

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 15th October 2018
in Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:**Mayor** T Summers**Councillors** A Ball, C Hart, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, A Robinson, P Walkden and A Wilson**In Attendance:** L Crouch (Clerk), Chief Inspector Ian Sewart (Lancashire Police), Farzana Patel (Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service) and two residents.**1 Open Forum**

CI Sewart explained the role of the Lancashire Volunteer Partnership (LVP) in bringing together the organisation of over 4000 public service volunteers in 230 different roles across Lancashire and avoiding duplication across the different services. He went on to explain the new role of Uniformed Community Champion which they will be piloting in four parishes and which will be funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner. Adlington has been chosen as one of the pilot locations and if the Town Council agrees to go ahead the village will receive two six-hour volunteer posts. The Council would be expected to provide insurance cover for the volunteers and may also need to reimburse some approved expenses. In return the post holders would liaise with the local police and voluntary organisations, attend Council meetings, and provide assistance with events, for example traffic control, although they would have no official Police powers. The LVP will provide the initial recruitment and training, with applications processed via the website, but ongoing administration would need to be provided by the Council. The Mayor thanked the representatives for attending and said that the Council would discuss the offer.

CI Ian Sewart and Farzana Patel left the meeting.

The two residents in attendance explained their objections to the planning application to build up to 25 properties on land off Carrington Road and their support of the comments already submitted by the Town Council objecting to this development. They expressed concern that the current review of the Local Plan could change the "safeguarded" status of the site. Cllr J Molyneaux said that it is important for all residents to submit their concerns relating to specific sites directly to Chorley Council and that the Borough Councillors are also aware of the issues relating to the safeguarded sites in Lower Adlington.

The two residents left the meeting.

2 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr B Speers, and from Cllr A Evans who was working and accepted by the Council.

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

3.1 Matters Arising None.

4 Declarations of Interest

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

5 Finance

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

5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Petty Cash	Imprest – ink cartridges, and biscuits for Remembrance Sunday	£100.52
L Crouch	13 lamp post poppies (donation £5 each) and remembrance wreath (£20 donation)	£85.00
L Crouch	ICO annual registration fee paid on behalf of the Council	£40.00
Orange	Phone charges 24/09/18 to 23/10/18	£9.74
CPRE	Annual Membership	£36.00

Additional cable ties were required for the lamp-post poppies and it was agreed that the £13.49 for these should be paid from petty cash.

5.3 It was resolved to approve the transfer of £700 from the RBS savings account to the current account.

5.4 It was resolved to consider the process for members' expenses at the next Finance Working Group if the relevant information has been received from Chorley Council before then.

5.5 It was agreed that the next Finance Working Group meeting will be held on Thursday 25/10/18 at 7pm at Fairview Community Centre, and that this meeting would review the printing costs for the Update and agree a change of printing service if deemed appropriate.

6 Planning**6.1 New or Amended Applications for consideration.**

18/00863/OUTMAJ Land At Stonor Road Outline application for residential development for up to 25 dwellings with all matters reserved save for access from Carrington Road. It was resolved to ratify the response already sent to Chorley Council planning, based on objections raised to the previous application 17/00411/OUTMAJ.

18/00849/FULHH Daisy Hill House Daisy Hill Drive Erection of detached outbuilding following demolition of existing outbuilding. It was resolved to leave this application for neighbours' comments.

6.2 Other Applications to be left for neighbours' comments. None.

7 Items for Discussion

- 7.1 The most recent reply from Mike Kirby, Lancashire County Council Director of Property Services, regarding the potential shortfall of 94 primary school places in Adlington & Rivington in the next five years was discussed. The Council resolved to contact the LCC Cabinet Member for Education and copy in Cllr Kim Snape to ask why this is a matter in which decisions are being made by Property Services rather than by the Education department, and to express concern that the response indicates that the pressure for school places in Adlington is a result of a shortage of places in Chorley but no indication is given as to how this will be addressed.
- 7.2 It was resolved to contact Karen Partington at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS to say that as Chorley has one of the fastest growing populations in the country it is important that both the Chorley and Preston Accident & Emergency facilities remain open. Access from Adlington to Preston is subject to heavy traffic at many times of the day making it impossible to reach within the "golden hour" required for much emergency care. Closure of the Chorley A&E would also put pressure on emergency facilities outside the county in Bolton, Salford and Wigan. It was resolved to copy the letter to local Councillors and the local MP.
- 7.3 It was resolved to respond to the Chorley Council call for development sites to be added to the Chorley Local Plan to state that it is important that the sites currently shown as safeguarded in Adlington remain as they are as the reasons for their status have not changed.
- 7.4 The next Southeast Parishes Neighbourhood meeting will be held on 19/02/19. Councillors were asked to consider possible Neighbourhood Priorities to be notified to Chorley Council early in the new year.
- 7.5 It was resolved that although a map would be a useful addition to the website, the options for adding a free version should be explored.
- 7.6 It was resolved that the Council would support in principle and promote a Question Time session if one were to be arranged in the village.
- 7.7 It was resolved to support the idea of establishing an Adlington "Youth Council". Cllr Speers has expressed an interest in promoting this.
- 7.8 It was resolved that the Streetscene Working Group will check the accuracy of the list provided by Chorley Council of "land maintained by the Council within the Parish". A meeting will be arranged shortly. Cllr Robinson may have documentation relating to the last time this was done.
- 7.9 It was resolved to agree to take part in the Uniformed Community Champions pilot scheme proposed by Lancashire Volunteer Partnership subject to the answers the following questions:
- how long will the funding will be provided for training?
 - what happens if a volunteer leaves after a short time – will another be trained to replace them?
 - would the Council be able to withdraw from the arrangement if the project doesn't work out well or a volunteer is unsatisfactory?
 - would the Council have a say regarding the volunteer's possible deployment in other areas?
- It was agreed that the volunteer would need to be someone who knew the area well, and the Council would need reassurance that the initiative would not reduce the actual uniformed presence in the village. It will also be necessary to check the current insurance cover and any additional costs before agreement.
- 7.10 Cllr Robinson summarised the current position regarding spares for the AEDs in the village. The unit on the wall of the White Bear public house is checked by the Town Council but belongs to NWAS and they provide replacement pads and consumables for this. The other two, one on the wall of the United Reformed Church and the other on the toilet block next to the Elephant & Castle public house are the responsibility of the Town Council. The Babylon Lane unit urgently needs replacement pads but as these are out-of-date rather than used they would still function in an emergency. The Clerk will obtain pads for this as soon as possible. The one at the UR church will shortly need replacements. Cllr Ball will take over the weekly checks of the Babylon Lane unit and Cllr Robinson the UR Church as Cllr Summers has had computer issues making it difficult for him update the NWAS reporting system.
- 7.11 It was resolved to ask staff at Adlington Clinic which services would be continued there.
- 7.12 It was resolved to write and thank the volunteers who erected the lamp post poppies.
- 7.13 There were no other matters for the Council to consider.

8 Items for Information

- 8.1 Tickets are now available for the Rivington & Adlington Brass Band and Harmony Choir Remembrance Concert to be held on Friday 9th November at 7.30pm at St Paul's Church, these are £5 each from the Lower Adlington Post Office or from the Tyrer's Office on Chorley Road.
- 8.2 Cllr Hart reported that the Winter Hill Recovery Group will continue to meet in future despite the lack of representation at the last meeting from United Utilities, the Environment Agency and Natural England. The members of the group feel that it is vital to have community input to the future Winter Hill planning.
- 8.3 Lower Adlington won four awards in the recent Lancashire Best Kept Village competition. These were for the Notice Board on Park Road, the Retreat (best pub/restaurant), the Leonard Fairclough Memorial Garden and a "highly commended" for the Jubilee Recreation Ground.
- 8.4 A resident has reported that the damaged footbridge on the Circular Walk has now been repaired by LCC. Cllr Robinson will check whether the Footpath Closure notices are still in place and publicise the reopened route.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm