

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 18th November 2013
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor B Lee
Councillors D Croft, G Dunn, A Evans, C Hart, S Higgins, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, J Smethurst, A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), Mr Chris Morris and five residents of Mayfield Avenue.

1 Open Forum

Mr Barton spoke on behalf of the five Mayfield Avenue residents and explained the nature of their dispute with Bellway Homes regarding the legal boundaries of their properties. Cllr Dunn explained that Chorley Council has been involved in the discussions but does not have a legal power to intervene in a private boundary dispute. The residents feel that they have been treated badly by Bellway and that apart from the loss of land they have suffered damage to fences and a lack of consideration for their personal safety. The residents are hoping to reach an amicable agreement and compromise with the developers and asked for any help the Council can give them in achieving this.

The Mayfield Avenue residents then left the meeting.

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr E Sumner who was attending a social event and accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting of 14th October 2013** were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** Cllr Evans was unable to attend the LALC AGM

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllrs Wilson and Evans declared a financial interest in item 5.2 as they are members of the Credit Union, Cllr Lowe in item 5.5 as she had paid for the plants and Cllr Dunn in item 6 as he 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 October 2013

5.2 It was resolved to accept the proposals of the Finance Working Group as follows:

- The process for the 2014 Community Awards applications will be the same as last year, with a closing date of 2/2/14
- Hanging baskets will be provided as this year but with the reinstatement of the missing brackets and baskets to make the number back up to 40 pairs
- The Streetscene Working Group will meet to discuss details of the requirements for a community notice board, with a view to buying this from this year's streetscene budget

At this point Mr Morris and the Clerk left the meeting

- The Clerk's salary will be increased by one point to LC1 point 25 from April 2014 as she has now obtained the CiLCA qualification. It was resolved to look into pension options for the Clerk.

At this point Mr Morris and the Clerk returned to the meeting

- A provisional budget (see appendix) was agreed but discussion of the precept amount was deferred until further information has been provided by Chorley Council
- An amount of £5000 will be deposited in the Chorley Credit Union from the Council's reserves and the four signatories will be the same as for the other Council accounts
- Cllr Wilson and the Clerk will review the Financial Regulations before the next Finance Working Group meeting in February 2014. All other safeguards will be assessed at that time.

5.3 It was resolved to clarify the increase in NALC/LALC membership rates with LALC

5.4 It was resolved to purchase a copy of the 9th edition (2013) of Local Council Administration by Charles Arnold-Baker

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 24/10/13 to 23/11/13	£9.31
CPRE	Annual membership (section 137 payment)	£29.00
J Lowe	Plants for planters	£34.72
Adlington & District Community Assn	Neighbourhood Watch – room hire August	£12.00

5.6 It was resolved to transfer £500 from the RBS savings account to the business current account.

6 Planning

6.1 New Applications

13/00826/FULC G S Design And Screen Bridge House 23 Railway Road Re-configuration of internal accommodation to provide 2no. additional apartments. It was resolved that there were no further comments to those previously submitted

13/00911/FUL Adlington Motor Services 48 Market Street Erection of vehicle shelter. It was resolved to leave this for neighbours' comments.

13/00950/FUL Sandons Farm Sandy Lane Section 73 Application to vary condition 1 (approved plans) of planning approval 10/00257/FUL to include a single storey rear extension. It was resolved to leave this for neighbours' comments.

13/00982/CB3 Land To The Rear Of 3-4 Barn View, 11-17 Maytree Court And 52-78 Fairview Drive Change of use from public open space to individual garden extensions. It was resolved to leave this for residents' comments.

13/00951/FUL Tesco 176 Chorley Road Section 73 Application to vary conditions 4 (approved plans) and 6 (car park and vehicle manoeuvring areas) of planning approval 12/00615/FUL to include: the installation of bollards (telescopic and anti-ram raid); relocation of air conditioning units into the service yard; removal of 13th car parking space; addition of a small canopy at the back of the unit and; demolition and reconstruction of the gable wall of the building (in filling existing windows to become blind openings). It was resolved to submit the comments that the air conditioning and condenser units appear to be very close to the boundary with existing properties and that the plans include no mention of soundproofing.

13/00998/FUL 37 Chorley Road Retrospective permission for the erection of a single storey modular building within the rear garden area for use as a beauty salon (Sui Generis). It was resolved to submit objections to this application as its location is inappropriate for business premises because of the lack of parking and the risk of exacerbation of existing highway issues at the location.

Applications Granted

13/00823/FUL 6 Granville Street Demolition of garage and erection of side extension was noted.

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 The response from Stagecoach that the change in the type of bus being used on the 3A route is a temporary measure was noted.

7.2 It was resolved to send thanks to all participating organisations for their assistance in making the Remembrance Sunday event a success, and to hold a follow-up meeting on Tuesday 3/12/13 at Fairview Community Centre at 7.30pm to which they will be invited. It was resolved to send a donation of £25 to the St John Ambulance organisation for their attendance on the day.

7.3 It was resolved to consult the Police, Lancashire County Council and Chorley Council regarding the access problems reported on Chapel Street.

7.4 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council to ask for provision of an additional dog bin on the canal bank

7.5 It was resolved to monitor progress of the replacement of the railings at the A6/Railway Road junction as County Cllr Kim Snape has reported the Council's intention to provide a more permanent solution

7.6 It was resolved to contact Bellway to express the Council's disappointment at the company's response and attitude towards the residents during the dispute over land ownership. It was also resolved to contact Chorley Council regarding the implications of the loss of the drainage ditch previously located between the Bellway site and adjacent properties.

7.7 It was resolved to report the flooding on Westhoughton Road to Lancashire County Council. County Cllr Kim Snape has also done this. It was resolved to report the damaged railings to Chorley Council.

7.8 It was resolved to contact the library regarding the parking problems on Highfield Road reported to them by residents and suggest that this is a matter for the Police if access to property is obstructed

7.9 It was resolved to find out more about the current SPID and Smiley Face provision in the Chorley area from other Parishes and Paul Lowe at Chorley Council

At this point Standing Orders were suspended to allow the meeting to continue until 9.30pm

7.10 It was resolved to send out invitations and provide hotpot for the Carol Concert as last year

7.11 Cllr J Molyneaux reported that some date changes have been made to the provisional electrification plans and that no provision has been made in the LCC Capital programme 2014-15 for widening of the Railway Road bridge. It was resolved to contact LCC Councillors and highways officers in advance of their planned meeting with Network Rail to ask that they consider widening the bridge at the time of its reconstruction for the electrification as this would be a Best Value solution to a long-standing problem. It was also resolved to ask for information regarding the effect of electrification works on Grimeford Lane which although outside the Chorley area will impact on Adlington

7.12 There were no other matters for discussion

8 Items for Information

8.1 A copy of the **Chorley Local Plan 2012-2026 Inspector's Partial Report** has been received.

8.2 A donation of £100 towards the Band and £10 for refreshments on Remembrance Sunday has been received from Heath Charnock Parish Council

8.3 The **Chorley Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy Consultation** will be discussed at the next meeting. A list of open information events relating to this has been circulated

8.4 Cllr Croft gave an account of the recent LCC Town & Parish Conference, including information relating to grit bins, the new Parish Champion and the progress of Superfast Lancashire. Councillors expressed an interest in asking the Superfast representative to a future Council meeting as suggested.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

APPENDIX – provisional 2014/15 budget amounts agreed (item 5.2)

	Suggested Budget	Diff from 2013/14
Mayor's Allowance	750.00	0
Clerk's Salary	4,750.00	0
Administrative & Telephone Costs	350.00	0
Training Costs	250.00	0
Insurance	1000.00	0
Audit	200.00	-50.00
Mayor's Inauguration	150.00	0
Civic Sunday (<i>reduced as in future Police will be unable to enforce Road Closure other than for Remembrance Sunday – the suggestion therefore is that the event is scaled down</i>)	200.00	-200.00
Remembrance Sunday	400.00	0
Carol Service	450.00	0
Streetscene Enhancement	5,000.00	0
RBL Wreath	20.00	0
Subscriptions	620.00	0
Newsletter – Printing & Production	1000.00	-100.00
Newsletter - Distribution	600.00	0
Neighbourhood Watch	50.00	0
Community Awards Scheme	1000.00	0
<i>Notice Board cleaning and repair (deleted, to be taken from Streetscene)</i>	0	-200.00
Other Projects & Contingencies	1000.00	0
Election Expenses	300.00	0
TOTAL	18090.00	-550.00