lane - temporary change of use for the storage of materials including areas for the sorting, treating, crushing and screening of construction demolition and excavated soil/waste for use in the restoration. It was resolved to object to this application for the following reasons: additional noise and dust nuisance for residents, the hours of operation begin too early in the morning and it represents yet another extension to the time for making good the site. It was also resolved to emphasise that all access to the site must be via Wigan Lane.
13/00159/FUL 23 Fairview Drive Single storey rear extension and front extension to the existing garage. It was resolved that this should be left for neighbours' comments.
- 6.2 **Applications Permitted**
The following granted planning permissions were noted:
11/01111/FUL 8 Norwood Close Retrospective application for a single storey rear/side extension incorporating an aviary
13/00023/FUL 3 Old School Lane Erection of single storey side extension to create ancillary accommodation, erection of single storey rear extension, conversion of attached side garage, installation of roof light to front roof pitch and siting of static caravan for a period of 1 year
- 7 Items for Discussion**
- 7.1 It was resolved that Cloud storage should be used for backup of the Council computer records if this is found to be sufficiently secure. Cllr Croft will look into the available options and provide training
- 7.2 A proposed list of Certificate of Merit entries for the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition was approved. It was resolved to submit comments as a response to the Central Lancashire Open Space and Playing Pitch Supplementary Planning Document consultation regarding the lack of allotment provision in the Chorley area and the possible use of funding by housing developers for the improvement of public spaces, for example the Jubilee recreation area.
- 7.3 It was resolved to use Twitter for the communication of factual updates by the Council and to accept and consider comments from the public. It was also resolved that no information relating to private businesses would be re-tweeted. It was proposed that access to the Twitter account should be restricted to the Clerk and one nominated Councillor. A vote was taken and this was agreed by all Councillors present apart from Cllr A Wilson who felt that this access should be restricted to the Clerk only and asked that the voting on this proposal be recorded. It was resolved to defer a decision on the use of Facebook until the impact of the Twitter account over a period of months has been assessed.
- 7.4 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council and Lancashire County Council for their responses regarding the delay in adoption of Fairview Drive, and also to ask why Highfield Road has not been resurfaced, as agreed by Persimmon
- 7.5 It was noted that the Lancashire County Council election this year includes seven Chorley Wards. The election period starts on 22/3/13 and that between this date and the election on 2/5/13 there are restrictions on publicity relating to individual candidates.
- 7.6 It was resolved that no payment will be made to the Police for information relating to the planter destroyed by a car in December 2012. It was also resolved to contact the Police and Crime Commissioner and the local MP regarding the unfairness of this standard charge for information
- 7.7 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council, with copies to the local Borough Councillors, for a progress report on work planned for the Jubilee Playing Fields
- 7.8 It was resolved that a meeting of the Website Working Group would be arranged to consider possible improvements and additions to the website. It was resolved that Cllr Croft would join the Group. Existing members are Cllr J Molyneaux and Cllr J Smethurst.
It was resolved to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue to 9.30pm
- 7.9 It was resolved to contact Network Rail, Chorley Council and Lancashire County Council to ask the specific questions regarding the electrification of the local rail line submitted by Cllr Hart and a resident, and to request that a representative of the Town Council is included in future discussions when there are implications for the village
- 7.10 Two nominations were made for this year's Community Awards. Councillors were asked to bring any further suggestions to the next meeting.
- 7.11 It was resolved to approve the purchase of memorial plaques for the Edna Shone bench and tree up to a total price of £100 before VAT.
- 8 Items for Information**
Councillors gave information about the Chorley Council "People Power" promotion and the details of the Town Mayor's Concert and "Cake Break" and asked that these be included on Twitter
The meeting closed at 9.10pm