

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 17th October 2011
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor Cllr C Hart

Councillors K Ellison, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, K Snape, E Sumner, J Taylor, A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), D Edgerley (Chorley Councillor), B Mason (Adlington's mentor on the Chorley Council Standards Committee), two representatives of the Adlington Carnival Committee and three local residents.

1 Open Forum

Two residents of Greenhalgh Lane attended the meeting to express their concerns regarding the inclusion of land off Babylon Lane known locally as "Washacre Field" in the housing proposals contained in the Sites for Chorley Preferred Options consultation. Concerns include:

- The site is prone to flooding
- All properties would need to share an existing sewer
- The site is not close to local services and amenities

Although the site is not in Adlington, they consider that development would cause nuisance issues for the area. Heath Charnock PC has been approached and supports their concerns.

Cllr Dennis Edgerley (Labour Chorley Councillor) attended the meeting to clarify the terms used when allocating proposed housing density for sites included in the Preferred Options document. Councillors found his explanation very helpful and the Mayor thanked him for his attendance.

Tracy Gent and Alan Birtwistle attended the meeting to ask for support from the Council for the Adlington Carnival Committee. Suggestions for other useful local contacts were made.

Cllr Bill Mason introduced himself to the meeting and explained his role on the Standards Committee. He explained that the Localism Bill, currently under discussion in the House of Lords, may abolish the current structure, giving the responsibility for a "local code" to individual Councils, and creating a new criminal offence attracting a maximum £5000 fine.

A local resident addressed the meeting to explain his plan to start "Tea Dances" in the Adlington area. He was provided with contact details for Community Centres and other local Councils, and asked to provide information for inclusion in the Update newsletter.

2 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr D Hoyle who was in London and Cllr B Lee who could not attend due to work commitments, and accepted by the Council.

3 Minutes of the Meeting of 19th September 2011 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 Matters Arising Cllr Lowe reported that the meeting to discuss the proposed multi-sports pitch at Fairview Community Centre was abandoned as no-one attended. The Fairview Committee will no longer be pursuing this planned development due to lack of local demand.

4 Declarations of Interest Cllr J Molyneaux declared a personal interest in item 6 as she is a member of the Chorley Council Development Control Committee. Cllr J Lowe declared a personal interest in item 7.3 as she is secretary for the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition.

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for September 2011.

5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Rivington & Adlington Brass Band	Attendance at Remembrance Day and Carol Concert	£600.00
BDO LLP	External audit of Annual Return	£162.00

5.3 It was resolved to transfer £1200 from the savings account to the business current account

5.4 It was resolved to approve and accept the audited Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2011.

5.5 It was resolved that a meeting of the Finance Working Group will be held on Thu 17/11/11 at 6.30pm at Fairview Community Centre. Proposals made by this group will be brought to the next Town Council meeting for approval.

- 6 Planning**
It was noted that a date has been set for the planning appeal for the Delta Force Paintballing application **10/00131/FULMAJ**. This will take place at Chorley Town Hall on 26/10/11 at 10am.
- 6.1 New Applications**
11/00876/FUL 67 Daisy Hill Drive Two storey side extension. It was resolved to leave this for neighbours to comment.
Notification of an application **11/00881/FUL 20 Mayfield Ave** was received after the date for inclusion in the agenda. It was resolved that an extra meeting to discuss this was not required.
- 7 Items for Discussion** It was agreed that item 7.7 should be discussed before all other items.
- 7.7** It was resolved that Adlington Carnival would be promoted in the Update newsletter, as this is a non-profit making organisation and registered as a Company Limited by Guarantee. It was also resolved that any application for funding for the Carnival will be considered with applications received from other local organisations during the Community Awards process in January.
- 7.1** It was resolved that the Clerk would send a response to the Chorley Council Preferred Options Consultation highlighting the following concerns:
- The low density of the proposed housing and the effect of this on the land required
 - The high numbers of housing units for Adlington in comparison to other areas
 - The sustainability of the proposed sites in Adlington and the effect on local services
 - The need for a meeting between Chorley Planning Officers and local Councils to discuss the details of the proposals
- All attendees apart from the Town Councillors and Clerk left the meeting at this point.*
- 7.2** An application has been received to provide a delivery service for the Update newsletter. It was resolved that the Clerk will contact the applicant to ask her to deliver the Winter Update as a trial.
At this point, standing orders were suspended to allow the meeting to continue until 9.30pm
- 7.3** The Lancashire Best Kept Village reports were discussed, and it was resolved that the Clerk would send letters to properties mentioned in the reports. Cllr J Molyneaux will forward a copy of the report to Jamie Carson at Chorley Council.
- 7.4** The Clerk has received notification that there has been no request for an election for the vacancy on the Town Council. It was resolved to co-opt by the usual method of placing notices in the notice boards, website and local library with a closing date of Friday 18/11/11.
- 7.5** The arrangements for Remembrance Sunday were discussed. It was resolved to:
- Approve the arrangements as discussed at the meeting held for all of the organisations involved on 4th October 2011
 - Donate £25 to the St John Ambulance for their attendance
 - Request a donation of £100 from Rivington, Heath Charnock and Anderton Parish Councils towards the cost of the Band for this event and the Carol Concert
 - Use a £10 donation for refreshments received from Heath Charnock PC to buy biscuits.
- 7.6** Councillors were asked to provide articles and information for inclusion in the Update to the Clerk
- 7.8** The Boundary Commission consultation proposals were noted, it was resolved that no response from the Council is necessary.
- 7.9** It was resolved that a notice should be placed in each of the notice boards requesting that nothing should be attached to the outside of the boards.
- 7.10** Following the information received in the Open Forum, it was resolved that the proposal to hold Tea Dances in Adlington should be included in the Update with contact details.
- 7.11** It was resolved that the Clerk will contact Lancashire Highways and the local Police to strongly support the 20mph proposals for residential areas, to ask why Belmont and adjacent roads are not included in these proposals, and to express the Town Council's concern regarding speeding on Railway Road, particularly with regard to recent accidents and near-misses near to Adlington Library and St Paul's School.
- 7.12** There were no other matters raised by the Mayor
- 8 Items for Information**
- 8.1** The following items were noted: The next Borough/Parish Liaison meeting will be on 19/10/11
Notification has been received from LCC that footpath 5 has now been tidied and cleared
The meeting closed at 9.25pm