

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 15th June 2015
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor Cllr S Higgins

Councillors A Evans, C Hart, B Lee, J Lowe, J Molyneaux

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), PCSO Flick Riding, Mr J Banks and 10 local residents

1 Open Forum

Mrs Jayne Cunliffe spoke on behalf of the residents in attendance, who were in attendance to express their concerns regarding the proposals for the construction of 158 houses on a site off Bolton Road including:

- Site levels and the heights of houses are not clear from the plans
- It is unclear whether the requirement increased provision for schools, healthcare and other services has yet been addressed
- Road safety at the access point to the site has not been fully investigated particularly excessive speeds
- There are location and safety concerns regarding the proposed play area
- The alternative parking for Bolton Road residents is no longer included in the plans

In addition a resident who is a retired hydrologist expressed his concern that the use of this land for housing would adversely affect flood risk in areas further down the River Douglas, and that waterlogging of the site shows that it is currently a storage site for drainage water.

Mr Jim Banks expressed his concern regarding road safety issues on Church Street at the point of access to the proposed site for a detached and two semi-detached properties, as the photograph on which the LCC assessment has been based does not show the extended parking area now in place and the proposed access location cannot be seen when approaching on the A6. He also expressed concern that the plan for use of the former children's play centre on Westhoughton Road as a swimming school does not include an explanation of how 3000 gallons of water would be drained if required, an important consideration in an area already prone to flooding. In addition, the application includes no indication of how heating, ventilation, cleaning and legionella prevention will be managed.

2 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Wilson who was on holiday and Cllr F Molyneaux who was indisposed and accepted by the Council

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18th May were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 Matters Arising None

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 discuss the relevant section of item 6.1 early for the benefit of the residents present

6.1a 15/00506/REMAJ Land Surrounding Huyton Terrace Previously Baly Place Farm Bolton Road Reserved Matters Application for the erection of 158 dwellings comprising of 1, 2, 3, and 4 bedroom homes, open space and associated works (pursuant to outline planning consent ref: 12/00741/OUTMAJ).

It was resolved to contact Chorley Planning department to express the concerns of the residents and to ask LCC Highways for a site inspection to take place at a busy time of day for traffic and parking. It was also resolved to request that should the development go ahead, the allocations policy for affordable housing will give priority to local residents. It was also resolved to request that no decision is made until sufficient primary school places have been identified. The Clerk will draft a letter and send to Cllr Hart for checking. Copies to be sent to the local MP and local Councillors.

The PCSO and local residents left the meeting. It was resolved to discuss item 7.1 next. Mr Banks was asked to leave the room.

7.1 It was resolved to accept Mr Jim Banks' application for co-option to the Town Council as Councillor for the Central Ward, and to ask the other applicants to attend the next meeting of the Council on 20th July. It was agreed that all applicants must send a written summary of their background and interests before being considered. It was also resolved to extend the deadline for applications to 16th August

Mr Banks returned to the meeting and made his declaration of acceptance of office.

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for May 2015

5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments.

L Crouch	Salary	
Orange	Phone charges 24/05/15 to 23/06/15	£9.31
Information Commissioner	Data Protection Registration for one year	£35.00

5.3 It was resolved to transfer £400 from the RBS savings account to the business current account

5.4 It was resolved to approve an allocation of up to £500 from the contingency budget for the replacement of the Town Council laptop computer and office software

5.5 It was resolved to ratify the Mayor's decision to pay the Community Centre room hire charges dated from 1/1/15 and agreed that other local room hire options would be considered at the next meeting

5.6 It was resolved to consider the details of the community notice board purchase and the administration of this at the next meeting

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6.1b **Planning**
New applications
- 15/00215/OUT/A 59 Church Street** Outline application for the erection of a four bedroom detached house (with all matters reserved). Resubmission of application 13/00574/FUL. It was resolved to ratify the comments sent to Chorley Planning after the last meeting in relation to planning application **15/00216/OUT** which relates to the adjacent site and the same access point. Concern was expressed that the assessment of access has been based on a photograph which does not show the extended on-road parking. It was resolved to contact County Cllr Kim Snape regarding this.
- 15/0484/FUL 21 Lancaster Place** Erection of two storey side extension. It was resolved to leave this for neighbours' comments
- 15/00517/FUL Unit 1 60A Westhoughton Road** Change of use of part of former children's play centre to a swimming school. It was resolved to contact Chorley Council to request additional information regarding the proposals for the drainage of the pool water and to express the Council's concerns regarding the likely increase in traffic and noise nuisance if the development is permitted. In addition, clarification was requested regarding car parking as the plans state that 20 spaces are available but not that these are a shared facility with the adjacent business units, and also clarification as to how the additional heating, cleaning, ventilation and legionella prevention measures will be handled.
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Items for Discussion
- 7.1 *Discussed earlier in the meeting*
- 7.2 It was resolved to contact Chorley Community Housing to ask that they take measures to prevent parking on the grassed area of the Harrison Road crescent, and that consideration is given to providing alternative parking, and that this should also be copied to Cllr Dunn at Chorley Council.
- 7.3 It was resolved to contact the LCC Rights of Way officer and County Councillor Snape to ask that the problem of flooding on footpath 18 is investigated
- 7.4 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council for suggestions for improvement of the youth provision in the village following on from the good work done by Paul Maloney and his team
- 7.5 It was resolved to respond to the **Garden Street/Bolton Road, Abbey Village, Acresfield/Windsor Avenue, Adlington, Harrison Road, Chorley, The Asshawes, Heath Charnock, Knowsley Lane, Rivington, Chorley Borough - Revocation and Prohibition of Waiting** proposal by Lancashire County Council to say that prior consultation with residents is essential.
- 7.6 It was noted that the proposals for reinstatement of the footpath 5 railway crossing once electrification work is complete are still under consideration
- 7.7 The Mayor was congratulated on the quality of the frame he has constructed for the WW1 memorial plaque. This will be located on the grass in front of Adlington Clinic shortly.
It was resolved to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue for an additional 10 minutes
- 7.8 It was resolved that the schedule for production of the Update newsletter should be formalised to allow accurate information to be included and printing and delivery services to be kept informed. A meeting of the Website & Communications Working Group will be arranged before the next Council meeting.
- 7.9 Councillors were asked to consider transport services in Adlington so that a response to the review being undertaken by Chorley Council's Overview and Scrutiny Task Group can be formulated at the next meeting
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Items for Information
- 8.1 The Clerk will be on holiday until Monday 6th July. Cllr Lowe will respond to any urgent email.
The meeting closed at 9.05pm