

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 15th October 2012
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor J Lowe

Councillors C Hart, S Higgins, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, J Smethurst, E Sumner, A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk) and 17 local residents

1 Open Forum

Residents attending the meeting expressed their concerns regarding the proposed development in the area known as Huyton Fields, off Bolton Road, and the inclusion of this area for residential use in the proposed Chorley Local Plan. Some residents reported that spraying to control knotweed is being undertaken in the area close to the watercourse which runs along the edge of the site. The Clerk will contact the Environment Agency to pass on the residents' concerns that this may be causing pollution of the water.

The residents left the meeting.

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr G Dunn who was at a Chorley Council meeting, Cllrs D Croft and B Lee who were away on holiday and Cllr D Hoyle who was unwell, and accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting of 17th September 2012** were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising.** None

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr J Molyneaux declared a personal interest in item 6 as she is Mayor of Chorley.

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for September 2012

5.2 It was resolved to arrange a date for the Finance Working Group in a few weeks time. Matters to be discussed by the group will include the process for Community Awards applications, hanging basket provision for 2013, the annual review of the Clerk's salary and the level of precept required for 2013/14, and the suggestions of the group will be brought to the next Council meeting for approval

5.3 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

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| L Crouch | Salary | |
| Orange | Phone charges 24/9/12 to 23/10/12 | £9.31 |
| Rivington & Adlington Brass Band | Remembrance Sunday and Carol Concert | £600.00 |
| AVG Technologies Ltd | Internet security (2 years from 6/10/12) | £30.00 |

5.7 It was resolved to transfer £1000 from the savings to the business current account

6 Planning

6.1 **New Applications** It was resolved to submit the following responses:

12/00863/FUL Longacre, The Common - single storey extension linking main house to existing outbuilding. To seek reassurance that this is and will remain for residential use only, as the proposed plan will create a large development on the site

12/00895/FULMAJ Land 80M South West Of Appenzell Babylon Lane (**Heath Charnock**) - Residential development of 14no. two-storey 4 and 5 bedroom detached houses. To object on the basis that the development would have an adverse effect on the infrastructure of the village, and that the only access possible is via Babylon Lane, a narrow country road.

12/00890/FULMAJ Land Adj Fairview Farm - Application to vary conditions 1 and 24 of permission 09/00714/FULMAJ. Leave for residents to comment.

LCC 09/12/0935 RIGBY LANDFILL SITE - VARIATION OF CONDITION 2 OF PERMISSION 09/12/0015 TO ALLOW THE SITE TO BE RESTORED BY 31 MARCH 2014 and **LCC 09/12/0936** RIGBY LANDFILL SITE - VARIATION OF CONDITION 1 OF PERMISSION 09/08/0354 TO ALLOW THE SITE TO BE RESTORED BY 31 MARCH 2014. To contact Lancashire to express the hope that this will now be a final date for restoration of the site.

12/00878/COU Burnett Cars Unit 2 60A Westhoughton Road - Change of use from car sales showroom to furniture sales. To express concern that this is not a suitable use for the site because of access and egress difficulty for large vehicles, safety issues relating to the close proximity of the children's play centre, and existing parking problems on Westhoughton Road

12/00928/TPO Grove Farm Railway Road - Tree works to area of trees to front of site adjacent Railway Road. To confirm that the work will be undertaken by a qualified contractor and approved by Chorley Council's arboriculturalist.

12/00930/FUL 42 Westhoughton Road Adlington - Retrospective permission for the erection of a detached garage. Leave for neighbours to comment.

6.2 Applications Permitted

The following granted planning permissions were noted:

12/00785/FUL Highbank 85 Railway Road - Construction of Orangery

12/00786/FUL69 Carrington Road - Erection of a single storey rear / side extension

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved to accept the plans for Remembrance Sunday as discussed at the joint meeting held on 2/10/12, and to continue to hold the Remembrance Sunday parade and service at the same time in future years. Concern has been expressed by the local Police as to whether they can support the event at this time in future, but it was felt that as the Adlington event involves four Parish Councils, local Scout and Guide groups and the local Band, and has been held at the same time of day for many years it would be difficult to rearrange and take into account the other commitments of all the organisations involved on the day, which include the event held in Chorley Town Centre. It was resolved that the Clerk will contact the local Police to express the concerns of the Council.

7.2 It was resolved that the notice boards are all in need of external repair, and that some need to be weatherproofed; and that the current rules regarding items for display should be continued. The Clerk was requested to write to local companies for repair quotes.

7.3 It was resolved that the decision to provide additional notice boards would be deferred until repairs have been completed to the existing boards. It was also resolved that this should be included with the subjects for discussion at the planned Finance Working Group, to allow for possible provision for these to be made in next year's budget. It was agreed that Twitter and Facebook are useful communication tools and resolved that the Clerk will contact Chorley Council for advice.

It was resolved to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue to 9.30pm

7.4 It was resolved that street scene improvement issues should in the first instance be addressed to the Neighbourhood Working team at Chorley Council, and that a representative should be invited to attend a Town Council meeting to discuss this.

7.5 It was agreed in principle to support the proposal of Anderton Parish Council to move the Adlington/Anderton boundary stone to its correct position, as this was not done at the time of the 1974 boundary change. Any financial contribution will be considered at a future Council meeting, once costs are known.

7.6 It was resolved that the Council has no objection to the LCC Highways proposal to extend the 20mph speed limit zone on Babylon Lane to its junction with Whitebeam Close.

7.7 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council for clarification of the current Fields in Trust applications relating to sites in Adlington.

7.8 It was resolved that Councillors will bring comments relating to the revised Parish Plan to the next meeting of the Council for discussion.

7.9 It was resolved to accept the invitation for Councillors to visit the CCTV unit on 9/11/12

7.10 The Mayor asked that any articles for inclusion in the Update are sent to the Clerk by the end of October

8 Items for Information

8.1 The Clerk circulated the LALC newsletter, the SELRAP rail link update and the "Parish Matters" newsletter

The meeting closed at 9.25pm