

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 15th May 2017
in Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Councillors A Ball, A Evans, C Hart, J Lowe, K O'Donnell, T Summers, P Walkden and A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk) and 35 local residents

1 Open Forum

Christine Houghton summarised the concerns of the residents regarding planning application **17/00411/OUTMAJ** which proposes a development of 25 houses on land off Carrington Road. The main objections from residents are as follows:

- Park Road is busy and has traffic and parking problems already. 25 houses are likely to create more than the 13 peak time additional journeys mentioned in the application. Residents suggest that the Park Road bridge is showing signs of stress and is unsuitable for additional traffic
- The availability of public transport is over-stated in the application
- Local primary schools are already reaching capacity and there is no secondary school provision in the village, which will lead to additional journeys
- the site is a valuable habitat for birds and other wildlife including hedgehogs and bats. The survey report was done in October which is not the best time to see many of the species. The adjacent quarry has recently installed newt nets indicating their presence nearby
- the site is currently allocated as Safeguarded Land in the Chorley Local Plan
- Residents of the adjacent section of Carrington Road received the consultation letter but any development would have a wider impact on the whole of Carrington Road, Park Road and Bonds Lane.
- A mains water pipe which is currently subject to a building exclusion zone of 5m runs through the site.
- The site is quite boggy and contains a pond which hasn't always been there.

Cllr Hart encouraged the residents to submit their own objections to the application to Chorley Council Planning department, and to provide evidence challenging the statements in the reports where they could with photographs as appropriate. He also suggested that they contact the Wildlife Trust with any evidence of animal habitat on the site.

2 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Robinson (Mayor) who was working, and Cllrs F & J Molyneaux and accepted by the Council.

It was resolved that in the absence of the Mayor the meeting would be chaired by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Summers

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10th April 2017 and the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on Monday 8th May 2017 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.**3.1 Matters Arising** The Clerk has not yet made enquiries regarding a new notice board.**4 Declarations of Interest** Cllr Evans declared an interest in item 5.2 as she was reclaiming personal expenditure incurred on behalf of the Council.

It was resolved to move part of item 6.2 forward in the agenda to allow discussion of planning application 17/00411/FULMAJ for the benefit of the residents in attendance

6.2 (part) 17/00411/OUTMAJ Land Off Carrington Road Outline application for residential development for up to 25 dwellings with all matters reserved save for access.

It was resolved to object to the application for the following reasons:

- the site is allocated as Safeguarded Land in the Chorley Local Plan
- there are existing access and parking problems on Park Road
- the canal bridge is unsuitable for additional traffic
- the predicted shortfall of 63 primary school places in the Adlington area by 2022 which was highlighted in the recent LCC draft School Place Provision Strategy consultation
- serious flooding was experienced in Lower Adlington in 2015
- there are reports of possible wildlife habitats on the site
- there is a lack of public transport in Lower Adlington
- the local access roads are unsuitable for construction traffic

It was resolved to query the traffic movement, public transport, and flood risk claims made in the application and to point out that a mains water pipe runs through the site.

It was resolved to copy the objection letter to the Chorley Councillors and County Councillor

In addition it was resolved to contact Lancashire Highways to ask them to take into account the objections raised and to express the residents' concerns regarding the safety of the bridge.

It was also resolved to contact Doug Cridland at Chorley Council and United Utilities to find out if this development would increase the flood risk in Lower Adlington were it to be approved.

The Deputy Mayor thanked the 35 local residents for attending and they left the meeting

5 Finance**5.1** It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for April 2017.

5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Petty Cash	Deposit for plaques. Frames and stamps	£85.94
Orange	Phone charges 24/04/17 to 23/05/17	£9.74
PWD Creative	Additional charge for Spring Update printing	£15.00
Alison Evans	Balance for plaques	£58.96
Alan Robinson	Mayor's Allowance	£750.00
S J Christopher (Spinners Arms)	Mayor's Inauguration refreshments	£149.14
J Dickinson	Internal Audit	£50.00
Chorley Council	Rota Roka equipment for Jubilee Play Area	£971.08
Adlington & District Community Association	Room hire for Carol Concert and Remembrance Sunday and Community Centre subscription	£28.00

5.3 It was resolved to transfer £2500 from the RBS savings account to the current account.

5.4 It was resolved to make the following changes to the Town Council RBS bank accounts:

To remove the names of James Banks and Barry Lee from the list of authorised signatories.

To add the names of Cllr Alan Robinson and Cllr Timothy Summers to the list of authorised signatories.

6 Planning

6.1 Despite an approach from the Amara Group asking for the Council's input to their plans for the use of the land alongside the canal and adjacent to Adlington Primary School no further details have been received. It was resolved to contact Chorley Council to find out if they have received any information from the company.

6.2 New or amended applications

17/00437/TPO 46 Belmont Road Fell pine tree in the rear garden. It was resolved to leave for neighbours' comments.

17/00452/OUT Adlington Hall Farm The Common A Permanent Agricultural Workers Dwelling. It was resolved to express the Council's surprise that no other suitable accommodation is available nearby, but to state that it has no objection if the house is "tied" to the farm business and leased to employees only for the duration of their employment on the farm.

6.3 Applications to be left for neighbours' comments

It was resolved to leave the following applications for neighbours to comment: **17/00368/FULHH 47 Carrington Road** Single storey side and rear extension (following demolition of conservatory), **17/00399/FULHH 62 Sutton Lane** Erection of a first floor side extension and **17/00489/FULHH 20 Windermere Drive** Erection of a single storey rear extension, front porch and single storey side/rear extension.

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 The vacancy on the Town Council in the East Ward of Adlington created by the resignation of Cllr Barry Lee has been advertised on the notice boards. If there is no call for an election before the next meeting the process for co-option can be agreed at that meeting.

7.2 It was resolved to contact Lancashire Highways, Lancashire Police, Chorley Council and the Local LCC Councillor for their comments and help with a plan to create a "clearway" for access to essential services in the village. This would involve a painted line on the pavements to indicate the space needed for wheelchair and pushchair access to inform motorists and residents of where vehicles and other items may cause an obstruction. The aim would be to allow all residents to safely access public transport, shops and essential services within the village.

7.3 It was resolved to contact Lindsey Blackstock at Chorley Council and the local Chorley Councillors for an update on progress with the improvements to the King George V recreation ground.

7.4 It was resolved to contact Shelley Verran, Mel Ormisher, and Sophie Valinakis at Lancashire County Council to find out how local organisations can make use of the unused Children's Centre building attached to the Library, and to copy in the local County Councillor.

7.5 It was noted that the Police are aware of the issues raised by residents of Harrison Road regarding large vehicle access. The Council is awaiting a response from Lancashire Highways regarding the complaints.

7.6 It was noted that there is now a more visible Police presence in the village and it is hoped that this is effective in controlling crime and ASB.

8 Items for Information

8.1 Cllr Evans explained that she had attended the recent Lancashire Association of Local Councils Conference and that it had included some interesting presentations relating to Dementia and Veterans Cafe provision. She will provide Councillors with further information shortly.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm