

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 17th September 2018
in Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:**Mayor** T Summers**Councillors** A Ball, A Evans, C Hart, J Lowe, K O'Donnell, B Speers, P Walkden and A Wilson**In Attendance:** L Crouch (Clerk), Ryan Powell (Chorley Youth Zone), Anderton Cllr Philip Pilling and three residents**1 Open Forum**

Anderton Parish Cllr Philip Pilling addressed the meeting on behalf of Anderton residents, two of whom were also present to express concern regarding planning application 18/00746/FUL to build one property on Land Adjacent To 1 Melling Close Bolton Road. Objections were raised regarding parking, proximity to nearby properties, protection of trees on the site and loss of amenity including a cycle path. Concern was also expressed that not enough publicity has been given to the plans.

Another resident addressed the meeting with his concerns that the "no entry" sign outside Tesco Express has been positioned in such a way as to prevent access to the pavement alongside the pedestrian road crossing, particularly for anyone using a wheelchair or with mobility issues.

The Mayor thanked them for attending and for their comments.

Cllr Pilling and two of the residents left the meeting

Ryan Powell informed the Council that over a recent 90 day period there had been 141 unique visits to the Youth Zone by Adlington residents. 91 of these were to Junior sessions and 50 to Senior. He was unable to provide information regarding which part of the village the members are travelling from, and Councillors expressed concern that the special £1 rate on the 125 bus service does not benefit the residents of Lower Adlington. He explained that an outreach art project on the Jubilee Skate Park would be possible with appropriate funding and offered to cost some short, medium and long term projects for the Council to consider. Concern was expressed that some anti-social behaviour has been reported on the Jubilee recreation ground and Ryan said that they've already had good results through their relationship with the Police "Early Action" team in Chorley, so any reported ASB can be targeted quickly if reported to them. He also reported that the Youth Zone has so far attracted 4500 members which far exceeds the original target of 3000, and that almost 1 in 3 of the target audience in Chorley are now members.

Ryan Powell and the other resident left the meeting

2 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr A Robinson who was at work and accepted by the Council.

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th August were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 Matters Arising It was noted that a response has now been received from the LCC Director of Property Services to the Council's most recent letter regarding the projected shortfall in primary school places in Adlington & Rivington in the next five years. This will be discussed in detail at the next meeting.

4 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Speers declared an interest in item 6.1 as she lives close to the site of planning application 18/00746/FUL Land Adjacent to 1 Melling Close, Bolton Road.

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for August 2018.

5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

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| L Crouch | Salary | |
| Orange | Phone charges 24/07/18 to 23/08/18 | £9.74 |

5.3 It was resolved to ratify the following payment without prejudice, made since the last meeting and agreed by the Finance Working Group:

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| Adlington Delivery | Delivery of the Update newsletter | £105.00 |
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5.4 It was resolved to approve the transfer of £400 from the RBS savings account to the current account.

5.5 It was resolved that £5 per lamp post poppy is a reasonable donation and confirmed that the Town Council will pay one third of the costs of the 40 poppies ordered for the village. It was agreed that the poppies can be installed by hand using an appropriate step and with a Risk Assessment in place.

5.6 It was resolved to contact the Royal Bank of Scotland to object to the proposal to close the Adlington RBS branch on the grounds that it is the only remaining bank in the village and its closure would also result in the loss of the only free outdoor cash machine in Lower Adlington. It was resolved that the Council's options for its bank accounts would be discussed at the next Finance Working Group meeting, to be held in October.

6 Planning

6.1 New or Amended Applications for consideration.

18/00746/FUL Land Adjacent To 1 Melling Close Bolton Road Erection of 1no. dwelling, detached garage and access. The objections raised by Cllr Pilling and local residents in attendance were discussed and it was agreed that as the plans have now been amended to cater for initial objections regarding parking and privacy, protected trees will remain on the site and the cycle path has been re-routed there are no further material considerations to be taken into account. The Council resolved to object to the application, however, on the basis that the original plans for the estate included an alternative access for emergency vehicles if the main entrance road was blocked and if a house is built on this site it would remove this as an option for the emergency access.

18/00797/FUL JR's Ale House 20 Church Street Change of use from shop (use class A1) to micro pub (use class A4). It was resolved to object to this application because of the lack of parking and possible noise nuisance for adjacent and nearby residents.

It was noted that a new application has just been submitted for 25 houses off Carrington Road 18/00863/OUTMAJ and that this looks identical to the previous application 17/00411/OUTMAJ. An extension to the date for comments until after the next meeting will be requested from the Chorley Council Planning Officer.

Cllr Evans left the meeting

6.2 Applications to be left for neighbours' comments.

It was resolved to leave **18/00779/FULHH 31 The Common** Proposed side extension for neighbours' comments.

6.3 The letter received from Gary Hall at Chorley Council regarding licensing and planning applications in relation to "the Grubber" on Babylon Lane was noted. It was considered to be a clear and concise explanation of the process.

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 In addition to the Outreach Activity costing information to be provided by Ryan Powell, it was resolved to request costings for the provision of a minibus service from Lower Adlington and more detailed analysis of the Youth Zone membership figures to separate the Higher and Lower Adlington members.

7.2 It was resolved to consider the proposals to reorganise NHS service in the local area at the next meeting as Cllr Evans will be attending a meeting on the subject later this week and may be able to provide more detail following that meeting.

7.3 Councillors will provide articles for inclusion in the next edition of the Update newsletter by the end of October. Promotion of the new format website will also be included. It was resolved to ask the local Guide group to deliver the newsletter as they have expressed interest in doing so. It was also resolved that although the Council is happy with the current printing service quotations should be obtained to ensure that the price is competitive. Cllr Ball will contact some local printers and obtain quotations.

7.4 It was agreed that the Council is very pleased that the one-way system has been implemented in front of Tesco Express in Higher Adlington. The comments of the resident in attendance at the meeting were considered and it was resolved to contact LCC Highways and copy County Cllr Kim Snape to request that the sign is moved 2m in the Chorley direction to allow easier access to the pavement and the pedestrian crossing.

7.5 It was resolved that Councillors will consider possible development sites to be added to the Central Lancashire Plan at the next meeting.

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

7.6 It was resolved that Councillors will consider Neighbourhood Priorities to be submitted to Chorley Council at the next meeting

7.7 It was resolved to contact the Empty Properties Officer at Chorley Council again to ask how long the derelict building alongside the canal will be allowed to remain standing in its current condition as it is dangerous and an eyesore.

7.8 The response from Chorley Community Housing regarding anti-social behaviour on Acresfield was noted. They and the police are aware of the problems and are monitoring the situation.

7.9 The Website & Communications Working Group has revised the template of the current website and considers this to be a major improvement. The content of the website still needs revision and Councillors are encouraged to look at this and let the Clerk have any comments.

7.10 The Mayor queried whether planning permission is required to convert retail premises to residential with reference to a property on Park Road. Cllr Hart will look into this.

8 Items for Information

8.1 None

The meeting closed at 9.15pm