

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 16th November 2015
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor Cllr S Higgins

Councillors J Banks, A Evans, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, T Summers, A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), County Cllr Kim Snape and a resident.

1 Open Forum

Cllr Snape summarised part of the County Council's budget reductions report published on 16/11/15 which include the proposal to reduce the number of libraries in Lancashire from 74 to 34 with one library in each of the previously identified Service Planning Areas. The area in which Adlington is located is Chorley East, which covers the areas of Clayton Green, Brinscall and Adlington and which includes two libraries and two SureStart centres. The proposals will be considered by Lancashire County Council on 28/11/15.

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr Lee, and from Cllr Robinson who was working and accepted by the Council.

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

3.1 **Matters Arising** The Clerk reported that there had still been no response from Chorley Council to the query regarding bus shelters raised by a resident, or the additional questions relating to the Carnegie Field designation and the provision of defibrillators discussed at the last meeting. Cllr J Molyneaux will contact Jamie Carson at Chorley Council directly about these. The Lancashire Association of Local Councils has not recommended any training for Councillors related to the General Power of Competence.

4 Declarations of Interest

4.1 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 is a recipient of two payments for items previously approved and purchased by her on behalf of the Council.

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for October 2015.

5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
L Crouch	Petty Cash Imprest – Remembrance Sunday refreshments	£40.97
Orange	Phone charges 24/10/15 to 23/11/15	£9.38
CPRE	Membership	£36.00
J Lowe	Refreshments from Bowen's for Remembrance Sunday	£26.40
J Lowe	Plants for planters	£27.99
Rivington & Adlington Brass Band	Attendance at Remembrance Sunday (£350) and the Carol Concert (£250)	£600.00
The Acorn Workshop	Community Notice Board	£900.00

5.3 It was resolved to transfer £2000 from the RBS savings account to the business current account

5.4 It was resolved to approve the revisions made to the Transparency Fund application agreed at October's meeting to reflect the increase in the price of the scanner/printer and the requirement to include the cost before VAT figure. The request is now for funding of £70.83.

6 Planning

6.1 **New applications** None

Items for Discussion

7.1 It was agreed that the Lancashire Best Kept Village reports for Higher and Lower Adlington were generally very positive about the village, apart from the comment that there are a lot of weeds.. Cllr J Molyneaux has forwarded the reports to Chorley Council. It was resolved that the relevant report should be sent on to each of the properties specifically mentioned and that both reports should be made available on the notice boards and website.

7.2 Cllr Banks expressed his concern that the road markings at the junction of Railway Road and Market Place have not been reinstated following the changes made to accommodate the closure of Chorley Road, and that observing the yellow hatched area may prevent drivers from being able to see oncoming A6 traffic at the roundabout.

The meeting was suspended for 10 minutes to allow the County Councillor to give information on this matter.

It was resolved to wait for a response from County Cllr Snape who will raise both the matter of the road markings and the measures intended to increase visibility of the railings at this point with LCC as reinstatement and improvements following the road closures was originally planned

- 7.3 It was agreed that the Remembrance Sunday event went well apart from the confusion regarding the order of leaving the church and the fact that the collection plates missed going round some of the congregation, including the front row, and that a review meeting was not therefore necessary. It was suggested that at next year's event it should be made clearer exactly who is included in the "Mayoral Party". It was agreed that the scouts and guides who did the readings and the roll of honour were very confident and clear. It was resolved to send the Council's thanks to the Marshall, Andrea Barlow to and all the young people from the Scouting and Guiding organisations who attended. It was also resolved to send a donation of £25 to the St John Ambulance organisation as a thank you for attending. It was resolved that the suggested split for funding of the event, based on the population of each parish, should be as follows:

Anderton	£80.00
Heath Charnock	£120.00
Rivington	£10.00
Adlington	£207.37
TOTAL	£417.37

It was hoped that the amounts requested from the other parishes could then be kept the same for the next few years enabling them to budget accordingly.

- 7.4 It was resolved to order the hotpot as usual from Real Honest Foods and agreed that the quantities should be the same as in previous years. Cllr Lowe will order this. The Mayor will liaise with the Band regarding the choice of carols.

- 7.5 It was resolved to submit the following items for consideration as Neighbourhood Preferred Projects to Chorley Council:

- replacement of the path to and around the war memorial
- replacement of the railings at the Fairclough Memorial Garden
- replacement of the path at the Fairclough Memorial Garden
- extension of the footpath at the King George V playing field so that it goes all the way round
- new benches at Market Place and outside the Elephant & Castle public house

- 7.6 It was resolved that the bus service for Adlington would satisfy the needs of residents and there would be no requirement for an additional scheme if the 125 service was amended so that at least one bus per hour took an alternative route through the village to include Westhoughton Road. It was resolved to respond to the consultation and to contact Stagecoach and LCC requesting consideration of the option

- 7.7 It was suggested that the Clerk could ask at the Clerks Liaison meeting for a representative of Chorley Council to visit a meeting to explain the MyChorley website options.

- 7.8 It was resolved that Sunday 12th June 2016 would be the date of the next Civic Sunday event

- 7.9 There were no further urgent matters for the Council's attention.

8 Items for Information

- 8.1 The Mayor informed the Council that the next fundraising event for the Mayor's Charity Fund would be a Quiz Night at the Cardwell Arms on 26/11/15 at 8.30pm

- 8.2 The Councillors who attended the recent "Planning in Practice" workshop found it a useful introduction to the online facilities of the planning section of the Chorley Council website

The meeting closed at 8.20pm