

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 19th November 2012
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor J Lowe

Councillors D Croft, C Hart, S Higgins, B Lee, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux (later part of meeting), J Smethurst, E Sumner, A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), Peter McInespie and Rachael Sutcliffe from Chorley Council Planning department, a police representative and 7 local residents

1 Open Forum

The two Chorley Planning department representatives explained that the document previously known as the "Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Development Plan" has been renamed for clarity as the "Chorley Local Plan 2012-2026". The current version no longer includes the site on Babylon Lane as recommended for housing development, and a previous site (Fairport) previously recommended for employment use has been changed to mixed employment/housing. The Plan will be submitted to the Secretary of State following the current consultation which ends on 30/11/12 and comments can be submitted to Chorley Council until then. The following points were made following questions raised by the Council:

- The Local Plan does not include additional employment land allocation in the village. Following a review of employment land, experts and consultants considered the land available not currently viable as no market is available. An expansion in population may create business and employment opportunities in future.
- Applications can be made for all sites, each planning application is considered individually but with reference to the Local Plan
- Approval of the Local Plan will give Chorley Council increased control over the planning process and phasing of development

The Mayor thanked the Chorley Council representatives and residents for attending
The Chorley Council representatives and the residents left the meeting.

The Police representative reported that there have recently been four burglaries from insecure premises in Adlington, and urged residents to keep doors locked and look out for vulnerable neighbours. A new Community Beat Manager has been appointed. Paul Harrison will mainly cover the Wheelton area but will work with Matt Lee. The representative will look into the traffic problems on Railway Road currently being caused by construction vehicles. The Mayor asked the representative to pass on the Council's thanks to Matt Lee for his attendance at the Council's recent visit to the CCTV Unit
The Police representative left the meeting

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr G Dunn who was at another meeting and Cllr D Hoyle who was in London, and accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting of 15th October 2012** were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising.** None

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Lowe declared a personal interest in item 5.3 as she purchased the plants and refreshments on the Council's behalf

5 Finance

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

5.2 It was resolved to accept the recommendations of the Finance Working Group held on 14/11/12 as follows:

- Community Award applications will be accepted until 3/2/13 but must be submitted on the standard application form and include audited accounts
- The hanging baskets budget for next year will be included in a new "Streetscene" category, to include other plants. The Jubilee Bench will be funded from the underspend on this year's hanging basket budget.
- There will be no increase in the Clerk's salary this year

5.2 cont The budget amounts for 2012/13 will be as follows:

	Budget
Mayor's Allowance	750.00
Clerk's Salary	4,750.00
Administrative & Telephone Costs (to include advertising)	350.00
Training Costs	250.00
Insurance	1000.00
Audit	250.00
Mayor's Inauguration	150.00
Civic Sunday	400.00
Remembrance Sunday	400.00
Carol Service	450.00
Streetscene Enhancement (renamed)	5,000.00
RBL Wreath	20.00
Subscriptions	620.00
Newsletter – Printing & Production	1100.00
Newsletter - Distribution	600.00
Neighbourhood Watch	50.00
Community Awards Scheme	1000.00
Notice Board Cleaning & repair	200.00
Other Projects & Contingencies	1000.00
Election Expenses	300.00
TOTAL	18640.00

- A decision on the precept amount will be deferred until the Tax Base information has been received from Chorley Council to avoid an increase in the charge to residents

5.3 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Orange	Phone charges 24/10/12 to 23/11/12	£9.31
RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation for wreath (payment made under Local Govt Act 1972 Section 137)	£17.00
St John Ambulance	Donation for attendance at RS parade	£25.00
Campaign for the Protection of Rural England	Annual Subscription (payment made under Local Govt Act 1972 Section 137)	£29.00
J Lowe	Plants and bulbs for planters	£47.94
J Lowe	Contribution for RS refreshments	£10.00
Broker Network Ltd	Additional insurance for jubilee bench	£25.00

5.7 It was resolved to transfer £500 from the savings to the business current account

6 Planning

6.1 It was resolved to submit the following comments in response to the Chorley Local Plan public consultation:

- Sites BNE 3.2 and BNE 3.3 are unsustainable for development because of the lack of an additional crossing over the canal
- The overall plan appears to be designed to achieve targets set for housing development in urban service centres without any consideration of the local sustainable environment and character

Cllr J Molyneaux arrived at the meeting and made a declaration of personal interest in item 6 as she is Mayor of Chorley.

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

12/00981/FUL C G S Design & Screen Bridge House 23 Railway Road Conversion of existing building to form 6 apartments with associated car parking. It was resolved to object to this development as it is uncertain that sufficient car parking provision is included.

12/01073/FUL 39 Belmont Road Two storey side extension. It was resolved to leave this for neighbours to comment

6.3 **Applications Permitted**

The following granted planning permissions were noted:

12/00741/OUTMAJ - Land surrounding Huyton Terrace. Outline planning permission granted subject to conditions and that the decision be referred to the Secretary of State

seeking the decision to be called in. It was resolved to submit the Council's original objections directly to Eric Pickles. It was resolved that an amended version of the residents' poster will be displayed in the Council notice boards for information.

12/00827/FUL 22 Ollerton Street - Erection of ancillary outbuilding for general domestic use

12/00863/FUL Longacre The Common - Single storey extension linking main house to existing outbuilding

12/00890/FULMAJ Land Adj Fairview Farm - Application to vary conditions 1 and 24 of 09/00714/FULMAJ

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved that the Deputy Mayor will complete and submit the Electricity North West Parish Council questionnaire to express the views of the Council

7.2 It was resolved to contact Chorley Community Housing to find out if there are any plans to improve the area to the rear of Chester Place, following concerns expressed by a resident
It was resolved to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue to 9.30pm

7.3 It was resolved to consider this with item 7.6, and to contact Parkwise regarding the enforcement of parking restrictions around the village, and Fairpoint regarding parking problems on Church Street and Westhoughton Road. The Clerk was also asked to check with LCC Highways regarding proposals made last year to improve parking for residents.

7.4 It was resolved to request an additional litter bin for the car park in Harding Street.

7.5 It was resolved that Andrew Daniels from Chorley Council should be invited to a Town Council meeting to speak to the Council about Social Networking.

7.6 *Discussed with item 7.3*

7.7 It was resolved that any decisions regarding items to be included in the Parish Plan should be deferred until a representative of the Chorley Council Neighbourhood Working Group is available to attend a Town council meeting, as this may lead to a more productive plan

7.8 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council to express concern at the condition of the local sports pitches, particularly concerning the drainage problems on the King George V playing field, and to express the hope that priority will be given to local sports teams under the newly introduced booking system

7.9 It was resolved to change the sponsorship of the Adlington & District in Bloom large planter to two smaller ones situated at the War Memorial

7.10 A response to the LCC Strategy for the Provision of School Places and Schools' Capital Investment 2013/14 to 2015/16 consultation was deferred for consideration at the next meeting

7.11 The agreed Tree Preservation Orders on the Huyton Fields site were noted

7.12 It was resolved to arrange a meeting to discuss any problems from the recent Remembrance Sunday event and to invite representatives of all participating groups. A donation of £100 towards the cost of the Band and £10 for refreshments has been received from Heath Charnock Parish Council. It was resolved to request that Anderton and Rivington Parish Councils should donate a similar amount.

7.13 It was resolved to provide a hotpot supper at the Carol Concert as in previous years

7.14 There were no further matters requiring urgent attention

8 Items for Information

None

The meeting closed at 9.30pm