

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 17th March 2014
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor Cllr B Lee
Councillors D Croft, A Evans, C Hart, S Higgins, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, E Sumner, A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), Sgt A Bramhall (Lancashire Police), J Pilkington (Superfast Lancashire) and L Blackstock (Chorley Council).

1 Open Forum

Andy Bramhall gave a short presentation highlighting the importance of Community Policing and the local team's links with the community. He explained that PC Matt Lee would be leaving the local team and that his replacement had not yet been appointed. The Mayor thanked him for attending.

Sgt Bramhall then left the meeting

John Pilkington gave a presentation demonstrating the plans to introduce Superfast Broadband to 97% of areas in Lancashire, and explained that this should include 97% coverage in Adlington by March 2015, although download speeds will vary depending on the distance of a house from its "green box" as the intention is to provide an FTTC (fibre to the cabinet) network. He said, however, that the dates are subject to no problems being encountered with planning permissions or physical wiring replacement. It is hoped that customers will be able to order the service from a variety of providers from around the end of 2014. The Mayor thanked him for attending.

Mr Pilkington then left the meeting

Lindsey Blackstock explained that the construction of a concrete skate park on Jubilee Recreation ground using section 106 funding had been agreed and was currently out to tender. It is hoped that work will commence the week after the 2014 Adlington Carnival in mid-July, and will take around 10 to 12 weeks to complete. The second phase of the plan will include improvements to the five-a-side football pitch and new play equipment for the younger children's playground. An estimated additional £50,000 will be needed to provide this equipment and Chorley Council is asking the Town Council to apply for grant funding to cover at least part of this total. The Mayor thanked her for attending.

Ms Blackstock then left the meeting

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr Smethurst for family reasons and Cllr Dunn who was on holiday and accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting of 17th February 2014** were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** None

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 Lowe declared an interest in item 5.7 as she is involved with the administration of the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition.

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for February 2014

5.2 It was resolved that a new Funding Working Group would work with Lindsey Blackstock and look at the options for obtaining top-up funding for the Jubilee recreation ground improvement scheme. Members to include Cllrs Evans, Hart and Croft.

5.3 It was resolved to carry forward the remaining funds from the 2013/14 Streetscene budget as an earmarked reserve for Streetscene projects in 2014/15

5.4 It was resolved that Chorley Council would be asked to provide 40 pairs of hanging baskets for summer 2014 so long as the total charge for this does not exceed £4100

5.5 It was resolved to ask Joan Dickinson to audit the Council's accounts again this year

5.6 It was resolved that it was unnecessary to purchase printed copies of new Councillor guides as these are available to download online

5.7 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Orange	Phone charges 24/02/14 to 23/03/14	£9.31
Petty Cash	Imprest – website renewal 2 years	£42.98
Chorley Council	32 hanging baskets – summer 2013	£3623.04
Came & Company	Annual insurance premium	£723.45
Lancashire Best Kept Village	Competition entry fee (LGA section 137)	£50.00

5.8 It was resolved to transfer £5000 from the RBS savings account to the business current account.

6 Planning**6.1 New Applications**

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

14/00114/ADV Tesco 176 Chorley Road Installation of signs to front & side, **14/00151/FUL Tesco 176 Chorley Road** Single storey extension to rear, **14/00152/FUL 30 Mount Pleasant** Erection of front & rear dormer and **14/00200/FUL 100 Bolton Road** Erection of detached garage.

6.2 Applications Granted The following was noted:

13/00998/FUL 37 Chorley Road Retrospective permission for the erection of a single storey modular building within the rear garden area for use as a beauty salon

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved that the Chorley Council CCTV survey response should indicate that the Council feels it is valuable to this area because of Adlington's location and the possible impact of criminal activity from outside Lancashire. The provision would be greatly improved by best quality and 360 degree coverage, as there have been occasions where the camera has been facing the wrong way during an incident. The Council may be prepared to make a contribution in the future towards the service.

7.2 It was resolved to adopt the amended general Risk Assessment circulated prior to the meeting

7.3 It was resolved to accept the list of Lancashire Best Kept Village competition certificate of merit entries as suggested by the Streetscene Working Group

7.4 It was noted that the green space on Park Road is owned by Chorley Community Housing

7.5 It was resolved to defer nominations for the Chorley Civic Society awards until the next meeting to allow Councillors to consider their suggestions.

7.6 It was resolved to provide refreshments to follow the Annual Council meeting on 12 May as in previous years

7.7 It was resolved to compile a list of Town Council assets and also those within Adlington owned by Adlington & District In Bloom Group. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Lowe

7.8 It was resolved to discuss the commemoration of the First World War centenary with adjoining parishes and local groups.

7.9 There were no other matters for discussion

8 Items for Information

8.1 The Neighbourhood Planning event held recently at Chorley Town Hall was attended by some Councillors, and will be discussed at the next meeting

The meeting closed at 9.30pm