

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 19th August 2013
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor B Lee
Councillors D Croft, G Dunn, C Hart, S Higgins, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, E Sumner, A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), Alison Evans, Lindsey Blackstock (Chorley Council), County Councillor Kim Snape, a local resident and a Police representative.

1 Open Forum

Lindsey Blackstock explained that currently around £100,000 of section 106 funding has been allocated for refurbishment on the Jubilee Recreation Ground, and local demand indicates that this might be best spent on one large project, for example a refurbished skate park, complementing the facility recently opened in Euxton. She explained that the consultation for this is just starting and that schools, youth groups and people using the current facility will be included in the discussions before any decisions are made. A very specific brief will be drawn up before the tender process is started.

The Mayor thanked her for attending, and expressed support for the project on behalf of the Council.

Lindsey Blackstock then left the meeting.

Janet Jackson introduced herself as a resident of Church Street. She summarised the residents' objections to planning application **13/00628/FUL** for a new warehouse to be built on White Bear Yard. Concerns have been expressed that the development will lead to loss of light and an increase in noise disturbance. She also explained that the trees screening the yard are old and overgrown.

The Police representative summarised the notes from the most recent PACT meeting. There have been a number of "distraction" burglaries recently, and residents were warned not to leave cars unattended while in shop car parks and petrol stations.

The Police representative then left the meeting

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

3 Minutes of the Meeting of 15th July 2013 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 Matters Arising An email has been received from Jenni Moore at Chorley Council since the last meeting, confirming that the railway bridge will be widened as part of the bridge works relating to the electrification of the Railway line, and that representatives of Network Rail will be happy to liaise with Town and Parish Councils. The Clerk was asked to obtain contact details and invite them to a meeting. Further information has also been received regarding the Park and Ride, indicating that the delay in provision of this relates to LCC regulations. County Cllr Snape will look into this.

4 Declarations of Interest Cllrs Dunn and J Molyneaux declared an interest in item 6 as they are both members of the Development Control Committee at Chorley Council

4.1 It was resolved to co-opt Alison Evans as Town Councillor for the West Ward of Adlington and she made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for July 2013.

5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary (based on revised scales from April 2013)	
Petty Cash	Imprest – replacement printer cartridge	£22.54
Orange	Phone charges 24/06/13 to 23/07/13	£9.31
PWD Creative Solutions	Update printing	£280.00
L Snape	Update delivery	£200.00

5.3 It was resolved to transfer £1000 from the RBS savings account to the business current account.

5.4 It was resolved to continue with the account signatories as advised by the bank as Cllrs Croft, Lee, Lowe and J Molyneaux until the next Deputy Mayor is appointed, but to send a letter to the bank questioning why Cllr Hart's name has been removed from the account without authority.

6 Planning

6.1 New Applications

13/00628/FUL - White Bear Yard Park Road Erection of warehouse. It was resolved to submit objections based on the residents' comments that the proposed warehouse is too close to the site boundary and too high which would lead to loss of light and increased noise nuisance, is not well screened, and does not include provision for additional employee parking. It was also resolved to request that this decision is taken by the Chorley Council Development Control committee rather than

delegated, and that a site visit is undertaken if the committee is minded to approve the application.

The resident then left the meeting

It was resolved to leave the applications **13/00687/FUL - Ellerbrook 1B Westhoughton Road** Removal of hedge and erection of 1.9m high fence to front boundary and **13/00723/FUL - 14 Abbey Grove** Garage extension to front elevation, for neighbours to comment

6.2 Applications Granted

The following permissions were noted:

13/00464/FUL - 25 Abbey Grove Erection of single storey rear extension

13/00544/FUL - Bay 1 Unit 2B Huyton Road Erection of spray booth and plant

13/00503/FUL - 144 Chorley Road Creation of dropped kerb to enable vehicular access

It was resolved to contact LCC to request that in view of the permission given for application 13/00503/FUL it would be appropriate to remove the pavement "build-out" adjacent to this.

6.3 Applications Withdrawn

The following was noted:

13/00374/COU - Trades 4 Jobs 9 Market Street - Change of use of Offices to Retail

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved to note the contents of the NALC document "A New Future: developing the Strategy" but that no response was required.

7.2 It was resolved that the introduction of a summer festival could dilute the impact of the existing and successful Adlington Carnival, and that it would be more appropriate for any future festival to be managed by an independent committee rather than the Town Council

7.3 It was resolved to contact LCC to suggest that the railings at the junction of Railway Road and the A6 are replaced by a safety solution offering increased protection, for example a raised kerb

7.4 It was resolved to continue with the current schedule of three editions of the Update each year.

7.5 Attendance at this year's PACT meetings was agreed as follows: 12/9/13 Cllr Wilson, 3/10/13 Cllr Higgins, 7/11/13 Cllr Hart and 5/12/13 Cllr Evans

7.6 It was resolved to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner for clarification of the policy for enforcement of the 20mph speed limit and to ask what is his policy on this matter, quoting as an example the problems recently experienced by Highfield Road residents.

7.7 It was resolved that the Street Scene Working Group will identify locations where overhanging growth is restricting pavements and that this list will be brought to the next meeting for action

7.8 It was resolved to request that LCC Highways extend the 30mph from Church Street to just north of Rawlinson Lane, replacing the 40mph limit to 30mph, due to the new developments on the A6 Westhoughton Road, but that a decision on the speed limit for Railway Road should be deferred until clarification is received regarding enforcement of the 20mph limits.

7.9 The comments regarding the Adlington street scene received from a local business owner were noted, but it was confirmed that section 106 funding can be used only for projects of benefit to the whole community. It was resolved to contact him to suggest he seeks funding from Chorley Council

7.10 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council Environment department and the local Police to express concern regarding the safety of the derelict building on the canal bank off Park Road and those on the old Balloons Galore site

7.11 It was resolved to ask County Cllr Snape to find out if any improvement is possible to street lighting on Chorley Road

At this point it was resolved to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue for 15 mins

7.12 It was resolved to request that LCC limit the parking in front of the Ridgway Arms to 30 minutes with no return within the hour. It was also resolved to contact Chorley Council to request that the number of parking spaces on the main car park off Harding Street is increased

7.13 As the newly published bus timetables show that the 125 service will no longer be serving Chorley Hospital grounds, it was agreed to contact Stagecoach and LCC to express concern that this will inconvenience local residents, and that this change has been made without consultation.

8 Items for Information

None

The meeting closed at 9.15pm