

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 20th September 2010
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Chair Cllr A Wilson

Councillors C Hart, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, K Snape, E Sumner.

In Attendance: L Crouch, J Chamberlain and 10 members of the public.

1 Open Forum

Janice Chamberlain, the police representative, had nothing to report. The next Police And Communities Together (PACT) meeting will be on Thursday 7th October at 6.30pm.

Mrs Chamberlain then left the meeting.

Several residents of Acresfield and nearby attended the meeting to express their concerns regarding the recently submitted planning application **10/00770/FUL** to build five 3-bedroom houses and four 2-bedroom apartments on land bounded by Park Road and Acresfield and **10/00771/FUL** to demolish existing garages on Acresfield and erect five 2-bedroom bungalows. The main objections raised were as follows:

- The land has for many years been used as recreational space by residents for picnics, parties and bonfires and as a children's play area. A lack of adequate grass mowing has resulted in the land being less accessible in recent years.
- The removal of the garages is likely to make existing parking problems worse
- No request to buy has been received by owners of privately-owned garages on the site
- At the initial consultation meeting held by Adactus last year it was obvious that residents objected strongly to the proposals but it was felt that this was not taken into account.
- Problems have been experienced with the water supply to existing houses
- Some affected tenants have not been notified of the proposals

Councillors agreed that the residents' views would be taken into account when considering the Town Council's response to the application. It was also suggested that residents submit their own individual objections to Chorley Council, and to the Board of Chorley Community Housing.

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr B Cliffe, Cllr K Ellison, Cllr D Hoyle, and Cllr D Snape

3 **Minutes of the Meeting of 16th August 2010** were moved by Cllr J Molyneaux and seconded by Cllr Lowe. These were accepted as a true record.

3.1 **Matters Arising.** None

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr J Molyneaux declared an interest in item 6 (Planning). Cllr Lowe declared an interest in items 7.2, 7.12 and 7.16

It was agreed to bring forward part of item 6.4, discussion of planning application 10/00770/FUL for the benefit of the local residents in attendance at the meeting.

6.4(a) Taking into account the comments received from the residents present, the Clerk was asked to submit a letter of objection to Chorley Council based on the following concerns:

- Poor access to the site
- Additional traffic and parking problems, particularly on Park Road
- The current use of the site as Green Space
- Potential problems with water supply and drainage

And to query why some residents of Park Road have not been issued with the statutory notification

The residents then left the meeting

5 Finance

5.1 The amendment required to the bank mandate form was noted

5.2 The following payments were approved:

L Crouch	Salary	
Petty Cash	Imprest	£3.84
BDO LLP	External Audit	£158.63
P Dodd	Hanging Baskets – second payment	£2775.00
Adlington and District Community Centre	Neighbourhood Watch	£12.00

5.3 It was agreed to transfer £3300 from the savings account to the business account

5.4 The audited Annual Return was approved and accepted. The Clerk will display the notice of Annual Return in the notice boards and make the audited return available for inspection by appointment

5.5 It was agreed to renew the AVG PC security for 2 years at a cost of £30

- 6 Planning**
- 6.1 It is understood that a decision has not yet been made on the application **10/00131/FULMAJ Paintballing** as Chorley Development Control are awaiting the results of an independent noise assessment. The Clerk was asked to contact Chorley Council to clarify the current position.
- 6.2 Application **10/00543/FUL** Ski Equipment Sale & Hire has now been approved by Chorley Council
- 6.3 The Private Garden Residential Development – Proposed Interim Policy was noted
- 6.4 **New Applications**
The recommendations of the Chairman and the Chair of the Planning Sub-Committee were accepted regarding the following:
10/00716/FUL Church View, Vicarage Close. The Clerk has contacted Chorley Council to express concerns relating to the drainage from the site.
In addition the following applications were discussed:
 Amendments to application **10/00603/FUL** 109-113 Chorley Road. The Clerk was asked to contact Chorley Council to express concern at the loss of a parking space.
10/00645/FUL Land 440m NW of Beacon House, Sandy Lane – Extension to existing agricultural barn. The Clerk was asked to contact Chorley Council with comments relating to the current status of the land as “agricultural” as the application includes potential retail use and asking for access to be restricted via Wigan Lane only if approved.
10/00760/FUL 43 Westhoughton Road – erection of single storey side/rear extension was left for neighbours to comment.
10/00770/FUL was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.
*It was agreed that the two applications received too late for the meeting would be discussed at the next Planning sub-committee meeting, date to be arranged. These are **10/00771/FUL** Land immediately East of 43 - 51 Acresfield - Demolition of existing garages and erection of five 2-Bed bungalows and **10/00810/FUL** Allanson Hall Farm Westhoughton Road - Erection of 50 photovoltaic solar panels.*
- 6.5 The proposed planning application for residential moorings at White Bear Marina will be discussed by the Planning sub-committee
- 6.6 The proposed planning application for a Blue NG Waste Disposal Plant in Blackrod will be discussed by the Planning sub-committee
- 7 Items For Discussion**
- 7.1 Notes from the Website and Publicity sub-committee meeting of 24/8/10 were discussed and the recommendations for additions and amendments to the website were approved. Items suggested for inclusion in the next edition of Update were also agreed. Cllr J Molyneaux did not attend this meeting; the Clerk will remove her name from the list of attendees.
- 7.2 The minutes of the Streetscene sub-committee were discussed and the following comments made:
- The Edna Shone memorial bench has already been repainted by Community Payback
 - Footpath 5 was reported to LCC last year, and should have been cleared. The Clerk will check.
 - Litter picking may no longer be necessary as the new Chorley Council system is in operation
 - Reduction in the number of hanging baskets could be considered a retrograde step for the village. It may be better to look at the money available at the time the budget is set, then ask what could be provided for the money available from a number of suppliers. Cllr D Snape is currently investigating possible options for hanging basket provision.
 - The work on the War Memorial has been approved by Chorley Council, and it is felt that opening out of the area by removing shrubbery would invite people to sit there.
- It was agreed that no payment can be made to the Community Payback service without an invoice. The Clerk will contact Gary Williams to explain this and the process for requesting donations from the Council.
- 7.3 Cllr Lowe has been in contact with British Waterways regarding towpath problems reported by a resident.
- 7.4 The Chairman will lead the procession on Remembrance Sunday. The Clerk will write inviting organisations to the event and explaining the change of assembly point. The Clerk will also contact Heath Charnock, Rivington and Anderton Parish Councils to itemise the cost of the event and request donations
- 7.5 The Fire Service Performance Report and Action Plan 2010 was noted
- 7.6 There has been no further news relating to the Ridgway Arms site
- 7.7 Chorley Council is not currently considering any new applications for alley gates. The Clerk was asked to write to Chorley Council with copies to Donna Hall, Cllr E Bell and Cllr P Goldsworthy to express the Town Council’s regret at this decision as feedback from residents has been positive.
- 7.8 It was agreed that the current Adlington Parish Plan is in need of review. The current plan will be circulated and discussed at the next meeting.
- 7.9 Cllr K Snape has looked into a complaint received regarding the condition of the skate park, and reported that the tarmac surface is showing signs of wear and is uneven. The Clerk will contact Chorley Council.
- 7.10 The Clerk will contact LCC regarding the damaged footpath signpost. A resident has reported problems

- with footpaths in the Hobby's Wood area; the Clerk will report these at the same time, and check whether some of the path is in Heath Charnock. Cllr Hart will contact the Transport Police.
- 7.11 It was agreed that an article giving information on the X61 bus service would be included in the Update
Standing Orders were suspended at this point to allow the meeting to continue for 15 minutes.
- 7.12 Information relating to the Adlington Millennium Committee is available on request from Cllr Lowe
- 7.13 It was agreed that the Clerk could dispose of the old desktop computer as all relevant information has been transferred
- 7.14 It was agreed that there is no requirement for an Adlington Flag
- 7.15 It was agreed that there is no-one available to administer the proposed "Winter Service" pilot scheme in Adlington
- 7.16 The results of the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition were noted. Lower Adlington appeared in the top eight of the "large villages" category. White Bear Marina was the winner of the "Industrial/Commercial" certificate of merit, and the Fairclough Garden was Highly Commended in the "Public Garden" section. The Town Council congratulated White Bear Marina on its success.
- 7.17 Cllr Cliffe has received a letter from residents of Carrington Road concerned about the condition of the footpath which runs to the rear of the road. The Clerk will ask LCC to look into this and also contact Chorley Council to ask them to clear any rubbish from the path.
- 8** **Items for Information**
- 8.1 The Clerk will circulate minutes of the LCC Parish Clerks' Network meeting
- 8.2 The invitation to the Chorley Civic Society Awards ceremony on 30/9/10 was noted
- 8.3 The "Climate Change" film and discussion night on 8/10/10 was noted
- 8.4 The Clerk has applied for the Lancashire Leaders course commencing 17/11/10. LALC AGM will be on 6/11/10. Anyone interested in the Finance Workshop on 1/12/10 please contact the Clerk.
- 8.5 The free "Investing in Innovation" course on 6/10/10 was noted
- 8.6 The Clerk has been sent details of a new Police public feedback website www.getintheloop.co.uk and will publicise this in the notice boards.
- The meeting closed at 9.15pm*