

# ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013  
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

## Members Present:

Mayor B Lee  
Councillors D Croft, G Dunn, C Hart, S Higgins, J Smethurst, E Sumner, A Wilson

**In Attendance:** L Crouch (Clerk), County Councillor Kim Snape, a Police representative and four members of the public.

## 1 Open Forum

Mrs Gillian Smith asked the Council why it had not been represented at one of the recent Chorley Council Local Plan Hearings. The Mayor explained that the Council was unaware that representations regarding individual sites included in the Plan could be made at this stage and that the matter would be discussed in item 6.2. *The four residents then left the meeting.*

The Police representative explained that there is currently a new sergeant with responsibility for Adlington, Lana Palmer-Davis, who will be taking over from Sergeant Bramhall for six months while he is engaged in other duties. The Mayor asked the representative to invite Sergeant Palmer-Davis to a future Council meeting. The representative suggested that any problems similar to those to be addressed by the Council in item 7.5 could be reported directly to PCSO Debra Jones for action. *The Police representative then left the meeting.*

County Cllr Kim Snape introduced herself to the Council as the new LCC Councillor for the local area, and explained that she can be contacted regarding any issues of concern to the village. The Mayor congratulated her on becoming a County Councillor, and asked for her assistance in monitoring the progress of the project to electrify the railway line through the village, particularly as this would be a good time for the replacement of the Railway Road bridge to be considered.

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllrs J Lowe, F Molyneaux and J Molyneaux who were on holiday and accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013 and the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013** were accepted as true records and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising.** None.

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Dunn explained that he would take no part in the Planning section discussions because he is now on the Development Control Committee at Chorley Council.

## 5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the Annual Accounts 2012-13 (Section 1 Annual Return) and this was signed by the Mayor.

5.2 It was resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2012-13 (Section 2 Annual Return) and this was signed by the Mayor

5.3 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for April 2013.

5.4 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Petty Cash	Imprest - stamps	£24.00
Orange	Phone charges 24/04/13 to 23/05/13	£9.31
CBS	Stationery supplies	£53.16
A Gilmartin	Mayor's Inauguration refreshments	£133.76
Benegrph Signs	Memorial plaques for Edna Shone bench and tree	£84.00
B Lee	Mayor's Allowance	£750.00

5.4 It was resolved to transfer £1400 from the savings to the business current account

5.5 It was resolved to remove Cllr A Wilson from the list of approved Town Council bank account signatories and add Cllr D Croft.

## 6 Planning

6.1 It was resolved that the Planning Working Group would meet a week before each Council meeting to discuss any new applications in more detail and make recommendations to the Council. Concern was expressed that some important planning decisions are made by Chorley Council using delegated powers as recommended by officers.

*The meeting was suspended to allow a point of information from the County Councillor*

Cllr K Snape reminded the Council that if one of the Borough Councillors asks for an application to go to the Development Control Committee, it cannot be decided using delegated powers.

*The meeting was reconvened.*

6.2 It was resolved to ask the Planning Inspector to clarify the comments made to Adlington residents who attended the Chorley Local Plan 2012-2026 Hearing, which implied that there should have been "representation" from the local Council and that this would have had a bearing on her determination.

- 6.3 **New Applications**  
**13/00267/FUL Crawshaw Hall Farm The Common** The conversion of an agricultural building to form a single dwelling including the erection of a single storey extension. It was resolved that there was no objection as the application is a re-submission of plans approved in 2007  
**13/00359/FUL White Bear Marina, Park Road** Change of use of overnight caravan site to outdoor caravan store facility. It was resolved that there was no objection.  
**13/00322/FUL Land Bounded By Park Road And Acresfield** Section 73 application to amend the wording of condition 3 (Code for Sustainable Homes) of application 10/00770/FUL. As current legislation requires that homes are built to this standard, it was resolved that there was no objection.  
**13/00366/FUL 39 And 41 Mayfield Avenue** Erection of single storey rear extension and **13/00398/FUL 22 Daisy Hill Drive** Erection of two storey rear extension. It was resolved to leave these for neighbours' comments.  
**13/00401/REMAJ Grove Farm Railway Road** Section 73 application to vary condition 7 attached to reserved matters approval 11/01024/REMAJ (boundary treatments). It was resolved to contact Chorley Planning department for clarification as concern has been expressed by a resident that the plans submitted are inconsistent with boundary fencing currently under construction, for example a proposed 1.8m fence between the site and the Community Centre car park is being erected on top of an existing retaining wall giving an increased total height and leading to a loss of light for the building.
- 6.4 **Applications Granted**  
The following permissions were noted:  
**09/13/0133 Sandons Farm, Sandy Lane** Temporary change of use for the storage of materials including areas for the sorting, treating, crushing and screening of construction demolition and excavated soil/waste for use in the restoration of the quarry with surplus material being sold back to the market  
**13/00153/COU 152 Chorley Road** Change of use from residential (C3 use) to a beauty salon (sui generis)
- 6.5 It was resolved to contact LCC regarding the proposed changes to the County Council's planning application validation checklist, to ask for a summary of the specific changes proposed.
- 7 Items for Discussion**
- 7.1 It was resolved to accept the resignation of Cllr D Hoyle from the Town Council. The Mayor will write to Lord Hoyle to express the Council's regret at his decision. The Vacancy Notice must be displayed on the notice boards until 4/6/13. It was agreed to discuss co-option to the vacancy at the next meeting if no request for an election is received.
- 7.2 It was resolved to use the free "Dropbox" service to secure the Council's computer files.
- 7.3 It was resolved to defer discussion of Facebook to a future meeting
- 7.4 It was resolved to defer discussion of the condition of the sports pitches on Jubilee Playing Fields until after the Adlington Carnival weekend
- 7.5 It was resolved to contact the Police directly regarding the dog fouling complaints received
- 7.6 It was resolved to email the County Councillor regarding the temporary repair which has been done to the railings at the junction of Railway Road and the A6.
- 7.7 It was resolved to submit any items for inclusion in the next newsletter to Cllr Smethurst
- 7.8 Cllr Dunn reported that complaints regarding the current use of the site previously used for Paintballing have been passed on to Chorley Council officers for action. The owner can legally use the site for 28 days in the year, but concern has been expressed regarding noise and foul language. It was resolved to contact Steve Aldous at Chorley Council to ask that the Council is kept informed.
- 7.9 The suggestion of the Streetscene Working Group that one or two community notice boards should be purchased at a cost of £855 each was discussed. It was resolved that Cllr Croft will look into the possibility of obtaining a grant or working in partnership with a local organisation to fund this.  
*It was resolved to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue until 9.15pm*
- 7.10 It was resolved that the Mayor will consider a response to the Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2013-17 Consultation and bring any comments to the next meeting for approval
- 7.11 It was resolved to contact Chorley Community Housing to find out the proposed start date for the construction of the community garden on the land to the rear of Chester Place
- 7.12 It was resolved to discuss problem areas for Estate Parking at the next meeting so that these can be taken to the Chorley Council Neighbourhood Area meeting at the end of June.
- 7.13 There were no further items for discussion
- 8 Items for Information**
- 8.1 Compensation of £345 has been received for the planter destroyed in a traffic incident last year
- 8.2 Cllr Croft expressed an interest in attending a "New Councillors & Clerks" course  
*The meeting closed at 9.15pm*