

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 20th June 2016
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor A Evans

Councillors J Banks, C Hart, B Lee, J Lowe, J Molyneaux, T Summers and A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), Brian Hann (NHS), Mel Ormesher (LCC), Julie Bell (LCC), County Cllr Kim Snape and five residents

1 Open Forum

Brian Hann summarised the plans of the Health Innovations group, owners of the Adlington Medical Centre currently located on Babylon Lane, to move the practice to the Health Clinic building on Railway Road. He explained that the Clinic is currently under-used and that the services currently delivered from there will continue alongside the new surgery. He explained that consultation had already been undertaken with patients who were mostly in favour. Cllr Lee expressed concern that the move would cause parking problems, but Mr Hann explained that they were moving from a location with no car park to one with a dedicated parking area, which would therefore be an improvement in provision, and that there may be some potential to create additional parking on the currently grassed area alongside the building.

Mel Ormesher (LCC Head of Asset Management) summarised the proposals of the LCC Property Strategy to reduce the number of LCC buildings from 238 to 132 which includes the proposal to close the current Adlington Library building. Councillors responded with some of their concerns:

- the distance and expense of travelling to the nearest proposed Neighbourhood Centre, and the lack of a bus service from Lower Adlington
- the inevitably greater effect on the most vulnerable residents
- the poor treatment of Adlington in the recent past with the loss of children's services, police station, A&E
- the exclusion from Lancashire services of residents close to the border of the county
- the need for internet access for those unable to access this from home

Julie Bell (LCC Head of Libraries, Museums, Culture and Registrar's Services) explained that the library proposals are still subject to consultation, and that it is also proposed that mobile and home library services will be retained. She said that all contact from residents is being taken into account along with the responses to the consultation which ends on 14/08/16

Mel Ormesher explained that all ideas for continuing or alternative uses of building will be considered and that information relating to running costs can be obtained from her department by submission of an official Expression of Interest as soon as possible.

Philip Pilling (Anderton Parish Councillor) reiterated that the loss of internet access would hit residents badly and the loss of the building to individuals and to the groups who meet there would lead to social exclusion.

Caroline Hesketh (Adlington Heritage/Save Adlington Library Group) explained that there is strong support for the library in the village and that the read-in and petition have attracted a lot of attention. She was advised to send in the petition any time before the closing date for the consultation.

The Mayor thanked them for attending then Brian Hann, Mel Ormesher, Julie Bell, and Philip Pilling left the meeting.

A local resident addressed the meeting to express his concern that wheelie bins left outside the boundaries of properties are creating an eyesore in the village, and may be off-putting for new residents or businesses looking to come into the area. He agreed that a by-law to prevent this would be impossible to enforce but asked the Council to consider the problem.

The Mayor thanked him for his comments and he and two other residents left the meeting.

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr Higgins who was unwell, Cllr Robinson who was working, Cllr Walkden who was away on holiday, and Cllr F Molyneaux and accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 16th May 2016 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** There has been no response from the liquidator of the derelict property on the canal bank. The Mayor and Clerk will contact the company again.

4 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Evans and Cllr Lowe declared an interest in item 5.4 as they were both being reimbursed for purchases made on behalf of the Council. Cllr J Molyneaux declared an interest in item 6 as she is a member of Chorley Council Development Control committee.

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for May 2016

5.2 It was resolved to approve the NALC and SLCC 1% Clerk's salary award backdated to 01/04/16

5.3 It was resolved to arrange a rota for Councillors to man a stall on the Carnival field on Saturday 09/07/16.

5.4 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

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| L Crouch | Salary | |
| Petty cash - imprest | Printer ink, Data Protection registration and raffle tickets | £66.49 |
| Orange | Phone charges 24/05/16 to 23/06/16 | £9.38 |
| Cardiac Science | AED package and additional cabinet | £2478.00 |
| Rivington & Adlington Brass Band | Civic Sunday attendance | £200.00 |
| A Evans | Civic Sunday buffet (Real Honest Foods) | £200.00 |
| J Lowe | Plants for planters | £47.50 |

5.5 It was resolved to transfer £3500 from the RBS savings account to the current account

5.6 It was resolved that the Community Infrastructure Levy can be used as part funding for the AED provision in the village

6 Planning

6.1 New applications

6/00395/FUL 119 Railway Road Two storey rear extension to shop and office. It was resolved to leave this for neighbours' comments.

6.2 **Applications to be left for neighbours' comments** It was also resolved to leave the following applications for neighbours to comment: **16/00367/FULHH 29 Belmont Road** Erection of single storey rear and side ext. and **16/00430/FUL Walter And Tickle Ltd Unit 3C Adlington South Business Park Huyton Road** Erection of extension to side of existing industrial unit.

6.3 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council Licensing again for clarification as it does not appear that the Retreat restaurant has a license to play music outdoors. The retrospective planning applications are still under consideration by Chorley Council.

6.4 It was resolved to contact NHS property services to ask that additional parking spaces are provided for the Adlington Clinic on Railway Road, utilising current grassed areas.

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved to submit a response to the consultation on behalf of the Town Council, and to express an interest to LCC Asset Management in obtaining the running costs for the building with a view to discussing possible uses with other interested parties at a meeting to be arranged.

7.2 It was resolved to contact Karen Partington for clarification of the proposed re-opening date for the Chorley Accident & Emergency Unit, to send her the points raised by Cllr Lee and to suggest that the sending of "satisfaction surveys" to patients using the currently reduced service is inappropriate.. It was also resolved to contact the North West Ambulance Service to find out how much has had to be spent on the provision of private ambulances since the A & E closed.

7.3 The **Central Lancashire Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Local Plan** was noted

7.4 It was resolved to contact the local Police to ensure that illegal parking on the approach to the Railway Road bridge does not cause a traffic hazard. It was also resolved to contact LCC Highways to ask for an assessment of the current road markings.

7.5 It was noted that there is a meeting scheduled between Chorley Council and United Utilities in July to discuss the flooding problems in Lower Adlington earlier this year, and resolved that any proposals should therefore be deferred until after this meeting has taken place

7.6 It was noted that the first public AED is now in place on the wall of the public toilet on Babylon Lane. This will become live once the NWAS have received the documentation. Cllr Evans volunteered to be the custodian for this unit, which needs to be checked weekly.

7.7 It was resolved to request that that the proposals of the LCC property strategy are be added to the agenda for the next Chorley Liaison meeting

7.8 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council to request that bins are returned in a tidy manner once emptied, and to include an item in the Update newsletter relating to the resident's comments

7.9 It was resolved to contact Anderton Parish Council to express the Council's support for its request for the extension to the footpath network to facilitate access to Blackrod railway station

7.10 It was resolved to report Cllr Robinson's concerns that the Railway Station sign is a health & safety issue to Northern Rail again as no response has yet been received by the Clerk

7.11 It was resolved to ask LCC Highways to check the traffic light and pedestrian crossing light timings at the junction of Chorley Road and Railway Road for road safety reasons

7.12 It was agreed that the recent Civic Sunday event was a great success and that positive comments had been received regarding the Mayor's speech and the inclusive nature of the event.

7.13 The proposed closure of Railway Road for resurfacing on 24/06/16 was noted

7.14 There were no other matters for discussion.

8 Items for Information

- 8.1 Councillors who attended the recent Youth Zone meeting will report back to the Council next month
- 8.2 The question of sandbag provision was discussed at the most recent Lancashire Association of Local Councils meeting but none of the other Councils in attendance had experience of their use. It was suggested that contact is made with Croston for further information.
- 8.3 The Clerk will be on leave the week beginning 27/06/16
The meeting closed at 9.20pm