

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 19th June 2017
in Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:**Mayor** A Robinson**Councillors** A Ball, A Evans, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, T Summers and A Wilson**In Attendance:** L Crouch (Clerk), Police Inspector Julian Ormiston, Police Constable Anthony Burgess, County Councillor Kim Snape**1 Open Forum**

Inspector Ormiston introduced himself and explained that he is currently covering the post of Inspector for South Ribble and Chorley after 25 years in operational roles around the Preston area. He summarised his top priority of reducing burglaries by liaison with Greater Manchester and North West motorway patrols to reduce cross-border crime and allocation of officers when not engaged in operational emergencies to specific problem areas. The recent "crime spike" in Adlington has been addressed by the use of local patrols on foot and pedal cycle which has been effective in reducing crime in the area, with a 50% reduction in burglaries since the beginning of March. He stressed the importance of local information received from residents. PC Burgess reported that two local offenders have been identified, one is now in prison and the other has been prosecuted. There has also been a reduction in anti-social behaviour reports with only two incidents in May and two in June so far, although there is usually an increase during the summer months and warmer weather, particularly relating to motorbike nuisance. He asked that residents report any incidents via the "101" telephone service. He also asked the Council to remind residents via the newsletter not to forget to secure doors and windows in warm weather.

Cllr Evans asked about the suggestion made by the Council of the establishment of an advisory Clearway for pedestrian access to services through the village, particularly with relevance to disabled residents. Inspector Ormiston agreed that restriction of access for disabled residents is unacceptable and said that he would speak to ParkWise on the Council's behalf about the Council's proposal. PC Burgess will look into making residents more aware of the problem of blocking pavements via social media. The Clerk will re-tweet and include this in the next newsletter.

Cllr Snape summarised the problems with HGVs being experienced by residents of Harrison Road. PC Burgess explained that advice and mediation has been offered to residents by the Police but that the key issue remains which is that Chorley Council are unable to place restrictions on access to the business as planning permission was granted some time ago.

The Mayor thanked Inspector Ormiston and PC Burgess for the information and for attending the meeting and they left.

2 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs Peter Walkden, Clive Hart and Kevin O'Donnell who were all on holiday and accepted by the Council.

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 15th May 2017 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 5.4 as she was reclaiming personal expenditure incurred on behalf of the Council. Cllr J Molyneaux declared an interest in item 6 as she is a member of the Chorley Council Development Control Committee.

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2016-17 (Section 1 Annual Return). This was signed by the Mayor

5.2 It was resolved to approve the Annual Accounting Statements 2016-17 (Section 2 Annual Return). These were signed by the Mayor.

5.3 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for May 2017.

5.4 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

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| L Crouch | Salary | |
| Petty Cash | Data Protection annual registration fee | £35.00 |
| Orange | Phone charges 24/05/17 to 23/06/17 | £9.74 |
| Rivington & Adlington Brass Band | Civic Sunday attendance | £200.00 |
| Style Catering | Civic Sunday buffet | £200.00 |
| J Lowe | Plants for planters | £99.99 |

5.5 It was agreed that no transfer of funds between accounts is required this month as a refund of VAT paid in 2016/17 has been received.

5.6 It was resolved that the replacement of notice boards would be considered in detail by the Street Scene Working Group before a decision is made by the Council. A date will be set by the members of the group.

5.7 It was resolved that an additional budget category would be created to record the spending of Community Infrastructure Levy funding received during the year from Chorley Council. It was agreed that the amount for this budget would be £2000.

6 Planning**6.1 New or Amended Applications for consideration None****.2 Applications to be left for neighbours' comments:**

17/00489/FULHH 20 Windermere Drive Erection of a single storey rear extension, front porch and single storey side/rear extension and **17/00589/FULHH 6 Farm Avenue** Erection of a part single/part two storey rear extension.

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved to advertise the Councillor vacancy in the East Ward for co-option with a closing date of 16/07/17

7.2 *The meeting was suspended for five minutes for information from the County Councillor, Kim Snape*
Cllr Snape offered to look into progress with parking restrictions at the junction of Chapel Street and Park Road. A response has been received from Lancashire County Council which indicates that the one-way system in front of the Tesco store will be re-instated later this year. It was resolved to consider this again in September.

7.3 The foundations of the new railway footbridge crossing have now been installed, so it was resolved to consider progress with this at the next meeting

7.4 It was resolved to contact the Police regarding vehicle speeding on Railway Road. Concern has been expressed by residents to the Council on three separate occasions. It was also resolved to request that LCC Highways install a pedestrian crossing to allow safer access to the school, doctors' surgeries, churches, nurseries and the library for residents.

7.5 It was resolved to thank Chorley Council for the detailed information received regarding progress with the improvements to the King George V recreation ground, and to thank them for the time and effort being taken to resolve the flooding problems

7.6 It was resolved to request the following agenda items for the Chorley Liaison meeting to be held on 19/07/17:

- To request that ParkWise enforcement is increased in Adlington to reduce the amount of nuisance parking occurring in the village, and that visits are made at all times of day particularly when the village is at its busiest (school times for example). Particular problems are being experienced by disabled residents as access through the village for pedestrians is being restricted by inconsiderate and dangerous parking
- to question why it is taking a long time for any action to be taken when potentially dangerous problems are reported to Lancashire County Highways.

Cllr Summers will attend the next Chorley Liaison meeting

It was also resolved to request that the next Neighbourhood meeting on 11/07/17 includes an update on plans for the derelict building on Park Road

7.7 It was resolved to request that the agenda for the Borough Clerks meeting on 13/07/17 includes clarification of the process for notifying who will be attending Chorley Council meetings to represent the Council.

7.8 It was resolved to contact Lancashire County Council on behalf of Lois Birtwistle to request permission for the siting of a memorial bench in Market Place in memory of her husband Alan.

7.9 It was resolved to contact United Utilities regarding the reports of flooding on Westhoughton Road despite the sewer repairs recently completed in this location

7.10 Cllr Lowe explained that planning permission is required for the planned extension to the car park at Fairview Community Centre and that this will be applied for shortly

7.11 It was resolved to respond to the Northern Railway consultation regarding the train timetable from May 2018 to say that the Council had hoped for an increase in trains stopping at Adlington throughout the day in order to address the issues raised by residents and to reduce congestion on local roads. It was also resolved to contact Gary Hall and Mark Lester at Chorley Council to express the view that Adlington residents have experienced a lot of inconvenience but will gain little benefit from the electrification process if the draft proposals are accepted.

7.12 The format of the next edition of the newsletter was considered. All articles for inclusion should be sent to the Clerk by the end of June.

7.13 The Mayor has been notified that stones at the top of the bridge on Harrison Road appear to be loose. The Clerk will contact the Canal and River Trust to make them aware of this and also of the recent motorbike nuisance on the canal towpath.

8 Items for Information

8.1 None

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

APPENDIX – Revised budget for 2017/18

| | Budget 2017/18 | |
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| Mayor's Allowance | £750 | |
| Clerk's Salary | £5,000 | |
| Administrative & Telephone Costs | £300 | |
| Training Costs | £250 | |
| Insurance | £500 | |
| Audit | £200 | |
| Mayor's Inauguration | £150 | |
| Civic Sunday | £400 | |
| Remembrance Sunday | £500 | |
| Carol Concert | £500 | |
| Streetscene Enhancement - baskets | £4,000 | |
| Streetscene Enhancement - planters | £150 | |
| Streetscene Enhancement - furniture | £1,700 | Inc £850 c/f from 2016/17 |
| AEDs | £300 | |
| RBL Wreath | £25 | |
| Subscriptions | £650 | |
| Newsletter – printing & production | £1,000 | |
| Newsletter - distribution | £660 | |
| Community Awards Scheme | £2,000 | |
| Community Asset & Service Support | £4,000 | |
| Other Projects & Contingencies | £1,000 | |
| Election Expenses | £300 | |
| Room Hire | £300 | |
| Community Infrastructure Levy | £2,000 | NEW CATEGORY |
| TOTAL | £26,635 | |