

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 20th June
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor Cllr C Hart

Councillors K Ellison, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux (part of meeting), E Sumner, A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), Mr N Holt, Mr J Taylor, a Police Representative and one member of the public.

1 Open Forum

Mr J Taylor explained to the meeting his objections to the plan to build 54 allotments on land adjacent to the Common in Lower Adlington, particularly relating to existing traffic problems on Park Road which is already the only access route for 700 houses. He has written to Chorley Council to suggest an alternative site off Harrison Road.

Mrs P Gibbs reported that there has been a lot of activity in front of the Ridgway Arms in the last few weeks and asked the Council to confirm that the roadway in front of the building is not part of the site. The Clerk explained that the Highways Status Investigation conducted by LCC in April 2010 concluded that this section of road is part of the Public Highway. The Clerk was asked to contact LCC to confirm that all parties have now been notified of the conclusions of the report.

The police representative reminded the meeting to beware of opportunist thieves in warm weather, and secure all doors, windows and outbuildings. She also reported that before the police station in Adlington can close a base must be found for the local beat officers. The next PACT meeting will be on 7/7/11 at 6.30pm at the Adlington & District Community Centre on Railway Road.

The police representative then left the meeting

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr D Hoyle and Cllr K Snape and accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting of 23rd May 2011** were moved by Cllr Hart and seconded by Cllr Lowe. These were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** A letter has not yet been sent regarding the Three-tier Forum proposals as agreed (item 7.5 May 2011) as further communication on the subject has been received. The Mayor will consider a response to this.

4 **Declarations of Interest** None

At this point the Mayor proposed that items 7.1 and 7.11 should be moved up the agenda. This was agreed by the Council.

7.1 It was agreed to co-opt Mr Nigel Holt as Town Councillor for the West Ward of Adlington. Mr Holt made his declaration of acceptance of office and was sworn in by the Clerk. He declared an interest in item 7.5

7.11 *Mrs Gibbs left the meeting. Mr Taylor left the room. Cllr Holt took no part in the discussion or voting for item 7.11*

It was agreed to accept the application for the position of Town Councillor received after the advertised closing date, and to co-opt Mr Jim Taylor as Town Councillor for the West Ward of Adlington.

Mr Taylor returned to the room, made his declaration of acceptance of office and was sworn in by the Clerk. He declared an interest in item 7.5

5 Finance

5.1 The statement of accounts and budget review for May 2011 was approved.

5.2 The following payments were approved:

L Crouch	Salary	
Adlington & District Community Assn	Neighbourhood watch	£12.00
J Dickinson	Internal audit	£50.00
P Dodd	Hanging baskets – first payment	£2371.00

The amount for payment to Mr P Dodd was reduced by agreement of the Council from £2406.25 as shown on the agenda to £2371.00 as the original invoice presented contained an error.

5.3 It was agreed to transfer £2800 from the savings account to the business current account

- 6 Planning**
- 6.1 **New Applications**
11/00235/FUL 41 Grove Crescent - Single storey pitched roof extension to rear elevation. It was agreed that this should be left for neighbours to comment.
- 6.2 **Applications Refused**
11/00161/FUL 107A Chorley Road – erection of an A1 retail unit. The Clerk circulated the decision notice.
- 6.3 **Applications Permitted**
11/00306/FUL 8 Huyton Terrace – Two storey side extension, conversion of loft, front & rear porch, pool, was noted
- 6.4 **Appeal Application**
10/00439/OUTMAJ Grove Farm. Outline planning permission (access only) for the erection of up to 75 dwellings and a park and ride parking area for Adlington Railway Station has now been given. The Appeal report was noted.
10/00131/FULMAJ Land 100m East of Wigan Lane Coppull An appeal has now been lodged against refusal of planning permission to continue Paintballing activity on this site. No Appeal date has yet been notified.
At this point Cllr J Molyneaux arrived and declared an interest in item 7.5
- 7 Items For Discussion**
- 7.1 Cllr Holt was co-opted earlier in the meeting.
- 7.2 The paintballing activity which is still continuing is now the subject of a planning appeal
- 7.3 Although the Council supports the proposed use of a currently derelict site for a BMX and skateboarding park, it was agreed that no letter of support could be written until full detailed plans are available
- 7.4 It was agreed that Cllr Holt would attend Adlington & District Community Association meetings to represent the Town Council in addition to Cllr Sumner.
- 7.5 Although the Council expressed its full support for the provision of allotments in Adlington, it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Chorley Council to query the decision to locate the planned allotments in an area with poor access, and to ask whether other local sites had been considered, for example an area accessed via Harrison Road. A planning application has now been submitted
11/00490/CB3 Formation of car park and haulage accessway to serve 54 allotment plots at The Common including the erection of a 1.2 metre high post and wire fence and compost/ wood chip bays.
- 7.6 The Clerk was asked to check details of the mink problem and find out if Chorley Council is aware of this.
- 7.7 The discrepancy in the hanging basket charges has now been resolved
- 7.8 The Clerk was asked to complete the Data Protection registration and pay the £35 fee from petty cash
- 7.9 The content of the TAS Community Transport review report was noted. The Clerk was asked to respond to express the Council's disappointment at the withdrawal of the Red Rose Runner bus service
At this point it was agreed to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue for 15 minutes
- 7.10 The draft Summer edition of the Update was circulated.
- 7.11 Cllr Taylor was co-opted earlier in the meeting
- 7.12 The Council agreed that the Higher Adlington Post Office proposed move to Krishna News was a good idea and the new opening hours would be an improvement. Concern was expressed regarding permanent disabled access and the Clerk was asked to write to the Post Office querying the proposals for this.
- 7.13 As no response to the request to re-site the Edna Shone memorial bench close to its previous position has been received, it was agreed to ask permission to locate it on Mount Pleasant. The Clerk will write a letter to request permission from Chorley Council, Cllr J Molyneaux will pass this on to Jamie Carson
- 8 Items for Information None**
The meeting closed at 9.10pm