

**ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
in Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

**Members Present:**

**Mayor** P Walkden

**Councillors** J Lowe, J Molyneaux, K O'Donnell, A Robinson, B Speers,

**In Attendance:** L Crouch (Clerk), Jim Banks (Chairman of the Chorley District Scout Council) and John Wilcock (Chairman of the Anderton St Joseph's Scout Group)

**1 Open Forum** Jim Banks and John Wilcock explained to the Council that it is hoped to incorporate a new Scout Hut in the building planned as changing facilities for sports teams on the King George V Recreation Ground. This facility would be available for the use of other organisations during the daytime and the Scouts have already had some interest in doing this from disability and education groups. Addition of a large room for the Scouts and a mezzanine floor for storage has been estimated (by scout volunteers with professional qualifications in engineering and surveying) to add £250,000 to the cost of the changing rooms originally planned by Chorley Council. The Scouts are prepared to raise this money and to cover the running costs of their section of the building. Unfortunately the current draft plan does not include all of the features which would be required by the Scouts, changes the building significantly from the provisional plans drawn up following the consultation and includes a large cost for design fees and surveys, services which the professional Scouts volunteers have offered free of charge. The Scout group needs a new base and hopes that discussions with Chorley Council can be held to avoid them having to look elsewhere. *The Mayor thanked the Scouts representatives for the information and they left the meeting.*

**2 Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr Hart who was away and accepted by the Council.

**3 Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

**3.1 Matters Arising** The Clerk has not yet been in contact with the NatWest bank or Chorley Credit Union. It was agreed that Cllrs Lowe and Robinson would accompany her to the bank on a date to be arranged to add Cllr Lowe to the list of signatories and agree a method of transferring funds between accounts.

**4 Declarations of Interest** Cllr Molyneaux declared an interest in item 6 as she is a member of the Chorley Council Development Control committee. Cllr Speers, Cllr Walkden and Cllr Lowe declared an interest in item 5.4 as they were all reclaiming expenditure made on behalf of the Council.

**5 Finance**

**5.1** It was resolved to engage Ventbrook as traffic management for this year's Remembrance Sunday event. Cllr O'Donnell will contact them to make the booking and complete the Road Closure request. It was also resolved to offer only tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits as refreshments afterwards to reduce the other costs. The Adlington Heritage Group have offered to fund-raise towards the cost of the event and it was agreed that donations could be accepted if offered from other interested local groups. It was resolved that a full meeting of all interested parties would be held shortly and it would be suggested that the Parishes split the increased costs of the event proportionately as now.

**5.2** It was resolved to respond to the request from Groundwork for funding towards an event to be held in the Rivington Terraced Garden to explain that the Community Awards have already been agreed for this year but that they are welcome to apply later in the year for next year's awards.

**5.3** It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for May 2019

**5.4** It was resolved to approve the following payments:

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| L Crouch                                   | Salary  |         |
| L Crouch                                   | Petty Cash (Imprest) – printer ink  | £60.57  |
| Orange                                     | Phone charges 24/05/19 to 23/06/19  | £9.74   |
| B Speers                                   | Notice board refurbishment supplies   | £71.38  |
| Adlington & District Community Association | Room hire for Remembrance Sunday (shared with other Parishes) and Carol Concert | £28.00  |
| P Walkden                                  | Civic Sunday refreshments   | £200.00 |
| Rivington & Adlington Band                 | Attendance on Civic Sunday  | £200.00 |
| J Lowe                                     | Plants for Planters   | £60.97  |

It was noted and agreed that the Mayor would need to be one of the signatories for his own cheque. The invoice was checked and approved by the Council.

**6 Planning**

**6.1 New or Amended Applications for consideration** None

**6.2 Other Applications to be left for neighbours' comments.** It was resolved to leave the following applications for neighbours to comment: **19/00436/FULHH 7 High Lea** Re-roofing of existing conservatory and installation of a Class 1 flue. **19/00448/FULHH 46 Church Street** Two storey rear and side extension including new gable wall and chimney stack and associated garden decking and removal of existing rear chimney stack. Provision of new garden boundary wall. **19/00500/LBC Allanson Hall Farm Westhoughton Road** Listed building consent for reinstatement of original entrance doors and removal of modern internal partition walls.

6.3 **Appeals** It was resolved that the objections already sent to Chorley Council regarding planning application 18/00863/OUTMAJ (construction of 25 houses off Carrington Road) were comprehensive and noted that these have been sent on for the appeal process **19/00011/REFUSE**

## **7 Items for Discussion**

7.1 It was resolved to defer the appointment of a Deputy Mayor until the July meeting of the Council

7.2 It was resolved to contact Gary Hall and Cllr Peter Wilson at Chorley Council to ask why the offer of voluntary assistance from the Scouts in the design of the changing facilities on the King George V recreation ground is not being taken into account and why the the plans have been changed after the consultation, and to ask for a progress report on the project.

7.3 It was resolved that Cllr Speers will design the next edition of the Update newsletter.

7.4 It was resolved to ask for the following subjects to be added to the agendas for both the Chorley Liaison meeting on 17/07/19 and the Borough/Clerks Liaison meeting on 11/07/19:

- Remembrance Day Parades and Road Closure orders. How do other parishes manage these, and can Chorley Council assist in any way with training or resources
- Lamp-post banners similar to those on Market Street in Chorley – do any other areas have these and any advice on getting permission to install them

7.5 The Mayor expressed his concern regarding the empty building which was until recently Willow House Nursery. The Clerk will contact Chorley Council to find out what is happening with this building which they own. The Mayor mentioned an event which he is not available to attend. It was resolved that Cllr Speers will represent the Council as Acting Deputy

## **8 Items for Information**

8.1 A resident has posted a video on Facebook showing the countryside “on our doorstep” in Adlington and has given the Council permission to use it on the website

8.2 The annual Adlington Circular Walk will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, meeting at 1pm at the Bay Horse

8.3 Adlington Library is holding a “Jo Cox Get Together” on the morning of Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

8.4 Councillors were reminded to complete the Police and Crime Commissioner’s Annual Policing Survey, the link to this is included in a recent “In the Know” email.

8.5 The recent Skip Day and litter pick organised by Adlington in Bloom in association with the Town Council was a success despite the wet weather. It was agreed that the next event should be scheduled for later in the year and advertised more widely in local shops and businesses. There was also a discrepancy between the list of acceptable items for the skip provided before the event and the rules of the skip company themselves which will need to be clarified before the next event.

*The meeting closed at 8.50pm*