

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 20th April 2015
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor Cllr D Croft

Councillors A Evans, C Hart, S Higgins, B Lee, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, J Smethurst, A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk) and PCSO Sarah Swinscoe

1 Open Forum

PCSO Swinscoe did not have any crime to report, although Councillors commented on the number of drivers ignoring red traffic lights both at the top and bottom of Railway Road. She was also asked to check on the abandoned building by the canal in Lower Adlington as residents had reported activity in the area. Cllr Evans will pass on the ownership details of the property to PCSO Swinscoe.

The Mayor thanked PCSO Swinscoe for attending

2 Apologies for Absence None

3 **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16th March** 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.

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for March 2015 and the balance sheet for the year 2014/15.

5.2 It was resolved to approve the quotation from Chorley Council of £4,270.28 including VAT for the provision of 40 hanging baskets in summer 2015 (cost per basket £88.96 + VAT)

5.3 It was resolved that Cllr Croft would look into the options for replacement computer equipment and software.

5.4 It was resolved to approve the following payments, and noted that the Orange bill dates were incorrectly shown as those for the previous month on the agenda:

L Crouch	Salary	
Orange	Phone charges 24/03/15 to 23/04/15	£9.31
absigns	WW1 commemoration plaque (brought to the meeting)	£48.00
LALC/NALC	Annual subscription	£631.51

5.5 It was resolved to transfer £1000 from the RBS savings account to the business current account.

6 Planning

6.1 New Applications

15/00294/FUL Land To The West Of 8 Chester Place Erection of 6 two storey dwellings with car parking and associated landscaping. It was resolved that although the Council welcomes the provision of additional affordable housing, it was concerned that access to the site would be difficult for large construction vehicles. It was resolved to contact Chorley Council to request that for reasons of road safety a restriction on the times the site can be accessed by construction vehicles (9.30am until 2.30pm) is included if the application is approved, and that the future provision of off-road parking for residents of Chester Place is considered in order to improve access.

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved to contact representatives of the "Spice Credits" scheme to express the opinion that there are not enough relevant places to spend the credits, that the conditions are not always clear, and that printed information should be available on a more regular basis for the benefit of those volunteers who do not use a computer.

7.2 It was resolved that it was more appropriate for the **LCC Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan Consultation** responses to be completed by individuals.

7.3 The request from the CPRE for liaison with Parish & Town Councils was noted.

PCSO Swinscoe left the meeting.

7.4 Although Cllr Smethurst did not stand for re-election in May, he is happy to continue to design the Update newsletter once he has left the Council. It was resolved that no charge would be made for advertising local events where these are organised by local not-for-profit organisations, but that there was no guarantee that space would always be available to all contributors.

7.5 It was resolved to defer any major changes to the website until later in the year. Cllr Hart will assist the Clerk in monitoring the twitter account once Cllr Croft has left the Council.

7.6 It was resolved to contact Network Rail to ask whether the section of footpath 5 which crosses the railway line can still be used by the public until construction work begins on the footbridge.

7.7 Cllr Alison Evans was nominated as Deputy Mayor for 2015/16 and accepted the nomination.

7.8 A resident has been in contact with the Council to say that it appears that paintballing is starting up again on the former Delta Force site. It was agreed that the information should be passed on to the enforcement officer at Chorley Council for his comments.

8 Items for Information

8.1 As this was his last full Council meeting as he did not stand for re-election, Cllr Croft thanked the Councillors for their support during his time on the Town Council.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm