

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 15th August 2011
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor Cllr C Hart

Councillors K Ellison, N Holt, D Hoyle, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, K Snape, E Sumner, J Taylor,
A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk) and one member of the public

1 Open Forum None

2 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr B Lee and accepted by the Council.

3 Minutes of the Meeting of 18th July 2011 were moved by Cllr Lowe and seconded by Cllr Ellison. These were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 Matters Arising It was noted that the application for planning permission for allotments on The Common has been referred to the Secretary of State as the site is on Green Belt land. A correction was made to the previously approved June 2011 minutes and signed by the Mayor.

4 Declarations of Interest Cllr J Molyneaux declared an interest in item 6

5 Finance

5.1 The statement of accounts and budget review for July 2011 was approved.

5.2 The following payments were approved:

L Crouch	Salary	
Petty Cash	Imprest – renewal of email domain	£15.48
CPRE (payment to be made under Local Govt Act 1972 Section 137)	Annual membership	£29.00
Sprintprint	Newsletter printing	£402.00
V Holden	Newsletter delivery	£200.00

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

6 Planning**6.1 New Applications**

11/00462/FUL Land 440M North West Of Beacon House Sandy Lane Proposed barn extension to south east gable end of existing barn. No objection was raised so long as the barn and extension are to be used only for agricultural purposes. The Clerk will send the Council's comments to the Planning department.

6.2 Appeal Applications

10/00131/FULMAJ Land 100m East of Wigan Lane Coppull – Paintballing. The appeal date has been set as 10am on 26/10/11 at Chorley Town Hall. The Council has been contacted by a local resident who feels that the continuing problem of noise nuisance should be dealt with irrespective of the progress of the current planning application and enforcement appeals. The Clerk will contact Chorley Council to find out what action is being taken to address this.

6.3 Permission Granted

11/00235/FUL 41 Grove Crescent Single storey pitched roof extension to rear elevation noted.

7 Items For Discussion

It was agreed that item 7.4 should be moved to the start of the agenda, to allow Cllr Holt to attend his next meeting.

7.4 Cllr Holt has arranged with the local youth group to attend a meeting to discuss the best way of enabling their input to the local democratic process. The Mayor extended an invitation to representatives of the youth group to attend a future Town Council meeting.

Cllr Holt left to attend the youth meeting.

7.1 The Council agreed to adopt the Model Publication Scheme for Freedom of Information requests, and decided that the charge for the provision of printed information would be 10p per sheet.

7.2 Cllr Lowe has spoken to staff at the White Bear Marina but they have had no reports of mink sightings. The Clerk will contact the Chief Executive of British Waterways to find out how widespread this problem is and what action the company is taking to control it in other areas.

7.3 Any Councillor interested in attending the LALC AGM on 12/11/11 should contact the Clerk

- 7.5 The Mayor summarised the proposals outlined in the LCC Consultation on the Draft Policy for Managing Unauthorised Encampments on County Council Owned Land, and recommended that the Town Council approve the proposals. This was agreed.
- 7.6 Although it appears that the Police Station in Adlington will close under the current review arrangements, the Clerk was asked to reply to the consultation to emphasise that Adlington needs a Police presence, and to ask what alternatives are under consideration for the village and surrounding areas. Concern was expressed regarding the possible adverse effect of these changes on incident response times.
- 7.7 The Mayor requested all Councillors to consider the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service Performance Report and Action Plan 2011 Consultation proposals, available on the service website. This will be discussed at the September meeting.
- 7.8 The Clerk was asked to contact Stagecoach regarding the change to the 3A bus route from early September which will remove the current access to this service for residents of Babylon Lane
- 7.9 It was agreed that the Town Council does not want to take over the maintenance of any of Chorley Council's assets. The Clerk will reply to the Council's letter.
- 7.10 Mr & Mrs Holden are unable to continue providing a delivery service for the Update. The Council expressed its thanks to them for the reliable service they have provided for the last few years. The Clerk will draft an advertisement for an alternative provider for approval at the next meeting.
- 7.11 Notification of the Lancashire County Council Consultation Draft Implementation Plan for Lancashire's Local Transport Plan was received too late for this meeting agenda, and the closing date for comments will be 12/9/11. The Clerk will ask for an extension to this date. If this is not agreed, the Mayor will consider calling an extraordinary meeting to discuss the proposals.
- 8 Items for Information**
- 8.1 The dates of the LALC Autumn Conference 29/10/11, Chairmanship Workshop 23/11/11 and Community Engagement Workshop 26/10/11 were noted. Councillors interested in attending any of these should contact the Clerk for further details.
- 8.2 The contents of the letter from the Post Office giving the result of the recent consultation were noted.
- The meeting closed at 8.40pm*