

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 18th June 2018
in Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:**Mayor** T Summers**Councillors** A Evans, C Hart, J Lowe, J Molyneaux, K O'Donnell, B Speers, P Walkden and A Wilson**In Attendance:** L Crouch (Clerk)**1 Open Forum** None**2 Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr A Robinson who had work commitments and Cllr F Molyneaux and accepted by the Council.**3 Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 21st May were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.**3.1 Matters Arising** It was suggested that a small chain or pendant for the use of the Deputy Mayor would be useful and as it was resolved at the May meeting that it would be inappropriate for this to be funded from the precept, perhaps the money could be raised separately for this. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will look at the options and bring a proposal to the Council before any action is taken. The Clerk asked if the bank change of signatory forms could be completed and signed at the end of the meeting.**4 Declarations of Interest** Cllr Summers declared an interest in item 5.5 as one of the payments is to refund the amount he paid on behalf of the Council for the Civic Sunday refreshments. 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 note and approve the Internal Audit report which relates to the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and to note that although this was circulated to Councillors before the 21 May meeting it should have been formally approved along with Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR at that meeting.**5.2** It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for May 2018. It was also resolved to approve the CIL reports for 2016-17 and 2017-18 which have been re-formatted at the request of Chorley Council.**5.3** It was resolved to offer an amount of £500 in response to the request from the Arts and Heritage Manager at Chorley Council for financial support towards the Chorley Council Heritage Lottery funding bid for the redevelopment of Astley Hall.**5.4** It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Orange	Phone charges 24/05/17 to 23/06/18	£9.74
Rivington & Adlington Brass Band	Attendance at Civic Sunday	£200.00
T Summers	Civic Sunday refreshments	£200.00
RBL Poppy Appeal	Silent Soldier silhouette	£250.00

5.5 It was resolved to approve the transfer of £1100 from the RBS savings account to the current account.**6 Planning****6.1 New or Amended Applications for consideration.** None.**6.2 Applications to be left for neighbours' comments.** None.**7 Items for Discussion****7.1** It was resolved that in addition to the regular articles and information relating to the Annual Meeting, new Mayor and Citizen Awards, the next edition of the Update newsletter should include articles relating to parking and access for pedestrians, a WW1 cemetery visit, the recent village "litter pick" and information on the Chorley Youth Zone. All articles should be received by the Clerk by the end of June.**7.2** It was resolved not to opt in to the Lancashire County Council Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme for 2018/19.**7.3** It was resolved to submit an agenda item for the next Chorley Liaison meeting to be held on 18/07/18 at 6.30pm on the subject of pedestrian/pavement access, specifically with regard to cars parking on the pavement, the lack of dropped kerbs and overhanging vegetation. This follows complaints received from residents in various areas of the village.**7.4** It was resolved to arrange a Website & Communications working group meeting to discuss options for updating the website without changing provider, as the current website has been taken over from daily.co.uk by TsoHost. Members of the group will check whether this offers more options than before.

- 7.5 It was resolved that in addition to the comments raised at the last meeting, a response should be sent to the most recent letter received from Mike Kirby (LCC Director of Property Services) regarding the potential shortfall in primary school places in Adlington (74 in the next five years) including the concerns of the Council as follows:
- the letter indicates that as St George's Primary School is within two miles of Adlington this may offer an option for Adlington & Rivington parents. This school is not within 2 miles of most of Adlington. It also states that D of E guidance gives 2 miles as a "reasonable walking distance" for children under 8 years old. The Council disagrees and the National Travel Survey 2014 gives an average travel distance of 1.6 miles for primary school children.
 - The letter states that "potential solutions" are being investigated. The Council would like details of the specific options which are being considered.
 - The letter states that Anderton School currently has places available. This is inconsistent with the large predicted shortfall. The Council would like to know how the situation is being monitored

The Council was also concerned that the responses received so far have been from the Property Services rather than the Education department. It was agreed to copy in the Director of Education, school planning team, and local County Councillor into the Council's response.

- 7.6 It was resolved that as the stone on the war memorial was cleaned fairly recently, and is the type of stone which doesn't look very different when this has been done, only the brass plates should be cleaned before Remembrance Day. Adlington in Bloom will be asked if they can do this.
- 7.7 It was agreed that the new Chorley Youth Zone is an excellent resource and has been very popular since it opened. It was resolved to contact Ryan Powell to ask if he can offer an outreach art event on the Jubilee recreation ground as agreed in principle when he attended a Town Council meeting in December 2017. It was also resolved to ask how well used the centre is by Adlington residents, based on the postcode monitoring, and if there is a need to promote it and to offer additional transport from the village.
- 7.8 It was resolved that the Silent Soldier silhouette to be ordered by the Council should be of the original "Tommy" design. The Council discussed the notes from the recent Remembrance Planning meeting and agreed to pay the £40 fee for the use of St Paul's Club as extra seating on the day, and also to purchase a one-third share of the lamp post poppies planned for installation, mostly on Railway Road

8 Items for Information

- 8.1 None

The meeting closed at 8.35pm