

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 16th September 2013
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Councillors D Croft, A Evans, C Hart, J Lowe, J Smethurst, E Sumner, A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk) and a Police representative.

1 Open Forum

The Police representative summarised the most recent Police and Communities Together meeting report. Many incidents involved insecure vehicles or garages.

The Police representative then left the meeting

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr B Lee who was away on personal business, Cllr S Higgins who was in Workington and Cllrs J Molyneaux, F Molyneaux and G Dunn who were at another meeting and accepted by the Council. It was resolved that Cllr D Croft, Deputy Mayor, would chair the meeting in the absence of the Mayor.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting of 19th August 2013** were accepted as a true record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** Cllr Evans offered to liaise with Lindsey Blackstock regarding the skate park developments as she attended the recent consultation meeting on the Jubilee recreation ground.

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Evans declared an interest in item 5.2 as she is a personal member of the Chorley Credit Union

5 Finance

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

5.2 It was resolved to consider investment of long-term reserve funds with the Chorley Credit Union. The Clerk was asked to find out more about the interest rates and procedures for transferring funds so that this can be discussed in more detail at the next Finance Working Group meeting

5.3 It was noted that Councillors should bring suggested budget items to the next meeting

5.4 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Orange	Phone charges 24/08/13 to 23/09/13	£9.31

5.5 It was resolved to transfer £400 from the RBS savings account to the business current account.

6 Planning

6.1 New Applications

It was resolved to leave comments regarding **13/00797/FUL 47 Castle Drive** Single storey side, rear and front extensions and **13/00823/FUL 6 Granville Street** Demolition of garage and erection of side extension, front porch and replacement of flat roofed dormer with hipped roof to neighbours

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 Particular problem areas with overhanging vegetation were identified as Mount Pleasant, Church Street, Cemetery View and Park Road. Cllr Lowe will approach Chorley Council informally for comments and bring suggestions for any further action necessary to the next meeting

7.2 It was resolved to contact the North West Traffic Commissioner suggesting that consultation on changes to bus services should be undertaken and alternatives considered before any changes are made in future. It was also resolved to question why this important stop has been removed when there has been no change to the traffic situation since the schedule was originally published and no evidence that the hospital stop is the main cause of any delays.

7.3 It was resolved to reply to County Cllr Snape's enquiry regarding representation to say that the Council does not consider the Three-Tier forum as adequate representation for all Lancashire Town and Parish Councils, and that not enough notice is given from the Forum for discussion by Councils of items to be included at the meetings.

7.4 A list of items for inclusion in the newsletter was compiled. It was resolved to contact all regular contributors. Items for inclusion must be received by the end of October, as the Winter edition needs to be delivered in time to publicise the Carol Concert in early December.

7.5 Discussion of the Parish Plan was deferred until the next meeting

7.6 It was resolved to organise a meeting of all groups to discuss the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday. Cllr Lowe will arrange this for early October.

7.7 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council with a request that the problem of weeds growing through the roads and pavements is addressed, particularly on the main roads through the village

7.8 It was resolved to submit the problem of weeds (item 7.7) and Planning training as subjects for discussion at the next Parish Liaison meeting on 16/10/13

- 7.9 Cllr Evans reported that the initial Jubilee recreation ground skate park consultation event had been well attended. It was resolved to submit no further comments regarding the consultation at this stage.
- 7.10 It was resolved to contact the Canals & Rivers Trust to ask them to investigate the report that a large amount of oil has been regularly appearing on the surface of the Leeds Liverpool canal between Red House and Bond's Lane bridges for the past twelve months.
- 7.11 It was resolved to clarify the number of pairs of hanging baskets which have been supplied by Chorley Council in Adlington this year, as 40 pairs were agreed but only 32 are in situ.
- 7.12 It was resolved to contact Northern Rail, the rail regulator and the local MP with questions regarding the frequency of the services available from Adlington, the number of carriages provided on the existing trains which are sometimes insufficient to meet demand, the age of the rolling stock on this route, and the pricing structure.
- 7.13 It was resolved to defer any further action regarding the railings on the corner of Railway Road and Church Street pending installation of the reflective material designed to improve visibility on the corner, particularly for traffic approaching from the Horwich direction. Cllr Evans explained that there are underground fibre optic cables at the location which would make any major works very expensive
- 7.14 It was agreed to submit the following matters which had been discussed at previous meetings of the Council to the Three-Tier Forum for inclusion in the LCC 2014/15 Environment Directorate Commissioning Plan for Chorley:
- Widening of the road and pavement on Railway Road in conjunction with works related to the electrification of the railway line
 - Parking restrictions around the Ridgway Arms/Tesco development
 - Improved lighting on Chorley Road
 - Improved parking facilities on Harding Street
- It was also resolved to comment that the timescale was very short for items to be submitted for consideration and that this did not allow time for additional consultation with local residents.
- 8 Items for Information**
- 8.1 Higher Adlington achieved seventh place in the Large Village section of the 2013 Lancashire Best Kept Village competition and won the "Most Improved Village" category. An invitation has been received to attend the Awards Ceremony on Monday 14th October.
- 8.2 The Lancashire Association of Local Councils annual accounts and newsletter have been received
- 8.3 A letter has been received from a representative of the Adlington Carnival Committee asking for a donation towards next year's event. The Clerk will send a copy of the 2014 Community Awards application form.
- The meeting closed at 8.50pm*