

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 19th September 2016
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor A Evans

Councillors J Banks, C Hart, J Lowe, J Molyneaux (part of meeting), and A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), and PC Anthony Burgess (Community Beat Manager)

1 Open Forum

PC Burgess introduced himself as the local CBM. He is currently also covering Coppull but the temporary vacancy there will be filled shortly. He summarised the crime figures for the month and explained that these were up only slightly on last year's and included theft from vehicles and sheds and of external property. The local team are aware of motorcycle nuisance and graffiti on the Jubilee recreation ground and are targeting that area. Notices are being put up warning that vehicles will be seized if used unlawfully and consideration is being given to further restricting vehicular access to the site. The team welcomes information from members of the public.

The Mayor thanked him for his report.

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr Higgins who was unwell, Cllr Summers and Cllr Robinson who were away on holiday, Cllr Walkden who was absent on family matters, Cllr Lee and Cllr F Molyneaux and these were accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 15th August 2016 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** The Communications & Website Working Group has not yet met. *A meeting of the group was arranged for Tuesday 25th October at 7.30pm at Fairview Community Centre.*

4 Declarations of Interest

None.

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for August 2016

5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Orange	Phone charges 24/08/16 to 23/09/16	£9.50
BDO LLP	External Audit	£120.00
Campaign for the Protection of Rural England	Membership	£36.00

5.3 It was resolved to transfer £500 from the RBS savings account to the current account.

5.4 It was resolved to approve and accept the audited Annual Return for 2015/16 and to note that there were no issues arising from the audit.

5.5 It was resolved that in future years a small annual financial transaction will be made in order to avoid the £5 administrative charge which will be made by the Chorley Credit Union, but that it is too late for the charge to be avoided this year.

5.6 It was resolved to arrange a meeting of the Finance Working Group, to consider the second round of Community Awards applications, budget and precept proposals for 2017/18 and any other financial matters. *The meeting was arranged for Wednesday 12th October at 7.30pm at Fairview Community Centre.*

It was resolved to bring forward the following three agenda items for the benefit of PC Burgess

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved to send the following responses to the Chorley Council Ironman consultation:

1 Impact on the local area – positive impacts were identified as promotion of the village and local area, good local support for the event, increased sales for local business. Negative impacts included excessive noise from supporters early on Sunday morning (particularly those bringing PA systems and horns), litter, reported refusal of access for carers to Babylon Lane, and the large number of groups of cyclists riding the route in the days leading up to the event.

2 Improvement of management – greater noise control, increased access for essential services

3 Communication preference – email and website links are fine as now

4 Opportunities for involvement of groups in our area – Volunteering opportunities haven't been advertised locally in recent years. Any future opportunities would need to be in Adlington in order not to increase transport and access problems.

5 Other comments – The meeting was suspended for a few minutes to accept a suggestion from PC Burgess that the organisers could perhaps obtain permission to supply a list of "Local Heroes" so that supporters could particularly follow the progress of participants from the local area.

- 7.3 It was resolved to find out whether there is an organisation who can undertake a mobility and access survey in Adlington, following comments received from a resident. Many of the problems referred to were related to vehicles parking illegally on double yellow lines and dropped kerbs. The meeting was temporarily suspended for the comments of PC Burgess on this matter who said that often these transgressions are brief, particularly in the proximity of the shops, and therefore difficult to target.
- 7.4 It was resolved to accept the proposals of the Joint Parishes meeting held on 14/09/16 to discuss this year's Remembrance Sunday event. PC Burgess will contact the Clerk if any change is needed to the Road Closure request already submitted to Chorley Council. It was resolved to request the same amount of financial contribution from the other Parishes despite the fact that the cost of refreshments may be higher than last year, and to review the costs for next year.
Cllr J Molyneaux arrived and declared an interest in item 6 as she is a member of the Chorley Council Development Control committee. PC Burgess left the meeting.
- 6 Planning**
- 6.1 **New or amended applications**
16/00836/TPO Land Surrounding Huyton Terrace Previously Baly Place Farm Bolton Road
English oak and ash tree belt (Tree Group no.1 with Chorley BC TPO no. 3 Adlington 2012) - plots 16, 24 and 25. Raise the crowns to a height of 4m and provide a 4m clearance from the three dwellings. Cllr Banks has spoken to one of the Site Managers and established that the proposed work involves the trimming of lower branches on the trees. It was resolved to contact Chorley Planning to check that measures will be taken during any work approved to reduce the risk of Ash Dieback disease fungal infection.
- 6.2 **Applications to be left for neighbours' comments**
It was resolved to leave the following applications for neighbours to comment:
16/00759/FULHH 37 Grove Crescent Erection of a pitched roof above a flat roof garage and porch.
16/00775/FULHH 3 Westhoughton Road Alterations to existing porch, additional window to front elevation with the re-build of the existing rear conservatory.
16/00722/FULHH 16 Lewis Close Erection of single storey side and rear extension.
- 7.1 *This item was discussed earlier in the meeting*
- 7.2 It was resolved to express support for the suggestion from Coppull Parish Council that all Chorley Parish Councils should join forces in objecting to the closure of the Chorley A & E facility.
- 7.3 *This item was discussed earlier in the meeting*
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- 7.5 It was resolved as inappropriate at this time of austerity to spend public funds on Christmas decorations or lights. It was however agreed that any offer by another organisation to provide these would be encouraged.
- 7.6 Cllr J Molyneaux informed the meeting that Lancashire County Councillor Bev Murray will be setting up meetings to discuss the future of local buildings no longer to be used for the delivery of LCC services once the final decision has been made, following the call-in process currently underway. It was resolved to contact Cllr Murray to request that a representative of the Town Council is invited to take part in any discussion relating to the Adlington Library building.
- 7.7 There were no further matters for discussion
- 8 Items for Information**
- 8.1 None. *The meeting closed at 8.40pm*