

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 19th May 2014
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor Cllr D Croft

Councillors A Evans, S Higgins, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, J Smethurst, E Sumner, A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), a Police Representative and four members of the public

1 Open Forum

Local residents Mrs Baxendale and Mr Pilkington were in attendance to express their views regarding the request from the Council for ideas to improve the rail service from the village. Mrs Pilkington said that she would use the service more if there was more than one train per hour, but that the fear of missing this one train or of it being delayed or cancelled means she reluctantly uses alternative methods of transport in most situations. Mr Pilkington suggested that the Council should ask Northern Rail for additional stops to be made at Adlington and Blackrod as part of the Preston to Hazel Grove and return services as this would provide both half-hourly services and access to Manchester Piccadilly for connecting services.

Local business owners Mr Bowen and Mr Mehta expressed their concern at the effect of the new Tesco store customers and staff on local parking and the impact of this on local businesses, and presented a petition to the Council on the subject signed by representatives of 13 local businesses. They requested that the Council considers asking LCC to remove parking restrictions on Chorley Road. Cllr J Molyneaux explained that the extension of the car park area on Harding Street to increase provision by around 10-12 spaces is now a priority for the Chorley Council Local Neighbourhood Area Group, and that this should partially alleviate the problem.

The Police representative said that the most recent PACT meeting was online. Cllr Sumner will attend the meeting to be held on 5/6/14. Concern had been expressed by residents regarding car parking on Grove Avenue and the restriction of access for emergency vehicles, so this will be passed on to the local Police.

The Police Representative then left the meeting

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr Dunn who was canvassing for the Chorley Borough elections, Cllr Hart who was on holiday, and Cllr Lee who was absent for family reasons and accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th April and the Annual Council Meeting held on Monday 12th May** were each accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** It was agreed that the response from Chorley Planning Department regarding the drainage ditch on the Bellway site should be sent on to Mr Clewlow

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr J Molyneaux declared an interest in item 6 as she is a member of Chorley Council Development Control Committee.

It was resolved to move items 7.3 and 7.12 up the agenda for the benefit of the public in attendance

7.3 It was resolved to take the following action regarding the parking problems related to the new retail development and discussed in the Open Forum:

- To confirm with Chorley Planning department that the agreed (12) number of public parking spaces is now available in the Tesco car park
- To contact Chorley Council with the Town Council's concern that current parking restrictions on Chorley Road are not being enforced
- To contact LCC with a request that the "pinch point" on Chorley Road is removed, and that consideration is given to the provision of at least one limited time (30 minutes only) parking space on each side of the road
- To contact Tesco to confirm how many of their 15 employees are from outside the village and require parking spaces and whether these are being provided on site
- To consider in more detail the petition presented by the business owners at the next meeting

Mr Bowen and Mr Mehta left the meeting

7.12 It was resolved to contact Northern Rail to request that at least one additional stop at Adlington and if possible also Blackrod is included in the next timetable change for the Preston to Hazel Grove service, and that copies of the correspondence are sent to County Cllr Snape and the local MP. It was also resolved to request that capacity is increased at peak times to enable the potential demand for the service to be met.

Mr Pilkington and Mrs Baxendale left the meeting

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the Annual Accounts 2013-14 (Section 1 Annual Return) and this was

signed by the Mayor

- 5.2 It was resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2013-14 (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 2014
- 5.4 It was resolved to defer consideration of changes to the Town Council Financial Regulations based on the recommended version published by the National Association of Local Councils in March 2014 until the next meeting to allow Cllr Wilson and the Clerk to consider the changes required
- 5.5 It was resolved to approve the £35 charge for the hire of the St Paul's Club for Civic Sunday. It was also resolved that the buffet should cost around £200 and that any funds remaining in the Civic Sunday budget after the event would be reallocated when needed. The Clerk will send out invitations once the details have been agreed with the Mayor.
- 5.6 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Petty Cash	Imprest – stamps	£12.72
Orange	Phone charges 24/04/14 to 23/05/14	£9.31
A Gilmartin	Mayor's Inauguration refreshments	£150.53
D Croft	Mayor's Allowance	£750.00
J Dickinson	Internal Audit	£50.00

- 5.7 It was resolved to transfer £1500 from the RBS savings account to the business current account.
- 5.8 It was resolved to remove Cllr June Molyneaux from the list of Town Council signatories for all of the RBS bank accounts and to add Cllr Stephen Higgins

6 Planning

6.1 New Applications

14/00448/FUL Highfield 87 Railway Road Erection of first floor front extension. It was resolved to leave this for neighbours' comments.

- 6.2 The Chorley Council Local Plan proposals relating to Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople have not yet been received, only those relating to South Ribble.

7 Items for Discussion

- 7.1 The proposals of the **Lancashire Permit Scheme (LPS) for Road and Street Activities** were noted
- 7.2 It was resolved that the Mayor would attend the new 3 Tier meetings, and that issues relating to the rail service and village parking would be raised at these.
- 7.4 It was resolved to monitor the requirement for SPID placement on the diversion routes during the electrification road closures, as Councillors agreed that these are currently being deployed randomly around the village and this is expected to continue during the road closures.
- 7.5 It was resolved that the Council will publicise all village events relating to the First World War commemoration and continue to co-ordinate meetings. It was also resolved to consider the inclusion of additional information in the next Update newsletter
- 7.6 It was resolved to send the Council's thanks to Mr Clewlow for the donation of his "In Memoriam" publication. The Clerk will enquire whether this can be made available to local residents at Adlington Library or elsewhere
- 7.7 It was resolved that Councillors can individually support the efforts of local fundraisers but that the Council has no power to do so.
- 7.8 It was resolved to suggest that a provisional date of the last Sunday in June is set for the annual Civic Sunday event. The Clerk will check availability with the Rivington & Adlington Brass Band
It was resolved to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue for 30 minutes
- 7.9 It was resolved to consider inviting visitors to the Annual Town Meeting in future. The Clerk was asked to circulate the notes from the *Governance Toolkit for Parish & Town Councils*
- 7.10 Councillors were asked to submit any articles for inclusion in the Summer Update newsletter to the Clerk by the end of June
- 7.12 None

8 Items for Information

- 8.1 The Mayor attended the opening of the new Tesco store and reported that Tesco have a meeting room which can be booked free of charge for community use by application in store
- 8.2 The Chorley Mayor's Civic Sunday event will take place on 8/6/14
- 8.3 A cheque for £10 has been received from Rivington Parish Council as their contribution to the 2014 Remembrance Sunday event
The meeting closed at 9.15pm