

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 16th August 2010
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Chair Cllr A Wilson

Councillors B Cliffe, K Ellison, C Hart, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, J Lowe, D Snape, K Snape

In Attendance: L Crouch, J Chamberlain

1 Open Forum

Janice Chamberlain, the police representative, had nothing to report. The next Police And Communities Together (PACT) meeting will be on Thursday 2nd September at 6.30pm. These will in future take place on the first Thursday of the month and will always be at 6.30pm. Mrs Chamberlain was asked to find out about recent police activity reported in the canal area.

Mrs Chamberlain then left the meeting

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr D Hoyle, Cllr B Lee and Cllr E Sumner

3 **Minutes of the Meeting of 19th July 2010** were moved by Cllr Lowe and seconded by Cllr Hart. These were accepted as a true record. It was noted that the reference to "St John's Ambulance" should read "St John Ambulance"

3.1 **Matters Arising** It was agreed that future agendas would include an item "To discuss any other matter that the Chairman (or Mayor) decides is urgent". This is in line with procedures used by both Chorley and Lancashire County Councils to deal with matters notified too late to appear on an agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.25pm to allow an additional Open Forum session

Open Forum Mr Graham Pugh addressed the Town Council. His planning application 10/00543/FUL for a change of use to premises on the Adlington Business Park has been subject to a number of administrative delays at Chorley Council which now may result in the loss of his funding and/or his ability to promote his Ski equipment hire & sale business during the peak season. The Clerk was asked to write to the Chair of the Chorley Development Control Committee to ask for a decision to be made as soon as possible to avoid the loss of this potential business and employment opportunity for the village.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.40pm

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr J Molyneaux declared an interest in item 6 (Planning). Cllr Wilson declared an interest in item 7.11

5 Finance

5.3 The following payments were approved:

L Crouch	Salary	
Petty Cash	Imprest – renewal of email domain	£22.09
CPRE	Annual Membership	£29.00
SprintPrint	Summer Update – printing	£402.00
V Holden	Summer Update - delivery	£200.00

5.4 It was agreed to transfer £1000 from the savings account to the business account

6 Planning

6.1 New Applications

The recommendations of the Planning Sub-Committee were accepted regarding the following:

10/00543/FUL Volvo Construction Equipment Unit 10/11 Adlington South Business Park Huyton Road - Proposed change of use from general industrial use (B2 use) to ski/snowboard boot fitting and ski/snowboard sale & hire of equipment and accessories – leave for neighbours to comment

10/00388/FUL 11 Outterside Street - Conversion of attached garage to kitchen/diner – leave for neighbours to comment

10/00459/FUL Granville Street – amendment to plans for flats on site of Ambulance Hall – the Clerk has written to Chorley Council repeating the comments relating to the original application, and also querying the measurements given on the revised plan, which are still unclear. In addition, the Clerk was asked to write to both the United Reformed and St Paul's Churches to ask that congregations be reminded to park responsibly particularly if using Granville Street.

In addition the following applications were discussed:

Amendments to application **10/00566/FUL** 37 Carrington Road - Proposed single storey front extension to give additional living accommodation – leave for neighbours to comment

10/00603/FUL 109-113 Chorley Road - Erection of 383m² (Gross) A1 retail unit with an ATM machine to the side elevation, together with plant and car parking to front – the Clerk was asked to contact Chorley

Council with concerns relating to the noise from the air conditioning unit and possible traffic problems; to suggest delivery time restrictions of 8am to 6pm and some restriction on specific retail use of the building; and to note that there are trees and hedges on the site.

10/00668/FUL Daisy Hill House 24A Daisy Hill Drive - Erection of a single storey side extension to create a conservatory – the Clerk was asked to contact Chorley Council to comment that an active drain runs under the proposed extension and to suggest verification of measurements.

6.2 **Applications Permitted** were noted as follows:

10/00336/FUL 17 Rivington Ave – single storey rear extension

10/00340/FUL 3 Station Road – change of use to taxi booking office

10/00420/FUL St Paul's Nursery – erection of a pavilion

10/00449/FUL & 10/00455/LBC Rigby House Farm The Common - Erection of detached garage with first floor recreation room and detached dog kennels. It was noted that the kennels have been approved for private use only.

7 Items For Discussion

7.1 It was agreed that in order to maintain the high standard of the Update publication, the content of this should appear as an item for discussion on every agenda, and that Councillors should contact the Clerk with any suggestions for articles. Ideas for the next edition included a report on Remembrance Sunday, an invitation from the Chairman to the Carol Concert, and information about the Community Awards application process.

7.2 A meeting of the Street Scene committee will be arranged to discuss maintenance of the benches in Adlington and the materials required for this. The Clerk will contact Gary Williams from Community Payback to find out if they will be able to do the work.

7.3 The request for funding from the Adlington Carnival committee was discussed, and it was agreed that the Town Council will consider providing sponsorship for a particular part of the event if an application is submitted in advance of the next Carnival. The Clerk will write to the Carnival committee with details of the Community Awards application process.

7.4 It was agreed that the Website sub-committee remit would be extended to cover all publicity, including the Update. A meeting will be arranged in the near future.

7.5 Concern was expressed that the recent changes to the railway timetables and a rumour that the X61 bus service was to be withdrawn would undermine the village's links to Manchester and Preston. The Clerk was asked to contact Stagecoach to clarify the situation and highlight the importance of the bus service, and to submit these concerns to LCC in relation to the Joint Lancashire Transport Plan.

7.6 The LCC draft Highways Investigation into the land in front of the Ridgway Arms has found that the land may be privately owned but **does** form part of the Public Highway. The Council thanked Cllr Cliffe for all his work in pursuing this matter.

7.7 It was agreed that there is no requirement for a recycling hand cart for use in Adlington. Chorley Council has a "hit squad" that can be called upon if a specific area is in need of street cleaning.

7.8 The payment of fees to Rivington & Adlington Brass Band were agreed as follows: £350 for attendance at Remembrance Sunday and £250 for the Carol Concert.

7.9 It was agreed that the Clerk would nominate Adlington & District in Bloom on behalf of the Council for funding from the RBS Community Fund. Cllr Lowe declared an interest and took no part in the discussion of this item.

7.10 It was agreed that Adlington Town Council Minute books from 1974 to 1999 and the Accounts book from 1974 to 2005 would be taken to the Lancashire Record Office for archiving.

7.11 The LCC proposal to charge entitled pupils a contribution towards the cost of denominational transport was discussed. Concern was expressed that this could lead to discrimination, although it was agreed that the existing rules are complex. The Clerk was asked to contact LCC to request that the consultation period is extended – this currently ends shortly after the start of the new school year and it was agreed that this gives schools no time to inform parents of the proposals. It was also suggested that any proposals should be implemented only in September 2011, and publicised in advance of this date in time for parents of that year's intake to make an informed decision when choosing a Secondary School.

Standing Orders were suspended at this point to allow the meeting to continue for 15 minutes.

8 Items for Information

8.1 The Clerk will continue to circulate the "Civic Sense" email

8.2 NALC have sent information relating to the "Community Right to Build" government proposals. This can be accessed at <http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/communities/1647083>

8.3 The Clerk will attend the LCC Parish Clerks Network meeting on Thursday 16/9/10

8.4 Cllr J Molyneaux reported on the Borough/Parish Liaison meeting held on 21/7/10.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm