

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 14th July 2014
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor Cllr D Croft
Councillors A Evans, C Hart, S Higgins, B Lee, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, E Sumner, A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), County Cllr Kim Snape and a Police representative

1 Open Forum

The Police representative summarised the notes from the last Police and Communities Together meeting. She reported that the Police are targeting parking issues in the village. Online PACT meetings are now being run centrally by Sgt Mountain. The representative was asked to find out whether it was felt that these online meetings were successful.

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr Smethurst who was unwell and Cllr Dunn who had a prior engagement. Cllr Dunn has tendered his resignation from the Town Council because of his other commitments, and this was accepted with regret.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16th June** 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. Cllr Lowe declared an interest in item 5.2 as she paid for the plants and is a member of the "Guide to Adlington" Millennium Committee.

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for June 2014. The bank statements were signed by Cllr Hart, as he is no longer a signatory for the bank accounts.

5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Petty Cash	Website domain (2 years £6.50) and email (1 year £12.90) renewal plus VAT	£23.28
Orange	Phone charges 24/06/14 to 23/07/14	£9.31
J Lowe	Plants for planters	£10.80
Adlington & District Millennium Committee	Contribution towards the "Guide to Adlington" publication	£240.00

5.3 It was resolved to transfer £650 from the RBS savings account to the business current account.

5.4 The response received from the Community Centre Association secretary regarding the potential hire charges for the Council's use of the Community Centre facilities was noted. It was resolved to await the response of the Community Centre Association Committee before any further action is taken

6 Planning

6.1 New Applications

14/00621/FUL Land 440M North West Of Beacon House Sandy Lane Proposed relocation of existing barn. It was resolved that there were no comments on this application

14/00651/FUL 89 Sutton Lane Single storey front extension. It was resolved to leave this for neighbours' comments

14/00725/FUL White Bear Yard Park Road Erection of extension to warehouse. It was resolved to respond to the application to request that the following conditions are included: adequate screening between the site and the adjacent residential buildings, the hours of operation to be restricted in consideration of the proximity of residential properties, and sufficient parking to be provided for additional employees.

6.2 The **Chorley Borough Council Footpath No6 public path diversion order** (Fairview) was noted.

6.3 Application **14/00271/FULMAJ 107 to 113 Chorley Road** has not yet been determined by Chorley Council as some improvements are required to the bin storage and parking. The decision will be delegated to the Chair & Vice-chair of the Planning Committee. It was resolved to obtain the latest guidance on car parking from Chorley Planning, in particular the rules relating to parking for flats.

6.4 The proposals of the **Chorley Council Draft Statement of Community Involvement** were noted.

7 Items for Discussion

- 7.1 It was resolved to hold a separate working group meeting specifically to consider a response to the **Future of Northern and TransPennine Express rail franchises** government consultation, to which all Councillors are invited. The meeting will take place on Wed 30/7/14 at Fairview Community Centre at 7pm. The working group will propose a response to be ratified at the next full meeting of the Council. It was also resolved to contact County Cllr John Fillis for details of Lancashire County Council's input to this consultation, and to add a link to the consultation page to the Town Council website. It was resolved that the response received from Northern Rail to the Council's request for service improvements did not address the specific question, and to ask a representative of the company to come along to a Town Council meeting to clarify the situation. It was resolved to copy the original letter and its response to the MP
- 7.2 It was resolved to respond to the **LCC consultation on subsidised bus services assessment criteria** to express the Council's view that if an operator is running a high profit service, the same operator should be required to provide one of the low profit routes as a linked service to isolated communities, and to also state that the Council disagrees with the methodology of the assessment as the proposed criteria cannot be reliably measured.
- 7.3 It was resolved that a meeting would be arranged to discuss progress with the ideas for the WW1 commemorations, and to establish if any provision is required in next year's budget for these.
- 7.4 It was resolved that no response was required to the **Chorley Council Polling Places review** as the Adlington polling stations are in suitable premises
- 7.5 It was resolved that the Mayor will raise the questions of parking enforcement and improvements to the rail service as questions at the Three Tier Forum meeting as these were rejected as agenda items and the direct responses received so far have not included enough information.
- 7.6 It was resolved to contact Chorley Civic Society for clarification of the invitation to the Awards Ceremony and whether the recipients of the award will be invited directly.
- 7.7 It was resolved that Cllr Lowe will take the minutes of the November Town Council meeting. The Clerk will check with LALC to ensure that this is appropriate.
- 7.8 It was resolved that the Clerk will check the condition of all notice boards and the planters which are adjacent to these on a regular basis, Cllr Lowe will check the other planters and Cllr Lee the bench on Mount Pleasant. All Councillors will report any problems they see with any of the Council's assets to the Clerk
- It was resolved to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue for 15 minutes*
- 7.9 Concern was expressed that work is not progressing on the Railway Road bridge reconstruction at the weekends. The Clerk was requested to contact Network Rail for further information. In order to fund additional play equipment alongside the new skate park on the Jubilee recreation ground it has been suggested by Chorley Council that the Town Council provides match funding of £5000 so that it would be possible to apply for a Biffa Award. This will be discussed at the August meeting of the Town Council. Cllr Evans will look into other possible sources of funding.

8 Items for Information

- 8.1 The adoption of the Adlington Station Park & Ride is waiting for the LCC inspection to be completed.
- 8.2 The Clerk will inform Chorley Council of the resignation of Cllr Dunn.
- 8.3 It was agreed that although the list of Ramblers Association walks is no longer displayed on the Town Council notice boards a link should be put on the Council website.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm