

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 12th April 2010
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Town Mayor Cllr K Ellison

Councillors B Cliffe, C Hart, D Hoyle, B Lee, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, E Sumner, A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch, J Chamberlain, B Bradshaw, A Fox

1 Open Forum

Andy Fox, a local resident, explained his concerns regarding the speed of traffic using the A6 near to the Co-op store in Lower Adlington. He explained his suggestion that the pavement could be extended around the corner, and railings fitted along the extent of this. This would have the effect of slowing traffic approaching this corner both from the Blackrod direction and exiting Park Road. He also expressed concern at the speed of traffic on Railway Road as it reaches the railway bridge, and suggested that the central white line should be altered to indicate the greater level of caution required when approaching the bridge from Lower Adlington. The Clerk will contact Alan Capstick with Mr Fox's comments and also to check on progress with previous requests made for traffic calming measures on and before the railway bridge.

Mr Fox then left the meeting

Janice Chamberlain, the police representative, reported that there has been one serious burglary in Adlington, where a double glazing pane was removed to facilitate entry to the building. She urged residents to check the construction and security of double glazed units in their homes. All other offences were domestic and public order matters. She agreed to pass on Mr Fox's concerns relating to the traffic and parking in Lower Adlington to the local police.

Barry Bradshaw, Facilities Officer for Fairpoint, addressed the meeting on the subject of car parking along the A6 near to the Fairpoint offices, Sharju's restaurant and the Spinners Arms. Complaints have been received by the Council that cars are parking on both sides of the road at this point and that this is making the road dangerous. Mr Bradshaw informed the meeting that as one of the largest Debt Management companies they employ 440 people and despite having a total of 280 car parking spaces they do have problems particularly in the middle of the day when shifts overlap. They have made arrangements with other organisations to use surplus parking space in the village, but Mr Bradshaw pointed out that the lack of restrictions on the road in front of the offices makes it impossible for them to stop employees parking there. He explained that the company would support any move to introduce parking restrictions on the A6

Mrs Chamberlain then left the meeting

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr J Molyneaux and Cllr D Snape

3 **Minutes of the Meeting of 15th March 2010** Moved by Cllr Lowe and seconded by Cllr Cliffe. These were accepted as a true record.

3.1 Chorley Council are looking into the complaint received about encroachment by residents onto land adjacent to Footpath 9. Liberata will confirm ownership within the next few days.

4 **Declarations of Interest** – none.

Item 7.6 was moved to the start of the meeting

7.6 It was agreed that the Clerk would contact both Chorley Council and Lancashire County Council to request an assessment of the parking problems and consultation with residents, and that the Town Council be kept informed of progress. *Mr Bradshaw then left the meeting*

Finance

- 5 It was agreed that following problems linking the “Treasurers Account” (current balance £604.83) with the other Town Council bank accounts for address and signatories, and the fact that the “Gold Deposit Account” (current balance £0.01) is no longer used, these should be closed and any funds transferred to the “Business Instant Access Reserve Account”.

- 5.1 The following payments were approved:

L Crouch	Salary	
LALC	Annual subscription	£532.20
K Ellison for daily.co.uk	Instant Website for two years Helping Hand	£42.09 £82.25
Adlington & District Community Centre	Community Award	£500
Adlington & District in Bloom	Community Award	£200
St Paul’s Church Clock Fund	Community Award	£150
J Lowe for LBKVC	Application fee	£30
Sprintprint	3000 x Update printing	£401
V Holden	Update delivery	£200

- 5.2 It was agreed to transfer £2400 from the savings account to the business account

6 Planning

Cllr Cliffe has circulated further correspondence on the subject of the St Paul’s Church planning application. The Clerk was asked to contact the conservation officer at Chorley Council expressing the Town Council’s support for his suggestions that a rear extension should be considered and that any extension should differ only subtly from the main fabric of the church. It was also suggested that the toilet could be sited inside the main building. Cllr Cliffe also reported that Chorley have now commissioned an independent survey into the noise from the Paintballing site.

6.1 New Applications

10/00033/FUL 8 Norwood Close – side and rear extension incorporating aviary. This is a resubmission of the withdrawn application 09/00967/FUL. It was agreed to leave this for neighbours to comment.

Two new applications have been notified since the meeting agenda was circulated
10/00226/FUL 17 Thirlmere Close - erection of a single storey rear extension and front porch
10/00274/FUL 32 Anglezarke – replacement side garage and erection of single storey side extension. It was agreed that these should be left for neighbours to comment.

Applications Withdrawn 10/00110/FUL Sandons Farm – change to floor level

Applications Permitted 10/00025/FUL 43 Westhoughton Road – single storey extension

7 Items For Discussion

- 7.1 It was agreed that the Open Forum should remain as now, with allocation of time for visitors to address the meeting at the discretion of the Chair.

- 7.2 Discussion of the hanging basket provision was deferred until May. The Mayor called a short Extraordinary meeting to take place 15 minutes before the start of the Annual Meeting to allow further details of the quotations received to be obtained before a decision is made.

- 7.3 The Mayor will contact daily.co.uk to check on the website progress

- 7.4 The Mayor will contact CADNWA to check the SPID bracket request

- 7.5 Cllr Cliffe reported that the Highway Investigation into the ownership of the land in front of the Ridgway Arms should soon be underway. An anonymous call has been received regarding the untidiness of the area in front of the pub, the Clerk will contact Admiral Taverns.

- 7.6 *This item had been discussed earlier in the meeting*

- 7.7 The Mayor has registered for the Market Towns Academy Sustainability Toolkit on the Council's behalf
- 7.8 The Clerk will arrange a date to discuss the archive requirements
- 7.9 No response has yet been received from the Community Payback service. The Clerk will contact them again to find out if the notice board work can be done.
- 7.10 *This discussion was included in the Planning section*
- 7.11 Three recipients of the 2010 Adlington Citizens Awards were agreed. The Clerk will invite them to the Annual Meeting.
- 7.12 Cllr Cliffe reported that Lancashire Locals were informed that Chorley Council will be installing low-carbon lighting throughout the borough, but not yet in Adlington. The Clerk was asked to write to LCC Engineering to find out when the village is scheduled for this change. It was also reported that Chorley schools are performing well by national achievement standards.
- 7.13 Cllr Cliffe reported that the Bus Transport/Concessionary Travel Bite Sized Briefing presentation he attended on 29 March 2010 provided an overview of the bus services and their usage across the County and the success of the concessionary travel schemes, funding for which will shortly be centralised. The importance of customer confidence in the reliability of the public transport system was emphasised. LCC will review requests for changes to the services and timetable and will endeavour to add services where the criteria are met.
- 7.14 No decision was made on the appointment of a Town Mayor for 2010/11. Cllr Wilson is willing to continue as Deputy Mayor.

8 Items for Information

- 8.1 As no applications for the Councillor vacancy have as yet been received, it was agreed to extend the closing date.
- 8.2 Individual nominations for Chorley Council's Smile Awards can be submitted until 21/5/10
- 8.3 A complaint has been received regarding the route taken to one house to deliver the Update. Cllr Lowe will speak to the people who deliver this on behalf of the Town Council.
- 8.4 An email has been received from a resident commenting on the litter in the village, and questioning the LBKVC application. Cllr Lowe will speak to Chorley Council about this.
- 8.5 The Mayor will arrange the buffet to follow the Annual Meeting and AGM
- 8.6 Information regarding the War Memorials Conference in June was circulated.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm