

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 16th April 2018
in Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:**Mayor** A Robinson**Councillors** A Evans, C Hart, J Lowe, K O'Donnell, B Speers, T Summers, P Walkden and A Wilson**In Attendance:** L Crouch (Clerk)**1 Open Forum** None**2 Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr F Molyneux and Cllr J Molyneux and accepted by the Council. *Cllr Ball sent apologies after the meeting as he was delayed and unable to contact the Council.***3 Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 19th March 2018 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.**3.1 Matters Arising** The Clerk explained that the Silent Soldier figure would hopefully be available to order from the RBL in May and that it had been confirmed by Chorley Council that planning permission was not required. Sean Blake from Chorley Council has offered to help with the installation. The Spring edition of the Update newsletter has been delayed at the design stage but should be ready by the end of April**4 Declarations of Interest** Cllr Lowe and Cllr O'Donnell declared an interest in item 5.3 as funding has been agreed for the Adlington & District in Bloom Group of which they are members. Cllr Evans also declared an interest in item 5.3 as funding has been agreed for the Adlington Scout Group with which she is involved.**5 Finance****5.1** It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for March 2018. It was also resolved to approve the balance sheet and income and expenditure reports for the year 2017/18 on which the annual audit returns will be based.**5.2** It was resolved that the Town Council meets the definition of an Exempt Authority with financial transactions for the purposes of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ending 31 March 2018 and will therefore complete and submit the AGAR part 2 form to the external auditor PKF Littlejohn. The Responsible Finance Officer and Mayor will sign the Certificate of Exemption confirming this along with completion of the appropriate statements.**5.3** It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Orange	Phone charges 24/03/17 to 23/04/18	£9.74
LALC	Annual Subscription	£549.65
Zurich	Insurance Premium	£445.95
Adlington & District In Bloom Group	Community Award	£200.00
Adlington Luncheon Club	Community Award	£300.00
Adlington Senior Citizens	Community Award	£300.00
Rivington & Adlington Brass Band	Community Award	£500.00
Adlington Scout Group	Community Award	£700.00

5.4 It was resolved to transfer £3500 from the RBS savings account to the current account**5.5** It was resolved to increase the insurance budget for 2018/19 from £500 to £1000, carrying forward the unspent budget from 2017/18, as the invoice was received late and paid in the current financial year.**6 Planning****6.1 New or Amended Applications for consideration****18/00191/FUL Land Rear Of 24/26 Westhoughton Road** Erection of 7no. dwellings and associated works. Concern has been expressed by a local resident regarding the lack of clarity on the position of buildings in the plans, incorrect information regarding wildlife, potential for flooding and inadequate drainage of the land, domestic power supply to the site and the unsuitable access road. It was resolved to contact Chorley Planning supporting these concerns.**18/00273/CB3 Play Area Chapel Street** Change of use to residents' car park (following removal of former children's play area). It was agreed that additional off-road parking is necessary in this area and that the application should be left for neighbours to comment.**6.2 Applications to be left for neighbours' comments**It was resolved to leave the following applications for neighbours' comments: **18/00246/FULHH 31 The Common** Two storey side extension including balcony to rear. **18/00290/FULHH 133 Carrington Road** Single extension to rear. **18/00309/FULHH 30 Grove Crescent** First floor side extension, single storey side/rear extension and front pitched roof.**7 Items for Discussion****7.1** A draft list of meeting dates for 2018/19 was circulated and approved.

- 7.2 Cllrs O'Donnell, Evans, Speers and Walkden will attend the Chorley Youth Zone Supporters Open Day on 03/05/18
- 7.3 One recipient of the Citizen Award and two recipients of the Stephen Higgins Young Citizen Award were agreed. The Clerk will invite them to the Annual Meetings and obtain the certificates and SHYC awards
- 7.4 The NALC Local Government Ethical Standards Consultation was discussed. It was resolved that the Council is happy with the processes currently in place.
- 7.5 It was resolved to forward the response received from LCC via County Cllr Kim Snape in response to the Town Council's concern regarding the potential shortfall in Adlington and Rivington primary school places (which confirms this to be 74 places in the next five years) to Chorley Council Planning and to ask who made the decision to reduce the education contribution from the Douglas Meadow housing development from £698,139 to £155,000. It was also agreed to invite someone from the department to attend a meeting of the Council to discuss the problem. It was additionally resolved to contact Cllr Snape to ask about the progress of the LCC "scoping exercise" referred to in the letter.
- 7.6 It was resolved that as this year marks the centenary of the end of the First World War a meeting of all the groups involved in Remembrance Sunday should be held earlier than usual. This will be held on 13/06/18.
- 7.7 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council for an update on the improvement work planned for the King George V Recreation Ground
- 7.8 It was resolved to contact Northern (Arriva) for a response to the concerns expressed by a resident that the new May rail timetable will not include a direct rail service from Adlington to Preston apart from at peak times meaning a change of trains at Buckshaw Parkway will be necessary, and that this change has not been widely publicised.
- 7.9 The Clerk was asked to check on progress with the re-instatement of one-way traffic outside the Tesco Express and to also contact the Police for recent crime statistics and to find out whether the extra patrols reported by the Deputy Chief Inspector for the area have been effective in reducing local crime.
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Items for Information
- 8.1 The Council congratulated the Mayor on raising £1500 for the Mayor's Charity this year. The funds will be used to support the Friends of Adlington Library, Adlington & District Luncheon Club and the Friends for You group.
The meeting closed at 8.45pm