

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 10th April 2017
in Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Councillors C Hart, B Lee, J Lowe, K O'Donnell, A Robinson, T Summers, P Walkden and A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk)

1 Open Forum None

2 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Evans who was away, Cllr F Molyneux, Cllr J Molyneux who was attending another meeting and Cllr Ball who was away and these were accepted by the Council. It was resolved that in the absence of the Mayor the meeting would be chaired by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Robinson

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th March 2017 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

3.1 Matters Arising None

4 Declarations of Interest Cllr Lowe declared an interest in item 5.2 as she is a member of both the FoAL group and the Adlington & District In Bloom Group

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for March 2017. It was also resolved to approve the balance sheet and income and expenditure reports for 2016/17 which will be sent to the auditors

5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

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| L Crouch | Salary | |
| Petty Cash | Imprest – printer cartridges | £37.78 |
| Orange | Phone charges 24/03/17 to 23/04/17 | £9.50 |
| LALC | Membership subscription | £556.75 |
| Adlington/Anderton/Heath Charnock Senior Citizens | Community Award | £204.00 |
| Adlington Luncheon Club | Community Award | £224.00 |
| Adlington & District In Bloom | Community Award | £324.00 |
| Rivington & Adlington Brass Band | Community Award | £474.00 |
| Friends of Adlington Library | Community Award | £774.00 |

5.3 It was resolved to transfer £3000 from the RBS savings account to the current account.

5.4 It was resolved to approve the proposals of the Streetscene Working Group held on 21/03/17 as follows:

- the proposed Certificate of Merit entries for the Lancashire Best Kept Village entry were approved
- it was resolved to approve expenditure of up to £1000 & VAT for the purchase and installation of a suitable aluminium notice board. Further information is required regarding the suitability of the board for which a quotation has been received as it will need to be affixed to railings which are owned by Chorley Community Housing. The Clerk will contact the supplier and CCH for further information.
- Councillors should contact the Clerk with any specific concerns regarding street signs in the village
- the Streetscene Working Group will research the options for the installation of a Christmas Tree outside the library and bring details of costs and to a future meeting.

5.5 It was resolved to accept the proposal from Lindsay Blackstock at Chorley Council that the £943.66 Community Infrastructure Levy money allocated to the Town Council in November 2016 should be used to purchase a Rota-Roka for the new toddler play area on the Jubilee Recreation Ground, at a full cost including installation of £971.08. It was resolved that before any decision can be made on the use of the additional £943.66 recently received in CiL funding more information is needed regarding the plans and timescale for the improvement of King George V recreation ground. It was resolved to contact Chorley Council for information regarding this.

6 Planning**6.1 New or amended applications**

17/00235/DIS Land surrounding Huyton Terrace Application to discharge condition 17 (play area) attached to reserved matters approval 15/506/REMMAJ. It was resolved to contact Chorley Council to request that the privacy issues which have been raised by residents are addressed before this planning condition is discharged

17/00275/FULHH 26 The Common Single storey side extension. It was resolved to leave this for neighbours' comments

6.2 Applications to be left for neighbours' comments None

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 The Central Lancashire Employment Land Study consultation was noted

7.2 Cllr O'Donnell summarised the section of the Lancashire County Council draft School Place Provision Strategy which relates to Adlington. It appears that a shortfall of 63 primary school places is predicted by January 2022 for the Rivington & Adlington Area. It was resolved to contact LCC to ask what provision will be made to address this as the Council was informed that plans were in place to cater for the increase in demand at the time the Huyton Fields housing development was approved and now urgent action is required to avoid the shortfall. It was resolved to copy the LCC Councillor and local MP in to the Council's response.

- 7.3 It was resolved to respond to the LCC Bus Stop Clearway notice for Bolton Road with the following concerns:
- The proposed Clearway is close to both the junction with Rothwell Road and the entrance to the Douglas Meadow development which is likely to cause additional traffic congestion in an already busy section of Bolton Road. The Council suggests that it is more appropriate to locate the Bus Clearway further towards Bolton
 - Planning conditions linked to the Douglas Meadow development recognised the need to preserve parking spaces for residents of Bolton Road. The proposed clearway would reduce parking provision for residents.
 - Any bus clearway on this busy route will need to be enforced. The Council is aware that bus clearways located elsewhere in the village are often ignored by motorists.
- 7.4 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council to find out how many times the wall at the junction of Harrison Road and Hatton Street has been damaged by heavy vehicle impact and who has paid for the repairs, and to ask that the cause of the repeat damage is investigated fully with a view to preventing its recurrence.
- 7.5 Local residents are reporting an apparent spike in crime reports on social media. Concern was expressed that recent crime figures have not been provided and it was resolved to contact the local police for accurate figures and to find out if police are being deployed out of the area for any reason. It was additionally resolved to contact the Police and Crime Commissioner and local MP with these concerns.
- 7.6 It was resolved to report Health and Safety concerns regarding the blocked bridge reported by a resident as being on the Adlington Circular Walk. Cllr O'Donnell will try to establish the exact location of the bridge.
- 7.7 The names of the two recipients of this year's Citizen Awards and the three recipients of the new Stephen Higgins Young Citizen Awards were agreed. It was resolved that next year it would be specified that nominations would not be accepted from family members. It was agreed that up to £200 & VAT would be spent on shields for the Young Citizen Awards and that this would be taken from the contingency budget
- 7.8 It was resolved to send a letter of condolence to Lois Birtwistle on the death of Alan Birtwistle recognising his contribution to the local community over many years.
It was resolved to contact the police again about the damage to a paving stone in front of the Council notice board on Park Road
Cllr Summers was nominated as Deputy Mayor for 2017/18 and accepted the nomination.
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Items for Information
- 8.1 Cllr Lee explained his decision to resign from the Town Council with effect from 30/04/17
The meeting closed at 8.50pm