

# ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

## Members Present:

Mayor Cllr C Hart

Councillors K Ellison, J Lowe, K Snape, E Sumner

**In Attendance:** L Crouch (Clerk), Zoe Whiteside (Head of Housing, Chorley Council), John Wright (Regional Development Manager, Places for People), Ashle Whittle and Joe Parry (the Urban Project), a Police Representative and one member of the public.

*Before the start of the meeting, Cllr J Lowe made her declaration of acceptance of the position of Deputy Mayor before the assembled Councillors.*

## 1 Open Forum

The police representative had nothing to report. The next PACT meeting will be on 2/6/11.

*The police representative then left the meeting*

Zoe Whiteside gave the meeting a printed summary of the plans for the allocation of the new rented housing at Fairview. This will give priority to applicants with links to Adlington and Anderton who have appropriate housing needs. She was asked whether links to Heath Charnock would give priority and said that this could not now be included in the policy but would be taken into consideration operationally. The housing will not be available to anyone outside the Borough of Chorley, and all applicants will be interviewed. Applications are currently being accepted and allocation will start in mid-September with the four properties accessed via Farm Avenue, continuing with the rest of the properties from late November. The Mayor thanked Ms Whiteside and Mr Wright for the allocation policy information.

*Zoe Whiteside and John Wright then left the meeting*

Ashle Whittle gave a short video presentation on the subject of indoor BMX and skateboarding. He is currently in negotiations to obtain the lease on the WST Engineering building which is now empty and will be submitting a "social enterprise" planning application shortly for its re-use as a non-profit making indoor BMX and skatepark, to also include a roller rink. He has been conducting surveys and liaising with interested organisations and hopes to include elements of training, IT, work placement and clubs in his organisational plan. The team working on the project comprises experts in each aspect of the proposal. The Mayor thanked Mr Whittle for his attendance at the meeting and the information about the project.

*Mr Whittle and Mr Parry then left the meeting*

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr D Hoyle, Cllr B Lee, Cllr F Molyneaux, Cllr J Molyneaux and Cllr A Wilson and accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011** were moved by Cllr Lowe and seconded by Cllr Ellison. These were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** The Mayor has completed the Parish and Town Council Charter questionnaire on the Town Council's behalf (item 7.3)

4 **Declarations of Interest** None

## 5 Finance

5.1 The Annual Accounts 2010-11 (section 1 of the Annual Return) were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor

5.2 The Annual Governance Statement 2010-11 (section 2 of the Annual Return) was approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor

5.3 The statement of accounts and budget review for April 2011 was approved.

5.4 The following payments were approved:

L Crouch	Salary	
B Cliffe	Frames and certificate paper	£12.97
A Gilmartin (Spinners Arms)	Annual Meeting buffet	£65.13
CBS Office supplies	Printer paper	£48.60
C Hart	Mayor's allowance	

An item of imprest for petty cash was included on the agenda in error and was not paid.

5.4 It was agreed to transfer £1200 from the savings account to the business current account

## 6 Planning

### 6.1 New Applications

**11/00275/COU Taylors Memorials 32 Chorley Road** Change of use from vacant retail shop into one-bedroom apartment. The Town Council expressed its support for this application

**11/00306/FUL 8 Huyton Terrace** Conversion of the loft to living accommodation incorporating front and rear dormers, erection of a two storey side extension, erection of a front and rear porch and construction

of a pool within the rear garden. It was agreed that this should be left for neighbours to comment, although concern was expressed that this is a significant development close to "safeguarded" land.

**11/00381/FUL 3 Castle Drive** Erection of a rear conservatory. It was agreed that this should be left for neighbours to comment.

The Clerk will contact Chorley Planning with the Council's comments on all of these applications.

It was noted for information that planning application **11/00161/FUL 107A Chorley Road** - Erection of an A1 retail unit including ATM, plant and car parking alterations - has been refused although the reason for this is not yet known. The Clerk will find out before the next meeting.

6.2 **Appeal Application**

**10/00034/REFUSE** Grove Farm. The result of the appeal is not yet known.

**7 Items For Discussion**

7.1 It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Network Rail to ask them to clarify the rules for warning signals from trains on the approach to the unmanned level crossing.

7.2 No further information is available regarding the public transport consultation and workshop held on 7/5/11

7.3 The Clerk was asked to contact Chorley Council to express support for the proposals included in the Interim Parking Policy document

7.4 It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Northern Rail to ask for reassurance that the provision of the new station at Buckshaw will have no adverse effect on the Adlington rail service.

7.5 The Town Council agreed with the sentiments expressed by Charnock Richard Parish Council in its letter to LAPTCCAC regarding the proposals for Parish Council representation on the new Three Tier Forum. The Clerk and Mayor will agree the content of a letter to be sent to LAPTCCAC and copied to Mike Otter, Geoff Driver and Pat Case on behalf of the Town Council

7.6 United Utilities have expressed their intention to start work to solve the leak problem outside 32 Bolton Road at the end of May

7.7 The Clerk was asked to forward the suggestions from a resident for increases in yellow lines and speed restrictions at the junction of Babylon Lane and Fielding Place to Alan Capstick for consideration.

7.8 Bernard Cliffe will keep the Clerk informed of any developments regarding the adoption of the Fairview estate roads as he lives there and is currently looking into this

7.9 It was agreed that hanging baskets close to the central shopping areas of the village are a priority. Cllr Lowe will liaise with Peter Dodd to agree the locations.

*At this point standing orders were suspended to allow the meeting to continue for a further 15 minutes*

7.10 It was agreed that co-option to the vacant seats on the Council will be subject to informal interviews with all applicants to which all Councillors will be invited. The interviews will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at Fairview Community Centre. The Clerk will invite the applicants to attend following the advertised closing date of 3/5/11

7.11 Advertising and other possible items for inclusion in the next edition of the Update newsletter were discussed.

7.12 The new Mayor thanked the Council for the support and advice he has been given since taking on the role. Cllr Snape raised the question of election expenses and whether a null return is required by Chorley Council. The Clerk will check with Phil Davies and circulate the answer.

**8 Items for Information**

8.1 The Clerk will be on holiday for the week commencing 6 June 2011.

*The meeting closed at 9.10pm*