

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 20th August 2018
in Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:**Mayor** T Summers**Councillors** A Ball, A Evans, C Hart, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, A Robinson, B Speers and A Wilson**In Attendance:** L Crouch (Clerk)

- 1 **Open Forum** None. PCSO Ben Pilling sent his apologies.
- 2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllrs K O'Donnell and P Walkden who were both away and accepted by the Council.
- 3 **Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 16th July were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.
- 3.1 **Matters Arising** No update regarding the repairs required to the bridge on the Circular Walk has yet been received from Lancashire County Council, the Clerk will check if any work has been done. Cllr Hart reported that a Facebook page has now been set up to promote the Circular Walk and any future events will be promoted via this and twitter. The resident who attended the last meeting has not yet had any contact from Chorley Community Housing, the Clerk will check on progress with the complaint.
- 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 Lowe declared an interest in item 5.2 as one of the payments is to reimburse her for expenditure on behalf of the Council. Cllr Summers declared an interest in item 7.3 as he is a close neighbour of the complainant.
- 5 **Finance**
- 5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for July 2018.
- 5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments:
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| L Crouch | Salary | |
| Orange | Phone charges 24/06/18 to 23/07/18 | £9.74 |
| PWD Creative | Printing of the Update newsletter | £295.00 |
| J Lowe | Plants for planters (£102.99) and replacement trough for under Park Road notice board including compost and plants (£29.97) | £132.96 |
- It was resolved not to approve the following payment:
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| Adlington Delivery | Delivery of the Update newsletter | £105.00 |
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- Of the 10 Councillors present only four had received a copy of the newsletter. Cllr Speers does not live in Adlington, but reported that a relative who does had not received a copy. The Clerk has also received a complaint from a resident who had not received this edition. The Council resolved that it would be inappropriate to pay an invoice where there is insufficient evidence that the service agreed has been received in full. It was resolved that Councillors would speak to other residents in the areas identified as possible problems (Westhoughton Road, Grove Farm Drive, Outterside Street, Railway Road and Fairclough Place). Concern was also expressed that if the delivery has not been made to the whole of the village some of the printed copies are now missing.
- 5.3 It was resolved to approve the transfer of £1000 from the RBS savings account to the current account.
- 5.4 It was noted that the External Auditor, PFK Littlejohn, has accepted the Town Council's Certificate of Exemption for 2018 and requires no further information from the Council in this financial year.
- 6 **Planning**
- 6.1 **New or Amended Applications for consideration.**
It was resolved that **LCC/2018/0034 RETENTION OF THE EXISTING GAS UTILISATION COMPOUND AND INSTALLATION OF A GRP KIOSK AND ANCILLARY PLANT TO SUPPORT THE GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY USING LANDFILL GAS AND NATURAL GAS LOCATION: RIGBY QUARRY AND HOUGHTON HOUSE LANDFILL SITE, CHORLEY ROAD, STANDISH.** Would be left for neighbours to comment.
- 6.2 **Applications to be left for neighbours' comments.**
It was resolved to leave the following applications for neighbours' comments: **18/00668/FULHH 26 Highfield Road North** Single storey side/rear extension. **18/00723/FULHH 27 The Common** RESUBMISSION / AMENDMENT: Removal of existing conservatory and garages to the rear of the property and construction of 2 storey extensions including first floor over the existing garage and dormer loft. **18/00732/FUL Adlington Conservative Club Railway Road** Rear Single Storey Extension. **18/00779/FULHH 31 The Common** Proposed side extension.
- 7 **Items for Discussion**
- 7.1 The recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission with regard to its electoral review of the Chorley Council ward boundaries were noted.

- 7.2 It was resolved to arrange a meeting of the Remembrance Sunday group to discuss arrangements for this year's event on 26/09/18 at 7.30pm at Fairview. The Clerk will contact the other members of the group to arrange this.
- 7.3 Cllr Summers explained that he had been contacted by a resident who is experiencing anti-social behaviour from young people who live on Acresfield. They have got inside the house and car without permission and on one occasion removed property from the car. They have also been seen using an alleyway as a toilet at night. Complaints to the Police and Chorley Community Housing have been made but they have said there is nothing they can do. It was resolved to contact Chorley Community Housing to find out more about the incidents and any action which has been taken.
- 7.4 It was resolved to hold a meeting of the Website & Communications Working Group on 13/09/18 at 7.15pm at the Clerk's house to look at improvements which could be made to the current website and to discuss future development of this and other social media
- 7.5 It was resolved to contact Cllr Keith Iddon at Lancashire County Council regarding the vegetation which is overhanging the pavements on Westthoughton Road and elsewhere in the village. At the recent Chorley Liaison meeting, Cllr Iddon stated that any access problems could be reported directly to him for action.
- 7.6 Cllr Evans reported that the access problems discussed at the last meeting were raised at the Chorley Liaison meeting held on 18/08/18. As stated in the previous item, Cllr Iddon has agreed to follow up the accessibility issues. It was resolved therefore to contact him and copy in the local MP regarding the following:
- The lack of visibility of the pedestrian crossings over the A6 particularly at night when the "beacon" lights are very dim
 - The unsuitable nature of these crossings for visually impaired or disabled users as explained in last month's Open Forum, and the need for some alternative audio or physical indication that it is safe to cross
 - the need for a consultation to advise on the possibility of creating a "safe route" for pedestrians through the village, linking this to the BBC news item which explained how this had been done in Trafford with the use of white lines on the pavement
- 7.7 It was resolved to contact Ryan Powell at Chorley Youth Zone to suggest that young people from the village who are already using the Youth Zone are asked when the best time to hold an outreach event at the Jubilee Recreation Ground would be. It was suggested that Friday might be a popular day. Cllr Hart suggested that as adults are also using the facility, and are reportedly travelling from outside the area to do so, sponsorship could be sought from companies or organisations with whom they have links.
- 7.8 It has been reported to the Council by residents that a Licensing Application for a Micropub has been made to Chorley Council for premises on Babylon Lane. Concern was expressed that the Town Council had not received notification of the application, and that Licensing Applications should not be considered until the premises has received the appropriate planning permission for change of use. In addition, it appears that some structural modifications to the property are already being undertaken. Residents attempting to submit objections to the application have been unable to do so online. It was resolved to contact Gary Hall, the Licensing department and Planning enforcement at Chorley Council to express the Council's concerns. An invitation has been received for a representative of the Council to attend the Community Recovery Sub Group Meeting arranged by Chorley Council. The Group will be discussing the recent Winter Hill fire and will meet on 28/08/18 at 6.30pm. It was resolved that Cllr Hart will represent the Council at this meeting. The next meeting of the Chorley Area LALC group will take place on 20/09/18 at 7pm. Councillors were asked to let the Clerk have any additional items for this agenda by 01/09/18. The Mayor and Councillors congratulated Cllr Jeanette Lowe on her recent British Citizen Award. It was agreed that this should be noted in the next edition of the Update newsletter.

8 Items for Information

- 8.1 The Mayor has arranged a concert with the Rivington & Adlington Brass Band and Harmony choir to take place on 09/11/18 at 7.30pm at St Paul's Church. The band and choir will be performing free of charge and the proceeds of ticket sales will be split between the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and the Mayor's Charity
The meeting closed at 8.24pm