

# ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2013  
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

## Members Present:

Mayor B Lee

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

**In Attendance:** L Crouch (Clerk) and a Police representative.

## 1 Open Forum

The Police representative summarised the most recent Police and Communities Together meeting report. There have been a large number of reported incidents this month. A reminder that anyone can sign up to the local police alerts service was circulated

*The Police representative then left the meeting*

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr D Croft who was away on personal business, Cllr J Smethurst who was working, and Cllr G Dunn who was at another meeting and accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013** were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** As a response has not yet been received from Chorley Council regarding the possibility of an extension to the Harding Street car park, the Clerk was asked to follow this up.

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllrs Wilson and Evans declared a financial interest in item 5.3.

## 5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for September 2013.

5.2 It was resolved to approve and accept the audited Annual Return for 2012/13. There were no issues arising from the auditor's report.

5.3 It was resolved to consider investment of long-term reserve funds with the Chorley Credit Union at the next Finance Working Group meeting.

5.4 It was resolved that the following matters would be discussed at the Finance Working Group meeting to be held on Thursday 31/10/13 at 7.30pm at Fairview Community Centre: financial regulations & safeguards, 2014 Community Awards, hanging basket provision, community notice boards, Clerk's salary review, 2014/15 budget & precept, investment of funds in Chorley Credit Union

*Cllr J Molyneaux arrived and declared an interest in item 6 as she is a member of Chorley Council Development Control Committee*

5.5 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Orange	Phone charges 24/09/13 to 23/10/13	£9.31
Rivington & Adlington Brass Band	Remembrance Sunday and Carol Concert	£600.00
RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation for wreath (payment made under Local Govt Act 1972 Section 137)	£17.00
BDO LLP	Annual return external auditor fee	£120.00
Lancashire County Training Partnership	New Councillor Course – module 2	£30.00

5.6 It was resolved to transfer £1100 from the RBS savings account to the business current account.

## 6 Planning

### 6.1 New Applications

Notification of the following application was received too late for the agenda:

**13/00826/FUL C G S Design And Screen Bridge House 23 Railway Road** Re-configuration of internal accommodation to provide 2no. additional apartments. It was noted that this amendment is very similar to the original withdrawn application for this site **12/00552/FUL** and therefore that the comments made at the time of the original application are still relevant. It was resolved to restate the original objections and ask for an extension to the date for comments until the next meeting for any other matters to be considered.

### Applications Granted

**13/00687/FUL** Ellerbrook 1B Westhoughton Road - Removal of hedge and erection of 1.7m high fence to front boundary was noted.

## 7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved to submit the following items as neighbourhood priorities to Chorley Council: alley gates on a section of Park Road, footpath paving on King George V recreation ground, maintenance to King George V recreation ground entrance and extension of Harding Street parking provision

7.2 It was resolved to contact Bellway Homes to express the Council's disappointment at the reports of

- the encroachment of the development onto properties adjoining the Railway Road site.
- 7.3 The road closure directly in front of the Ridgway Arms is being monitored by LCC
- 7.4 A number of areas where pedestrian access is obstructed by overgrown vegetation have been identified by the Streetscene Working Group, including Westhoughton Road and Market Street. It was resolved to contact Alan Bothamley at Chorley Council about this.
- 7.5 Cllr Evans agreed to attend the Lancashire Association of Local Councils AGM on 9/11/13
- 7.6 It was resolved to include an article in the next Update newsletter inviting the contribution of ideas for the revised Parish Plan by the end of January 2014
- 7.7 It was resolved that the Mayor will provide refreshments at the end of the Remembrance Sunday event. A meeting for all parties is to be held on 15/10/13 and the notes from this will be circulated
- 7.8 The Mayor expressed thanks on behalf of the Council to Cllr Higgins for his work in installing the new plaque and plinth for the Edna Shone memorial bench and tree. He also reminded Councillors that his Charity Bingo event will take place on 29/10/13. Concern was expressed that a larger than usual bus was in use on the 3A route, the Clerk was asked to find out the reasons for this.
- 8 **Items for Information**
- 8.1 Higher Adlington was awarded the trophy for the Most Improved Large Village in the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2013
- 8.2 Councillors were asked to submit any questions for Network Rail to the Clerk by 31/10/13 so that these can be collated before the Open Forum with Network Rail representatives at the beginning of the next meeting.

*The meeting closed at 8.52pm*