

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

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

Members Present:

Councillors A Ball, A Evans, C Hart, J Lowe, J Molyneaux, K O'Donnell, A Robinson, B Speers, P Walkden and A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk)

- 1 Open Forum** None
- 2 Apologies for Absence** were received from the Mayor (Cllr Summers) who was recovering from knee surgery and Cllr F Molyneaux and accepted by the Council. It was resolved that Cllr Walkden (Deputy Mayor) would chair the meeting in the absence of the Mayor.
- 3 Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 18th February 2019 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

3.1 Matters Arising A meeting to discuss this year's Remembrance Sunday has not yet been arranged

4 Declarations of Interest Cllr Lowe declared an interest in item 5.2 because of her involvement with the Bloom Group and item 5.3 as she was to be reimbursed for costs incurred on behalf of the Council. Cllr 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 February 2019

5.2 It was resolved to approve the recommendations of the Finance Working Group meeting held on 14/03/19 with some amendments:

Community Awards funding to be given to applicants as follows:

Adlington in Bloom £300 for the sponsorship of three planters

Adlington Luncheon Club £200 to subsidise a coach trip

Rivington & Adlington Brass Band £600 to buy new uniform jackets and ties

Adlington Carnival £400 to sponsor the attendance of the R&A Band at the Carnival

The remaining £500 in the budget will be kept in reserve for projects which may require funding during the year, for example if a new senior citizens group is started.

Current insurance policy cover is appropriate and the Current insurer (Zurich) represents the best value

The new shredder needs to be added to the asset register, and risk assessments were agreed to be accurate apart from a small change to add the donated tree to the Council Property Risk Assessment.

The Financial Regulations need to be amended to allow the Clerk and Chair to agree spending of up to £200 (currently £100) without authority from the full Council. This will allow for future emergency payments, including replacement supplies which may be required at short notice for the AEDs.

The year end financial controls will remain as for last year and the same internal auditor will be appointed.

It was agreed that four signatories for all of the Town Council bank accounts should be chosen at the first meeting after the May election and that these should remain as the signatories for the full four-year term unless they leave the Council. This will remove the need for the current annual changes.

It was also agreed that any money raised for the "Mayor's Charity" will be managed personally by the serving Mayor who will keep accounts of money raised and donated available for inspection by any Town Councillor.

All money to be donated as appropriate at the end of the Mayor's term of office and the account cleared.

5.3 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Petty Cash	4 x 12 2 nd class stamps	£27.84
Orange	Phone charges 24/02/19 to 23/03/19	£9.74
Lancashire County Council	Hire of meeting space in Adlington Library for 2019	£234.00
Lancashire Best Kept Village	Competition entry (Higher and Lower Adlington)	£60.00
J Lowe	Plants & Compost for planters	£33.96
Zurich Municipal	Annual Town Council insurance premium	£483.16

6 Planning

6.1 New or Amended Applications for consideration

It was resolved to ratify the objections sent to Chorley Planning before this meeting to the following application:

19/00083/FUL Pride of Aggi 10 Babylon Lane Change of use from shop (Use Class A1) to drinking establishment (Use Class A4) for a 2 year temporary period. Comments submitted were as for the previous application 18/00960/FUL regarding possible noise nuisance to neighbours, lack of parking and highway hazard if vehicles deliver or drop-off close to the junction. Comments also included reports received since the premises opened confirming these concerns and of anti-social behaviour. It was noted that Councillors had received several comments from residents objecting to the application, but none in support of it.

18/01227/CLEUD Lengthmans House Park Road Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use comprising the use of a former lock keepers residence as a dwellinghouse (Use Class C3). It was resolved that the Council has no objection to the application but agreed that the property has been derelict for a long time.

19/00198/ADV Land Outside Pincroft Mill And Opposite Railway Hotel Market Street Application for advertisement consent for the display of 1no. Internally illuminated double sided digital bus stop shelter advertisement panel. It was resolved that the Council has no objection but that the location is not clearly stated.

6.2 Other Applications to be left for neighbours' comments. None

6.3 **Applications Refused** It was noted that as application **18/01219/FUL JR's Ale House 20 Church Street** has now received planning approval the appeal previously submitted is no longer required.

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was unnecessary to exclude press and public from the next item as none were present. The Clerk was asked to stay as the complaint received did not involve her. It was resolved to accept the offer of the Mayoress to step down from her role for the remainder of the Mayor's term following complaints received regarding some comments she had made on social media. It was resolved that if she chooses to attend any further events during the Mayor's term of Office this will not be as a representative of the Council.

7.2 It was resolved to contact Lancashire County Council, Stagecoach, and LCC Councillors Keith Iddon and Kim Snape to request provision of a bus service which will connect residents in Lower Adlington with the more frequent bus services available in Higher Adlington, with timings suitable for access to the Youth Zone

7.3 It was resolved to allocate a week in early summer as a Community Litter Pick week and to involve as many village organisations as possible, with a view to making this a monthly event. It was resolved to find out if Chorley Council can also provide a community rubbish skip and arrange the date of the first litter pick around that. Cllr Speers offered to design posters and promote the event.

7.4 The proposals of the Streetscene Working Group regarding the entries for the 2019 Lancashire Best Kept Village competition were agreed

7.5 Names were put forward for the recipients of this year's Citizen Awards and Stephen Higgins Young Citizen Awards. The Clerk will invite them to the Annual Town Meeting.

7.6 It was resolved to advertise for a new delivery service for the Summer edition of the Update newsletter. It is hoped that the previous delivery service will be able to assist with delivery of the current edition, if not it will need to be shared between Council volunteers.

7.7 Assurances have been received from Chorley Council that the clear-up operation following the Fairport Engineering fire is progressing despite a dispute between the insurers.

7.8 A nomination for the role of Deputy Mayor was received. This will be agreed at the Annual Meeting following the May election.

7.9 It was resolved to request a small buffet to follow the Annual Meetings at the Spinners Arms as usual.

7.10 There were no other matters which the Deputy Mayor considered urgent.

8 Items for Information

8.1 Following her enquiries, Cllr Evans has received information from the Co-op indicating that the branch on Market Street was closed because it was not commercially viable.

The meeting closed at 8.53pm