

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 18th July 2016
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor A Evans

Councillors J Banks, C Hart, S Higgins, J Lowe, P Walkden and A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), Kevin O'Donnell

1 Open Forum

Kevin O'Donnell explained that there has been no progress in resolving the flooding issues from earlier in the year in Lower Adlington. He is waiting to hear from Emma Lane at LCC, and Doug Cridland at Chorley Council is planning to arrange a meeting of all interested parties shortly. United Utilities have supplied no information although after heavy showers on 07/06/16 a vehicle arrived, the drain cover was lifted and the water which was within 18 inches of the top of a very deep drain was pumped out, although there was no indication which agency had arranged for this to be done. Chorley Council has offered residents up to £5000 in government flood resilience funding but Mr O'Donnell considers that most residents would rather this money was spent on solving the problem at source. Information supplied by Croston volunteers supports the view that the first course of action should be to address the cause of the problem. PCSO Ben Pilling sent his apologies but was unavailable to attend.

2 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Lee for family reasons, Cllr Robinson who was away on holiday and Cllrs F & J Molyneaux and accepted by the Council.

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th June 2016 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 Matters Arising The LCC response to the problems reported regarding the Chorley Road pedestrian crossing were discussed and it was agreed that the traffic problems in this area are compounded by the use of the small road directly in front of the Tesco store. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting

4 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Evans, Higgins and Lowe declared an interest in item 7.1 as they are founder members of the recently formed Friends of Adlington Library. Cllr Lowe declared an interest in item 5.2 as she was being reimbursed for purchases made on behalf of the Council.

It was agreed to move item 7.3 forward as Mr O'Donnell was in attendance

7.3 It was resolved to contact LCC and ask for a response regarding action to be taken to resolve the flooding problems, and to copy in the MP, County Councillor, CE of United Utilities, OFWAT and Chorley Council.

The meeting was suspended for five minutes to allow Mr O'Donnell to provide further information

It was resolved to include a comment regarding the difficulty of contacting anyone at United Utilities because of the cost and time taken to get through by telephone.

The Mayor thanked Mr O'Donnell for attending and for the additional information and he left the meeting.

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for June 2016

5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
L Crouch	Renewal of domain name	£29.86
Petty cash - imprest	adlingtontowncouncil.co.uk for two years and email provision for one year	
Orange	Phone charges 24/06/16 to 23/07/16	£9.38
J Lowe	Plants for planters	£20.50

5.3 It was resolved to transfer £500 from the RBS savings account to the current account

6 Planning

6.1 New or amended applications

15/00216/OUT 59 Church Street Outline application (with all matters reserved) for the erection of 2 No. semi-detached dwellinghouses including revised plans showing works to the highway and site access and **15/00215/OUT/A 59 Church Street** Outline application for the erection of a four bedroom detached house (with all matters reserved) including revised plans showing works to the highway and site access. It was resolved to object to the amendment to both of these applications which consists of a revised plan for access from Church Street for road safety reasons. It was agreed to submit the comments made by Cllr Banks regarding parking issues, the speed of traffic at this point and a the potential danger caused by additional traffic joining on a busy road to Chorley Council, and to copy in LCC Highways and the local LCC Councillor and include a request for a Highways site visit.

- 6.1 cont **16/00516/S106A Land Surrounding Huyton Terrace Previously Baly Place Farm Bolton Road** Application under Section 106A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and the Town and Country Planning (Modification and Discharge of Planning Obligations) Regulations 1992 to modify a unilateral undertaking dated 8th September 2015. Cllr Hart explained that the modification is necessary due to a decision by Adactus not to provision the affordable housing originally planned as part of this development. Stuart Milne Homes will instead be giving £780,000 to Chorley Council for affordable housing provision. It was resolved to write to Chorley Council to ask where and how this funding will be used in Adlington, and to copy in the local borough councillors.
- 6.2 **Applications to be left for neighbours' comments**
16/00518/FULHH 1 Broad Oak Close Erection of a side and rear perimeter fence. Date for comments 25/07/2016. It was resolved to leave this for neighbours to comment
- 6.3 The Clerk has received a response from Chorley Council explaining that amendments to planning applications are not automatically notified and do not appear on the weekly list. Councillors agreed to monitor the situation.
- 7 Items for Discussion**
- 7.1 A "Friends of Adlington Library" group has now been constituted with the aim of saving the library building. It was resolved that the Council's response to the consultation would include both the points raised in the Council's original letter and additionally some from the standard letter written by the Friends group.
- 7.2 No response giving a definite date has yet been received regarding the re-opening of Chorley Accident & Emergency department. It was resolved to contact the local MP express the appreciation of the Council that he is keeping the campaign going to re-open the department
- 7.3 *Covered earlier in the meeting*
- 7.4 It was reported that Cllr Lee is still in negotiations regarding the location for the AED in Lower Adlington. Cllr Evans is checking the Higher Adlington AED each week, and Cllr Hart will cover for any absence over the summer. It was resolved to contact Cheryl Pickstock to confirm the initial setup is correct, and whether the AED recently installed outside the United Reformed Church forms part of the NWA network.
- 7.5 It was resolved to contact the local police to check what has been done about the motorbike nuisance reported on Harrison Road
- 7.6 It was resolved to contact the local Police regarding the reported criminal damage to the fence by the canal off Park Road.
- 7.7 It was resolved to send the Council's congratulations to Jennifer Rothwell following her recent inclusion in the Queen's Birthday Honours
- 7.8 It was resolved to arrange a meeting to discuss Remembrance Sunday at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14/09/16. The Clerk will contact Chorley Council and the local Police regarding the Road Closure
- 7.9 Councillors were asked to contact the Clerk if they wish to take up Mr Hann's offer of a tour around the Buckshaw Village health facility
- 7.10 The Mayor thanked all of the Councillors who helped with the stall on the Carnival field. It was noted that if the event is repeated next year it may be useful to have balloons or similar to hand out.
- 8 Items for Information**
- 8.1 Cllrs Evans, Banks and Walkden reported on the Chorley Youth Zone presentation. Cllrs Evans and Walkden also visited Wigan Youth Zone. The new Chorley Youth Zone will be run on a similar model, relying on funding from local business, but will be around a sixth of the size. It is planned that all of the youth services will be in one place with links to employability and job opportunities. The Wigan facility includes a recording studio, cafe, arts & crafts, kitchen, beauty salon, sports area and skate park. The annual fee is £5 and each visit costs 50p. There has been a lot of input from young people for the design of the Chorley Zone and it is due to open at the end of 2017.
The meeting closed at 8.50pm