

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 15th September 2014
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Councillors A Evans, C Hart, S Higgins, J Lowe, J Molyneaux

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk) and 9 local residents

1 Open Forum

One of the residents addressed the meeting on behalf of a group of residents and business owners who wanted to express their concerns regarding planning application **14/00883/FUL Adlington Police Station 26 Church Street** which contains a proposal to build an additional house next to the old police station. The Council had not been advised that additional information regarding ownership of the access road had been added to the Chorley Council website documents. The residents were concerned that this addition could lead to problems with access to their property. In addition, they highlighted existing problems with the drains and parking at this location. The residents also expressed their concerns that they had not been officially informed of the planning application, and that Chorley Council Planning staff had been unhelpful when enquiries were made.

The Deputy Mayor thanked them for their comments which would be taken into consideration when the Council responded to the application.

Mrs Baxendale addressed the meeting to enquire whether any additional information had been received from the Police and Crime Commissioner following the questions raised at the August meeting. The Clerk confirmed that no response had yet been received and offered to follow this up. The Commissioner had offered at the last meeting to respond to more specific queries if individual residents wish to contact him directly. Contact details are available on the PCC website

<http://www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk>

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllrs A Wilson and B Lee who were away, Cllr D Croft who was taking part in a sponsored walk in aid of his Mayors' charities, Cllr J Smethurst who was at work, and Cllr F Molyneaux who was indisposed and accepted by the Council. It was resolved that the Deputy Mayor, Cllr S Higgins, would chair the meeting in the absence of the Mayor.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18th August** were accepted as a true record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** One application has been received for the Councillor vacancy. The applicant will be invited to the October Council meeting.

4 **Declarations of Interest** None

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for August 2014. The bank statements were signed by Cllr Hart.

5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Petty Cash	Printer cartridge	£26.72
Orange	Phone charges 24/08/14 to 23/09/14	£9.31
PWD Creative	Update newsletter – printing	£280.00
Lucy Snape	Update newsletter - delivery	£200.00

5.3 It was resolved to transfer £900 from the RBS savings account to the business current account.

5.4 It was resolved to support in principle an application for funding to the Police and Crime Commissioner's "Community Action Fund" to pay for youth workshops to be held at the new Jubilee Recreation ground facility using experienced trainers to show children how to use the new equipment properly. The funding Task Group will bring detailed proposals to the next meeting for approval

5.5 A meeting of the Funding Task Group was arranged to take place immediately before the next Town Council meeting at 6pm on 13/10/14

Four of the residents left the meeting

6 Planning

6.1 New Applications

14/00908/FUL Co-op Late Shop Bolton Road Re-painting of existing shop front framework, external shutters and fascia panel. It was resolved that no comments were necessary.

14/00915/FUL 52 Bolton Road Conversion of existing terraced property into 2 self-contained flats. This application related to Chorley but had been notified as Adlington in error by Chorley Council
Cllr J Molyneaux arrived and declared an interest in item 6 as she is a member of Chorley Council Development Control Committee.

14/00883/FUL Adlington Police Station 26 Church Street Erection of detached dwelling and associated detached garage.

The meeting was suspended for 10 minutes for clarification of some points from the residents still present.

It was resolved to submit objections to the application to include points raised by residents in the Open Forum. These related to residents' access, parking issues, existing drainage problems, use of a garden area for a property and lack of notification to the Council of the amendment.

Four of the residents left the meeting.

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved to respond to the **Fire Service Performance Report and Action Plan 2014 – proposals for change public consultation** to say that the Council hopes that the relocation of the Chorley Fire Station will not result in a longer response time for Adlington.

7.2 It was agreed to defer a decision on whether Adlington should take part in the "Fly A Flag for the Commonwealth" day on 9 March 2015 to the next meeting to allow the Mayor to consider his possible involvement with this.

7.3 It was resolved that a more detailed assessment of a possible upgrade of the Council's IT equipment should be considered by the Website and Publicity Working Group and a provisional amount should be allocated for this by the Finance Working Group when it proposes the 2015/16 budget amounts

7.4 An apology for the barriers being left in place and a notification that the street lighting is now working on the railway bridge have been received from Network Rail. It was resolved that the next meeting would consider the lighting requirements once the bridge work is complete.

7.5 It was resolved that the circulated list of Mayoral Duties would be treated as guidelines which can be added to at any stage by Councillors

7.6 It was resolved to find out if it is possible for Chorley Council to register the Jubilee playing field and Grafton Street play area as "Fields in Trust".

7.7 A list of subjects to appear in the next Update was agreed. Councillors were asked to send any articles for inclusion to the Clerk by the end of October.

7.8 It was resolved to arrange a meeting of the WW1 Commemoration group, and to combine this with a meeting to discuss Remembrance Sunday. *The meeting was subsequently arranged for 8pm on Thursday 02/10/14 at Fairview Community Centre*
One resident left the meeting.

It was resolved to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue for 15 minutes

7.9 Concern was expressed at the condition of the derelict building on the canal towpath close to Adlington Primary School. It was resolved to contact Chorley Council who have the power to serve a notice on the owners, or receivers if the company is in receivership. Cllr Evans will look into this.

7.10 In the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition Lower Adlington was 3rd in the Large Village category and the White Bear Marina was Highly Commended in its category. It was resolved to add this information to the Town Council website.

7.11 It was resolved that the resident's request for a 20mph speed limit on Railway Road should be sent on to Lancashire County Council Highways department for its response

7.12 Lancashire County Councillor John Fillis, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, will be attending the next Three Tier meeting. The Clerk will contact the Lancashire Association of Local Councils for clarification of the Data Protection rules relating to email correspondence. The Clerk will contact Lancashire County Council for clarification of the request from them relating to a Footpath Modification Order in 2010.

8 Items for Information None

The meeting closed at 9.15pm