

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 18th May 2015
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor Cllr S Higgins
Councillors A Evans, C Hart, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux (part of meeting), A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk) and two residents

1 Open Forum

Mr Barry Hough introduced himself to the meeting and expressed his concerns regarding the paintballing which has recently restarted on the old Delta Force site in Lower Adlington. Councillors advised him to monitor the activity and noise level and to continue to contact Chorley Council Planning department regarding the legality of the activity and also any structures which have been erected.

Mr Jim Banks introduced himself to the Council.

2 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Lee who was on holiday and accepted by the Council

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th April and the **Annual Meeting** held on Monday 11th May were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** None

4 Declarations of Interest Cllr Lowe declared an interest in item 5.5 as she is a member of Adlington & District In Bloom Group. Cllr Higgins declared an interest in item 5.5 as he will receive the Mayor's Allowance. Cllr J Molyneaux declared an interest in item 6 on her arrival as she is a member of Chorley Council Development Control Committee.

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the Annual Accounts 2014-15 (Section 1 Annual Return) and this was signed by the Mayor

5.2 It was resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2014-15 (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 2015

5.4 It was resolved that as the invoice for room hire received from the Community Centre includes a backdated payment for the previous financial year it was inappropriate to fund this from the current year's budget. It was resolved therefore to contact the Community Centre to ask for a revised invoice.

5.5 It was resolved to approve the following payments. The Community Centre payment will be subject to clarification of the invoice room hire dates.

L Crouch	Salary	
Orange	Phone charges 24/04/15 to 23/05/15	£9.31
Petty Cash	Imprest – printer cartridge and pens	£14.64
Stephen Higgins	Mayor's Allowance	£750.00
Adlington Community Association	<i>Meeting Room Hire 1st Jan 2015 to 31st Dec 2015, including Annual Meetings, Remembrance Sunday and Carol Concert</i>	£255.00
J Dickinson	Internal Audit	£50.00
A Gilmartin	Mayor's Inauguration refreshments	£145.65
Adlington in Bloom	Community award – sponsored planters	£200.00
Adlington Luncheon Club	Community award – organised trips	£100.00
Rivington & Adlington Brass Band	Community award – reconditioned instruments for the training band	£125.00
Adlington Senior Citizens	Community award – organised trips	£80.00
Adlington Carnival	Community award – sponsorship for prizes	£125.00
Adlington St Paul's Church	Community award – repairs to the church clock	£140.00
Chorley Shopmobility	Community award – towards a mobility scooter	£50.00
Freestyle Urban Soccer	Community award - additional soccer sessions on Jubilee Recreation Ground	£180.00

5.6 It was resolved to transfer £2000 from the RBS savings account to the business current account.

5.7 It was resolved to change the signatories for both of the RBS bank accounts and for the Chorley Credit Union account to remove Cllr Dan Croft and add Cllr Alison Evans

5.8 It was resolved to allocate up to £50 from the street scene budget for materials with which the Mayor intends to construct a frame to hold the recently purchased World War One Commemoration plaque.

6 Planning

6.1 New Applications

15/00328/FUL Rigby House Farm The Common Extension to existing stable block to provide one additional stable, tack room and toilet. It was resolved that no comments were required.

15/00216/OUT 59 Church Street Outline application (with all matters reserved) for the erection of 2 No. semi-detached dwellinghouses. It was resolved to submit objections to the application relating to the proposed access

to the site which Councillors consider will adversely affect road safety on the main A6 route through the village. It was agreed that the height of the proposed fence adjoining the pedestrian walkway may also adversely affect pedestrian safety. An associated application (15/00215/OUT/A) was notified too late to be discussed at this meeting but as similar applications had been discussed previously.(13/00754/OUT and 13/00755/OUT) and the objections had not changed it was agreed that these objections apply to both of the new applications.

15/00391/FUL 8 Maytree Court Erection of a single storey side extension linking the house to the existing detached garage. It was resolved to leave this for neighbours to comment.

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved to submit a response on behalf of the Council to the **Lancashire Association of Local Councils' Survey of Parish/Town Councils in Chorley** and the responses to the questions were agreed

Cllr J Molyneaux arrived. The meeting was suspended for Mr Hough to explain his attendance at the meeting and she agreed with the response of the Council to his concerns.

7.2 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council Legal Services for clarification of the proposal to build a pedestrian footbridge over the railway line to replace the current footpath 5 crossing at Fairview, as Cllr Lowe has seen printed plans which show this.

7.3 It was resolved that due to the short time available to arrange this year's Civic Sunday it would go ahead in a similar way to last year, to allow time to clarify the Council's legal and insurance responsibilities before arranging a road closure in future years. The Clerk will check with St Paul's Church that the procession can assemble in St Paul's school yard and will send out the invitations once this has been agreed. The police have confirmed that they are no longer able to enforce road closures for this type of event and it was resolved to contact the Chief Constable, Police and Crime Commissioner and local MP to express the Council's disappointment, *The meeting was suspended to allow a point of information from Mr Banks. This year's St George's Day Parade took place in Astley Park rather than through Chorley Town Centre based on a decision by the Scouts and not the local Police.*

7.4 It was resolved to amend the Town Council Code of Conduct to reflect the requirement that individual declarations are now shown on the Town Council website rather than being sent to Chorley Council. The Clerk will amend the Code to reflect this and circulate to Councillors

7.5 Councillors were asked to submit any outstanding articles for the Update newsletter as soon as possible

8 Items for Information

8.1 The Mayor will keep a list of events he attends for the information of the Council

The meeting closed at 8.35pm