

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 17th November 2014
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor Cllr D Croft
Councillors A Evans, S Higgins, B Lee, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, J Smethurst, E Sumner, A Wilson

In Attendance: Craig Harrop (Northern Rail), CBM Rachel Jackson, PCSO Flick Riding, C Cllr Kim Snape, 5 residents (Rev & Mrs G Downing, Roger Smith, Sheila Chisholm, Trisha Power)

It was resolved that in the absence of the Town Clerk, Cllr J Lowe would act as Clerk for the meeting, and not participate as a Councillor.

1 Open Forum

Rev & Mrs Downing asked if there had been any response to their query regarding the re-instatement of footpath 14, which was sent on to LCC by the Council. The Clerk will follow this up.

Mr Smith expressed his concern regarding the safety of pedestrians at the junction of Market Place/Railway Road/Church Street. Cllr Lee & County Cllr Snape explained that a site meeting had taken place that afternoon with County Cllr John Fillis and Andrew Burrows from LCC about moving the crossings. They thought that the crossings were in the safest place & the problem was more about speeding traffic. They promised to have the white lines and the mini roundabouts repainted.

Mr Smith also expressed concern about motorists using Tesco and parking on the frontage rather than using the car park and then speeding away in various directions. He was informed about the proposed barrier and that Tesco had been asked to put speed humps at the car park exit to slow traffic down. Mrs Chisholm and Ms Power suggested that LCC be approached to undertake a Health & Safety Risk Assessment at this location.

The Rev & Mrs Downing left the meeting

Craig Harrop explained Northern Rail timetable structure & that their current franchise runs until February 2016. The SLC (service level commitment) is for an hourly timetable with two extra trains in the morning. The line speed constrains the timetable as there is only a three minute window and there are expresses going through plus bottlenecks at Euxton and Salford. Improvements to the infrastructure should be completed by December 2016 when there will be a possibility of an increase in the service. There will also be extra carriages available when the electrification of the Liverpool line is complete, meaning some services may have an extra two coaches, although there are no spare diesel trains in the UK. Mr Harrop was asked about the possibility of re-instating the airport service. Although there has been a 50% growth in passenger numbers, Adlington is the least busy station on the line. It was suggested that this could be because it is very easy to travel without a ticket. Mr Harrop stated that Northern Rail was moving towards more on-line ticket sales and was also in the process of developing a phone app. He was asked about staff safety as both passengers and staff get frustrated at the overcrowding on trains and assured the meeting that all staff received in-depth safety training. He said that Northern Rail consults regularly with LCC and Transport for Greater Manchester and that the Council should continue to press for an increase in service. He was thanked by the Mayor and left the meeting.

Rachel Jackson introduced herself as the new Community Beat Manager for Adlington based at Coppull. Although she doesn't know the area well yet, she has been a CBM for 7 years and expects to stay in the area for some time. She will try to attend each Town Council meeting. The Police representatives noted the traffic concerns raised earlier and promised to monitor the situation, possibly by use of SPID equipment.

Mrs Chisholm, Rachel Jackson and Flick Riding left the meeting.

2 Apologies for Absence None.

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 13th October 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. Cllr Lowe declared an interest in item 5.2 as she paid for the plants and refreshments.

5 Finance

5.1 No statement of accounts and budget review for October 2014 was available as the Clerk is away.

5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Orange	Phone charges 24/10/14 to 23/11/14	£9.31
Rivington & Adlington Brass Band	Remembrance Sunday & Carol Concert	£600.00
Campaign for the Protection of Rural England	Membership Subscription (LGA 1972 section 137 payment)	£36.00
J Lowe	Winter bedding plants	£36.58

Chorley Council	Hanging baskets summer 2014	£4228.01
J Lowe	Refreshments for Remembrance Day	£65.34

- 5.3 It was resolved to transfer £5400 from the RBS savings account to the business current account.
- 5.4 It was resolved to send a donation of £25 to St John Ambulance for their attendance on Remembrance Sunday
- 6 Planning**
- 6.1 **New Applications**
- 14/01051/FUL Hudora Kennels The Common** Demolition of former cattery building and erection of detached bungalow. It was resolved that previous comments submitted for application 14/00296/COU also apply to this.
- 14/01084/FUL 84 Market Street** Erection of two storey detached building comprising B1 Office and garage parking. Concern was expressed regarding a possible increase in traffic and parking.
- 14/00883/FUL Former Police Station, Church Street** Erection of detached house & garage (amendments). It was resolved that the comments previously submitted for the application apply to the amendments.
- 14/01126/FUL 74A Bolton Road** Erection of car port. It was resolved to leave this for neighbours' comments.
- 7 Items for Discussion**
- 7.1 No applications were received for the current vacancy on the Council. There was an expression of interest from one of the members of the public present at the meeting.
- 7.2 It was resolved to submit comments to LCC once the draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP) for Lancashire has been received.
- 7.3 It was resolved to try to arrange a Remembrance Day Review and WW1 commemoration meeting on 3/12/14
- 7.4 Cllr J Molyneaux reported on the progress of last year's Neighbourhood Priorities as suggested by the Council.
The alley gates on Park Road are now complete, and the extension to Harding Street car park is with Property Services. It was resolved to suggest the following projects for 2015:
- 1) Extension to the footpath on King George V playing field
 - 2) Demolition of the derelict house on the canal bank in Lower Adlington (C Cllr Snape informed the meeting that an LCC officer, Lesley Miller, has been appointed to tackle the problem of derelict buildings)
 - 3) Improvements to the canal bank
 - 4) Repainting of the railings on Park Road bridge
- 7.5 It was resolved to purchase a commemorative WW1 plaque and to agree a location once this has been received.
- 7.6 The proposals of the CHORLEY LOCAL PLAN 2012 – 2026 CONSULTATION ON GYPSY AND TRAVELLERS AND TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS OCTOBER 2014 were noted.
- 7.7 It was resolved to contact Richard Houghton at Chorley Community Housing to express the Council's opinion that priority should be given to upgrading existing CCH housing rather than to the suggested development between Chester Place and Croston Avenue, and that although new affordable housing would be welcome, this site has a one way access road and there are existing traffic problems in the area which would be exacerbated by increased parking.
- 7.8 The Rivington & Adlington Brass band has confirmed its attendance at the Carol Concert on Monday 15/12/14 at 7.30pm. It was resolved to provide refreshments as in previous years, and to send out invitations as usual
- 7.9 It was resolved that no further requests should be sent to Northern Rail at this time
- 7.10 Although there have been mixed reactions to the facing used for the new Railway Road bridge, it was resolved that no action is required. As the footbridge belongs to LCC it may be repainted and the lighting improved.
At this point standing orders were suspended to allow the meeting to continue for an additional 15 minutes
- 7.11 It was resolved to respond to Bellway's offer to install a tree or nativity scene on their Railway Road frontage to say that the Town Council will be delighted if they do this
- 7.12 385 daffodil bulbs have been received from Chorley Council rather than the promised 1000 (*remainder were received after the meeting*). The following planting sites were identified: canal bank, Adlington Primary School, St Paul's church drive. The Scouts will be helping with the planting on 23/11/14
- 8 Items for Information** None
The meeting closed at 9.00pm