

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 20th July 2015
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor Cllr S Higgins

Councillors J Banks, A Evans, C Hart, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), PCSO James Turner, David Major (Stuart Milne Homes), Ben Sutton (Stuart Milne Holmes), Holly Stiles (Stuart Milne Homes) and 23 local residents

1 Open Forum

PCSO Turner explained to the meeting that the local police are aware that there has been some anti-social behaviour reported in the Jubilee Recreation Ground area, and that PCSOs have been working later shifts to cover this. In addition Street Pastors have been providing an official presence after dark. Police are currently investigating damage at St Paul’s School and shoplifting at both Co-op shops in the village. Some of the shoplifters have been identified as from the Greater Manchester area and police are working with that authority. Rumours on social media that chalk marks have been found on properties and that this may be linked to criminal activity have been investigated, but there has been no evidence to support this theory. The Mayor thanked him for the information and for attending the meeting.

PCSO Turner left the meeting

Mr David Major introduced himself and his colleagues as representatives of Stuart Milne Homes, the company who have applied for planning permission to build 158 homes on land off Bolton Road, adjoining Huyton Terrace. He is the design manager for the site; Mr Sutton is the architectural technician and Ms Stiles the land manager. The following points were raised by residents and answered by Mr Major:

- The building line of the planned houses at the entrance to the development could be moved back if this would improve the light to the adjoining bungalow
- The outline planning application given to Stuart Milne Homes does not include any provision for parking for current residents. It was understood by the residents that the original plan had been revised to include this.
- Road traffic safety at the entrance to the development would be subject to assessment by LCC Highways. The proposed entrance has been moved in a recent amendment to the application 15/00506/REMAJ to comply with the agreed outline plan layout.
- A construction traffic management plan will be in place before any work starts on the site
- The emergency access shown on the plans uses an unadopted road, which is not practical as it is not maintained by the Highways authority and is impassable in winter. Mr Major will look into this problem.

A local retired hydrologist explained his concerns to the developer that building on this site could lead to environmental disaster as rapid run-off will take place and the River Douglas will flood, causing major problems further downstream towards the Croston area. Mr Major explained that the scheme includes “sustainable rainwater drainage” but the hydrologist felt that this did not take the wider reaching effects into account. Cllr Wilson asked him if anything could be done to mitigate this problem but was told that the only solution would be not to build there. Nearby residents agreed that localised flooding is already a problem in wet weather.

Residents were advised to address their specific concerns to the Chorley Council planning department, and concerns regarding the main road access to the development to County Cllr Kim Snape. Mr Major agreed to have a separate meeting with the residents at a later date.

The residents left the meeting

Cllr J Molyneaux arrived

2 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Lee who was on holiday and accepted by the Council

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 15th June were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 Matters Arising It was unnecessary to transfer funds from the savings to current account as agreed at the last meeting. The publication of the Update was delayed by production problems so that one of the advertisements was out-of-date and could not therefore be invoiced and not all residents received a copy before the Carnival weekend, despite the best efforts of both the printer and delivery service.

4 Declarations of Interest Cllr J Molyneaux declared an interest in item 6 as she is a member of Chorley Council Development Control Committee. Cllrs Lowe and Cllr Higgins declared an interest in item 5.3 as they are recipients of payments. Cllr Evans declared an interest in item 7.9 as she lives nearby.

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for June 2015. Cllr Wilson queried the high level of spending from the administration budget and the Clerk will confirm what this represents.

5.2 It was resolved to approve and accept the audited Annual Return for 2014/15 and to note that there are no issues arising from the audit. The Clerk was congratulated on successfully supplying all of the required additional documentation for last year’s audit.

5.3 It was resolved to approve the following payments.

L Crouch	Salary	
Petty Cash	Imprest – A4 frames and renewal of email for one year from 30/6/15	£17.48

Orange	Phone charges 24/06/15 to 23/07/15	£9.31
S Higgins	Materials for WW1 commemoration plaque frame	£23.13
Adlington & District In Bloom Action Group	Plants for planters	£43.50
Jeanette Lowe	Plants for planters	£35.49
PWD Creative	Newsletter printing	£280.00
Lucy Snape	Newsletter delivery	£200.00
Rivington & Adlington Brass Band	Attendance at Adlington Civic Sunday	£200.00
BDO LLP	External audit	£120.00

5.4 It was resolved to transfer £1300 from the RBS savings account to the business current account

5.5 It was resolved that up to £150 of the Street Scene budget will be allocated to pay for plants for the planters and for the flower bed in front of the WW1 memorial plaque

6 Planning

6.1 New applications

15/00578/FUL Sharju Indian Restaurant Church Street Erection of a single storey side extension and **15/00628/LBC Sharju Indian Restaurant Church Street** Listed Building Consent to erect a single storey side extension. It was resolved to express concern that there may be noise nuisance as the proposed location of extractor fans would be in close proximity to residential property. It was also agreed that the appearance of any extension should be in keeping with the existing building.

6.2 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council regarding planning application **15/00506/REMAJ** to build homes on the land adjoining Huyton Terrace to request that an independent hydrology survey is carried out before permission to build on this site is given, and also to query car parking for existing residents, which both the Council and local residents had understood was included in the outline planning permission **12/00741/OUTMAJ**. It was also resolved to contact Croston Parish Council with the information supplied by the hydrologist

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved to consider all formal applications for co-option to the Council at the next meeting. The Clerk will invite the applicants to the next meeting

7.2 It was resolved to consider the cost of alternative locations for Town Council meetings. The Clerk will contact both Community Centres and the library to find out if they can offer a meeting space and the relevant costs.

7.3 It was resolved to request permission from LCC Property Services to erect a community notice board alongside the existing Town Council notice board on Railway Road

7.4 Cllr Lee has compiled a report of concerns relating to transport and submitted this to the Chorley Council Overview and Scrutiny Task Group. It was resolved to ratify the contents of this report which covers problems raised by the Council at previous meetings including the need for additional train services and a direct bus link to Chorley Hospital.

7.5 It was resolved to request additional information relating to the Lancashire Sign Posting project specifically relating to funding, installation and insurance.

7.6 It was resolved that the Mayor will contact Fr David Arnold to discuss the possible positioning of the additional WW1 memorial sign on the St Paul's Church driveway

7.7 The proposals of the Electoral Review of Lancashire currently being undertaken by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England were noted

It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue until 9.30pm

7.8 Local Police are aware of the anti-social behaviour on Jubilee Recreation Ground as reported by a resident of Marlow Court and are taking action by providing later patrols in the area. It was resolved to contact Chorley Council and LCC to request that diversionary youth activities are arranged from September 2015.

7.9 Cllr J Molyneux has been in contact with the resident who expressed concern at the loss of a large tree on Outterside Street, and has explained that this was part of a tree management exercise. Residents have been advised that they can apply to Chorley Council for Tree Preservation Orders but that any dangerous trees must be removed.

7.10 There were no suggestions for marking the Queen's 90th birthday next year

7.11 It was resolved to wait for further information regarding the plans for the pedestrian railway crossing as the options for this are still under consideration by Network Rail and LCC

7.12 It was resolved to contact Network Rail and LCC to ask that all routes through the village are resurfaced following completion of the Rail Electrification work

7.13 It was resolved to contact RBS Bank to request road surface repairs on Bank Street, and that if this unadopted road is not the bank's responsibility, that they should pass this request on to the owner.

8 Items for Information

8.1 Chorley Council has started work on the extension of the Harding Street Car Park. Civic Sunday will take place this Sunday, 26th July at 10.00am.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm