

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 18th September 2017
in Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Councillors A Ball, C Hart, J Lowe, K O'Donnell, T Summers, P Walkden and A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), Beverley Speers and PCSO Ben Pilling

- 1 **Open Forum** This took place at the end of the meeting
- 2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr Robinson (Mayor) who was at work, Cllr Evans who was unwell, Cllr F Molyneaux and Cllr J Molyneaux and accepted by the Council.
It was resolved that the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Summers, would chair the meeting in the absence of the Mayor.
- 3 **Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 21st August 2017 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** None

4 **Declarations of Interest** None.

4.1 It was resolved to co-opt Beverley Speers as Town Councillor for the East Ward of Adlington and she made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for August 2017.

5.2 It was resolved to note and approve the payment made since the last meeting to the Parish Notice Board Company for £1740.00. This is a 50% deposit (including VAT) for the supply of two new notice boards as agreed at the August meeting.

5.3 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Petty Cash	Imprest – stamps and stationery	£30.16
Orange	Phone charges 24/08/17 to 23/09/17	£9.74

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

5.5 It was resolved to approve the amendments to the asset register and 2016/17 Annual Return re-sent to the external auditor (BDO) reducing the asset value of the donated AED located on Railway Road to £1, resulting in a reduction of £1559 in the total value of the Council assets.

5.6 It was resolved to take advice from the Town Council insurers regarding reassessment of the insurance value shown on the asset register and insurance cover for the four Town Council notice boards.

5.7 It was resolved that no further action was currently required following the email received from DAC Beachcroft LLP, the company investigating the possibility of reclaiming the damage to the notice board on behalf of Zurich Insurance. The Clerk has supplied them with the details of the vehicle involved as originally sent to Zurich and will keep the Council informed of any further requests for information.

5.8 It was resolved to accept the generous offer from Barlow Construction to install the new notice board at the corner of Park Road and Bonds Lane free of charge.

6 Planning

6.1 **New or Amended Applications for consideration** None

Notification of the following application was received too late for this to be included on the agenda, but a similar application has been discussed at a previous meeting:

17/00888/OUT 59 Church Street Outline application for the erection of a detached dwelling (with all matters reserved save for access). It was resolved to once again express concern regarding access to this property and the possible safety implications for both motorists and pedestrians due to the change in speed limit, roadside parking and lack of visibility at this location, and to add this decision to the next agenda for ratification.

6.2 **Applications to be left for neighbours' comments** None

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 No agenda items for the next Chorley Liaison meeting were suggested

7.2 It was resolved to defer arranging a meeting of the Website and Communications Working Group until after the next full Council meeting. It was resolved to add Cllr Speers to this working group. The Clerk will send information relating to the current website and email charges to Councillors before the next meeting.

7.3 It was reported that Chorley Council are aware of the littering problems around the changing rooms on the King George V playing field. It was resolved that Councillors will monitor the problem and report any issues to the Clerk

7.4 It was resolved to ask Chorley Council to remove the unsightly and distracting banners on the railings at the corner of Chorley Road and Babylon Lane, and to contact the landlady of the Elephant and Castle pub with the comments received from a resident with a view to asking the brewery to address problems with the condition of the building.

7.5 The LCC proposal to introduce prohibition of waiting on Chorley Road, Adlington, the south west side, from a point 37 metres north west of the centreline of Railway Road (B6227) for a distance of 21 metres in a north westerly direction was noted. Information received from County Cllr Snape clarified that this replaces existing prohibitions. It was agreed that the information provided by LCC was very confusing.

- 7.6 The meeting was suspended for five minutes for information from PCSO Pilling, who reported that he had placed warnings on some cars in the local area where these had been parked in such a way that pedestrian access was obstructed, and would be monitoring the effectiveness of this approach.
It was resolved to report any instances of persistent blocking of pedestrian routes to PCSO Pilling, and to discuss any additional action which could be taken at the next Council meeting
- 7.7 The response received from Rachel Austen at Chorley Council regarding the provision and responsibility for a SPID if this was purchased for use in the Southeastern Parishes was noted. It was resolved that the Council would contribute to the provision of the equipment, but would not take sole responsibility for its deployment
- 7.8 The Deputy Mayor explained that the Friends of Adlington Circular Walk group may be dissolved and that its Constitution requires all assets to be shared between the local Parish Councils if this happens. As an approach is to be made to Adlington & District in Bloom to see if they are willing to take over the role, it was resolved in principle that the Town Council would agree to a direct asset transfer to the Bloom Group. Further details would be requested if this transfer of responsibility is agreed.

8 Items for Information

- 8.1 The Town Council has received notification that Adlington has won an award in the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition, although details of this award are not yet available. The Mayor will attend the ceremony on 23/10/17 on behalf of the Council.

Open Forum

This was deferred from the start of the meeting.

PCSO Ben Pilling apologised for his absence from the August meeting and summarised the crime reports for the last two months. He informed the Council that the local Police are monitoring both of the local recreation grounds when time allows. He mentioned that PC Anthony Burgess will be leaving the area shortly to take up a Sergeant post but that a replacement PC with responsibility for the village will be appointed soon.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm