

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

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

Members Present:**Mayor** A Robinson**Councillors** A Ball, A Evans, C Hart, J Lowe, J Molyneaux, K O'Donnell, B Speers, T Summers, P Walkden and A Wilson**In Attendance:** L Crouch (Clerk), Mr Ian Pilkington (Adlington & Chorley station support group)**1 Open Forum**

Mr Pilkington attended the meeting to explain his role in reporting problems, promoting rail use and liaison between Northern Railway and other parties; and to update the Council on changes affecting the Adlington rail services.

He explained that the rail electrification is currently running two years behind schedule and will not be completed until autumn 2018 at the earliest. Although the new timetable will start in December 2018 there will be no electric trains until December 2019 and even then these will not be new, but ex-Southern region refurbished 1980s stock. The local Saturday service should be re-instated shortly but midweek late evening services will be bus replacements for some time. He has been speaking to Richard Watts at Lancashire County Council regarding the possibility of eight additional daytime services stopping at Adlington when new timetables are implemented in 2020 to give a half-hourly service and access to both Manchester Victoria and Piccadilly stations. A final decision will be made by the Department of Transport. The Mayor mentioned the large sign outside the station which rattles in windy weather and has a loose bracket. This has been reported to Northern Railway many times by the Clerk as possibly dangerous. He agreed to progress this with them.

Mr Pilkington confirmed that the new service will result in trains passing through Adlington station at around 90-100 mph which will make it too dangerous for volunteers to work on the garden areas adjacent to the platforms. Tactile paving to aid partially sighted travellers is now being laid, but he expressed concern that parts of the existing platform will be too narrow to be used by passengers in future.

The Mayor thanked Mr Pilkington for attending and he left the meeting.

2 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr F Molyneaux and accepted by the Council.**3 Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 19th February 2018 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.**3.1 Matters Arising** None**4 Declarations of Interest** Cllr Lowe declared an interest in item 5.4 as one of the applications for funding is for the Adlington & District in Bloom Group of which she is a member. Cllr Evans declared an interest in item 5.4 as one of the applications for funding is for the Adlington Scout Group with which she is involved. 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 statement of accounts and budget review for January and February 2018**5.2** It was resolved to approve the following payments:

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| L Crouch | Salary | |
| Petty cash | Imprest – instant website for 2 years | £42.98 |
| Orange | Phone charges 24/02/17 to 23/03/18 | £9.74 |
| Lancashire Best Kept Village | Entry Fees - Higher and Lower Adlington | £50.00 |

5.3 It was resolved to transfer £500 from the RBS savings account to the current account**5.4** It was resolved to agree the recommendations of the Finance Working Group held on 28/02/18 regarding the following:

Community Awards to be made to the following applicants:

Adlington & District in Bloom £200 for the sponsorship of 3 planters

Adlington Luncheon Club £100 for the purchase of a microwave oven & £200 donation

Adlington Senior Citizens £100 for an afternoon tea event & £200 donation

Rivington & Adlington Brass Band £500 to buy music folders for band members

Adlington Scout Group £700 to buy two new tents

Current levels of insurance cover are appropriate. It was noted that the Mayoral Chain should be valued every ten years and it is seven years since this was last done. The long term insurance agreement ends in March 2019 and quotations will be needed shortly.

Current financial control procedures are appropriate and require no change

Year-end audit procedures are appropriate. Last year's internal auditor will be asked to audit the current year's accounts

It was agreed to continue the National Association of Local Councils/Lancashire Association of Local Councils membership and noted that the total subscription has decreased from last year.

Additional training and advice is required regarding compliance with the GDPR legislation.

- 5.5 It was resolved that the Council will purchase a "Silent Soldier" from the Royal British Legion for installation near to the War Memorial at a cost of £250 as it was felt that the village should be part of this country-wide memorial campaign. It was agreed to ask Chorley Council for help with the installation. It was also resolved to let Heath Charnock, Anderton and Rivington Parishes know of the Council's decision and also the Adlington Heritage Group. It was also resolved to contact Horwich Town Council to find out about the large lamp post poppies which were installed there last year. The Council understands that these were sponsored by local businesses at a cost of £5 each.
- 5.6 It was noted that there would be an overspend of around £50 on this year's administrative budget due to the cost of ink cartridges and two-yearly website charges. This has already been addressed by an increase of £100 in the budget for next year.
- 5.7 It was resolved that the Website & Communications working group would discuss the detail of a new website design and possibly set up a draft version on the HugoFox platform. It was noted that residents have been posting village photographs on social media and that permission might be sought to use some of these on the website
- 5.8 It was resolved to continue with the current schedule and also the delivery arrangements for the Update newsletter if Lucy Snape is willing to continue to provide this service.

6 Planning

6.1 New or Amended Applications for consideration None

6.2 Applications to be left for neighbours' comments

It was resolved to leave the following applications for neighbours' comments: **18/00103/FULHH 10 Castle Drive** Porch to front elevation. **18/00124/FULHH 23 Marlow Court** Single storey side and rear extension. **18/00136/FUL 46 Church Street** Section 73 application to vary condition 3 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 16/01163/FUL (which was for the erection of a detached double garage) to allow for the erection of garage with revised layout and elevations. **18/00154/FULHH 27 Thirlmere Close** Single storey front extension. **18/00208/FULHH 36 Sutton Lane** Two storey front gable extension, first floor side extension and single storey rear extension.

7 Items for Discussion

- 7.1 Nominations were made for the Citizen Awards and Stephen Higgins Young Citizen Awards. Final nominations will be discussed and recipients agreed at the April meeting.
- 7.2 It was resolved to agree the Lancashire Best Kept Village Certificate of Merit entries proposed by the Streetscene Working Group at its meeting held on 28/02/18.
- 7.3 It was resolved to contact Bury Council and Bury Police to find out more about their campaign to reduce pavement parking reported in the 18/01/18 edition of the Bolton Evening News.
- 7.4 The Chorley Council Open Spaces questionnaire was completed and will be taken to the Chorley Liaison meeting on 21/03/18 by the Mayor
- 7.5 It was resolved that although it would be beneficial to include the Automated External Defibrillator located on the wall of the Fairpoint building in the weekly checks undertaken by the Council no information is currently available regarding the building ownership, power supply or access code for the unit. It was resolved to contact Cheryl Pickstock at the North West Ambulance Service for further information.
- 7.6 A nomination for Deputy Mayor was proposed and accepted. This will be agreed at the Annual Council Meeting on 14/05/18.
- 7.7 It was agreed to arrange for sandwiches to be provided at the Spinners Arms after the Annual Meetings.

8 Items for Information

- 8.1 The Mayor's Charity Bingo event will take place on Tuesday 27th March at 8pm at St Paul's Church Club
The meeting closed at 8.50pm