

**ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018  
in Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

**Members Present:**

**Councillors** A Ball, A Evans, C Hart, J Lowe, J Molyneaux, K O'Donnell, A Robinson, P Walkden and A Wilson

**In Attendance:** L Crouch (Clerk), two local residents

**1 Open Forum**

One of the residents in attendance explained that as she is registered blind she experiences extreme difficulty in walking from her home in Lower Adlington into other parts of the village because of the lack of a controlled pedestrian crossing across the A6. Both of the available crossings are near to a traffic roundabout and there is no certainty that vehicles will stop in when she steps onto the crossing. As traffic is coming from many different directions she can't rely on hearing what's happening either. Accessing the railway station for her requires the use of a taxi and as these are coming from Chorley she has had complaints that it's not worth their while for such a short journey fare. She expressed her concern that the crossings are also dangerous for the elderly and children who also may not notice drivers who fail to see the crossing in time. Cllr Evans will be attending the Chorley Liaison meeting on 18/07/18 and the Town Council has asked for an agenda item relating to pavement access. It was agreed that this was an appropriate forum to address this issue with both Chorley Council and Lancashire County Council. It was also suggested that the issue is raised at the Chorley VIP forum later in the week by the resident, who is a member of the Forum.

The other resident in attendance described anti-social behaviour which is adversely affecting residents on Windsor Avenue. This includes late-night noise, car windows being smashed and frequent police attendance at one of the properties. A caravan has also recently appeared and seems to be occupied. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the local Police and Chorley Community Housing who own the property to find out what is being done to protect other residents.

*The Deputy Mayor thanked the residents for attending and they both left the meeting.*

**2 Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllrs B Speers and T Summers who were both away and from Cllr F Molyneaux and accepted by the Council. It was resolved that in the absence of the Mayor the meeting would be chaired by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr P Walkden.

**3 Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June were accepted as a true record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

**3.1 Matters Arising** No Website & Communications Group meeting has yet been arranged, this will be done as soon as all members are available to attend. There has not yet been a response from Lancashire County Council to the Town Council's letter regarding the anticipated shortage in primary school places in Adlington & Rivington. The Youth Zone have confirmed that they have 386 active members from the Adlington area. The Council expressed some concern regarding the lack of public transport access into Chorley from Lower Adlington and the Clerk was asked to check the split between relevant postcodes, and to ask for publicity regarding the planned bus fare offer of £1 return fare on the 125 route.

**4 Declarations of Interest** Cllr J Molyneaux declared an interest in item 6 as she is a member of the Chorley Council Development Control committee. Cllr Evans declared an interest in item 7.1 as her husband works at Adlington Primary School.

**5 Finance**

**5.1** It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for June 2018.

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

L Crouch	Salary	
Petty Cash – L Crouch	Imprest – website domain & email renewal (one year)	£22.97
Orange	Phone charges 24/06/18 to 23/07/18	£9.74

**5.5** It was resolved to approve the transfer of £430 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.**

It was resolved to leave the following applications for neighbours' comments: **18/00618/FULHH 46 Church Street** Single 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. **18/00620/FULHH 18 Mayfield Avenue** Part two storey and part single storey side/rear extension. **18/00633/FULHH 41 Grove Farm Drive** Single storey rear extension and part conversion of garage to living accommodation.

## **7 Items for Discussion**

- 7.1 It was resolved to contact the Empty Homes Officer at Chorley Council to clarify the current situation regarding the derelict property on land adjacent to Adlington Primary School. It was also resolved to submit the suggestion to Lancashire County Council that this may offer an opportunity for expansion of the school.
- 7.2 Cllr Hart reported that signage and notice boards along the Adlington Circular Walk route are in good condition, apart from one at the entrance to Chorley Golf Club which has not been replaced following its removal during the work done during the railway electrification. The Circular Walk group will look into this. It was resolved to contact County Cllrs K Iddon and K Snape regarding the missing planks on the bridge on a section of the walk as this has been reported twice via the LCC online reporting system in the last fifteen months and it has not yet been repaired. The Councillors who checked the walk agreed that the problem would make it difficult for many people to complete that section. It was considered that repairs could be done by local volunteers but LCC would need to be consulted first.
- 7.3 It was resolved that any Councillor interested in attending the LALC AGM on 17/11/18 at 10am should contact the Clerk.
- 7.4 At the South Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood meeting held on 12/07/2018 progress on the current Neighbourhood Priorities was reported as follows: Financial support was given to Adlington Library in February 2018, and the planned car park at Grafton Street and the Heath Charnock "Gateway" have been delayed because of LCC Highways access concerns which are now being resolved. The new Neighbourhood Priorities are improvements to car parking and the entrance to the Jubilee Playing Fields, alleygates on Park Road scheduled for installation in October, and one-off repairs to alleyways behind houses on Bolton Road.
- 7.5 The following additional matters were raised:  
A consultation on the new electoral boundaries is now underway. It was agreed that Councillors would discuss the proposals in detail at the next meeting.  
It was agreed that donations to individual charitable causes is not an appropriate use of public funds.  
It was agreed that 40 lamp-post poppies should be ordered subject to the agreement of Heath Charnock and Anderton Parish Councils who will be sharing the cost of these. 21 poppies will be needed for Railway Road, the rest can be placed in other locations. It was suggested that the use of a cherry picker might be required to install the poppies.  
Following the Council's agreement at the last meeting to offer financial support for the Chorley Council Heritage Lottery Fund application for Astley Hall improvements it was agreed to send a letter of support for the bid to Dave Tetlow at Chorley Council.

## **8 Items for Information**

- 8.1 None

*The meeting closed at 8.23pm*