

# ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016  
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

## Members Present:

**Mayor** A Evans

**Councillors** J Banks (part of meeting), C Hart, J Lowe, P Walkden and A Wilson

**In Attendance:** L Crouch (Clerk), Brooke Westcott and County Councillor Kim Snape (part of meeting)

## 1 Open Forum

Mr Westcott addressed the meeting to ask if the Council would like to appoint a trustee to the Rivington & Blackrod School board. He volunteered to take the position himself if the Council agrees. He explained that the trust meetings risk being inquorate due to a lack of nominated trustees. Adlington Town Council is listed as a nominating body in the original agreement which was set up when the land was given for use as a school, although the land was sold 100 years ago. The trustees will shortly need to agree the proposal of the school to change from voluntary school status to an academy so the Trust is looking to increase its numbers to ensure this can be discussed. Concern was expressed regarding the legal status of the trustee and whether they would be representing the views of Council, and also that Adlington is no longer part of the catchment area of the school. Mr Westcott will provide further information before the next meeting.

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr Lee for family reasons, Cllr Robinson who was working, Cllr Summers who was unwell, Cllr J Molyneux who was attending another meeting and Cllr F Molyneux and these were accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** None

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Lowe declared an interest in item 5.2 as she paid for plants for the planters and some of the Remembrance Sunday refreshments.

## 5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for October 2016

5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

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| L Crouch                         | Salary   |         |
| L Crouch                         | Petty cash – imprest – Remembrance Sunday refreshments   | £49.20  |
| Orange                           | Phone charges 24/10/16 to 23/11/16   | £9.50   |
| Rivington & Adlington Brass Band | Community Award – contribution towards replacement uniforms  | £350.00 |
| Freestyle Urban Soccer           | Community Award – provision of floodlit activity sessions on Jubilee recreation ground October/November 2016 | £540.00 |
| Adlington & District in Bloom    | Community Award – provision of a sign at Adlington Railway Station   | £150.00 |
| Rivington & Adlington Brass Band | Attendance at Remembrance Sunday (£350) and the Carol Concert (£250)   | £600.00 |
| J Lowe                           | Plants for planters (£33), certificate frame (£1) and food for Remembrance Sunday (£7.50)                    | £41.50  |

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

5.4 It was resolved to make a donation of £50 to the St John Ambulance organisation for their attendance on Remembrance Sunday

5.5 It was resolved to approve the revised Asset Register which includes both AEDs and all three AED cabinets. This will be sent on to Zurich, the Council's insurers.

*Cllr Banks arrived*

5.6 It was resolved that the next Finance Working Group will consider possible uses for the £943.66 recently received from the CIL fund. This could include a contribution to the improvement of play facilities.

5.7 It was resolved to request additional information from Lindsay Hoyle MP regarding his request for the Council to fund a Judicial Review of the recent decision to allow further sand extraction at Sandon's Farm, specifically regarding the potential cost to the Council, the level of opposition amongst residents and the possible grounds on which a Review would be based

5.8 It was resolved to add the information regarding the 2015/16 CIL funding and how this has been spent to the general Annual Report 2015/16 section of the Town Council website

5.9 It was resolved that a Street Scene Working Group meeting would be arranged in January 2017 to consider the purchase of a new notice board to replace the one currently located on Chorley Road, and to consider the 2017 Lancashire Best Kept Village competition entry.

*County Cllr Snape arrived*

**6 Planning**

6.1 **New or amended applications** None

6.2 **Applications to be left for neighbours' comments** None

**7 Items for Discussion**

7.1 It was resolved to advertise the current vacancy on the Town Council for co-option. This will be posted on the notice boards and website, with a closing date for applications of 15/01/17

7.2 The BT Payphones consultation was noted. It was resolved to add the information to the Council website in order to increase residents' awareness.

7.3 It was resolved to send the LALC suggested letter to Lindsay Hoyle in order to object to the government's tax referendum proposals which could lead to a cap on Town & parish Council spending. It was resolved to include justification relating to Community Awards given and the need for financial support of local services.

7.4 It was agreed that the attendance on Remembrance Sunday was even greater than in previous years, but noted that the event was not covered by the Chorley Guardian. It was resolved to suggest that a press release is sent next year. It was also resolved to send a letter of thanks to Andrea Barnard for marshalling the parade, and her suggestion that additional marshals will be required for such a large crowd in future was noted.

7.5 It was resolved to submit an agenda item for the next Chorley Liaison meeting on 18/01/17 to request the Schedule of planned maintenance for both gully sweeping and street cleaning for the whole of Adlington, and in addition to request an update on the flooding problems reported by residents last winter, following the most recent "Making Space for Water" meetings.

7.6 It was resolved to order hotpot and peas from Real Honest Foods for the Carol Concert on 19/12/16 at 7.30pm as usual. Cllr Lowe and the Clerk will order this and buy additional bowls and pickles.

7.7 It was resolved to put a summary of the Lancashire Best Kept Village 2016 reports for Higher and Lower Adlington on the website.

7.8 It was resolved to send the Department of Transport response regarding the provision of traffic mirrors on to Lancashire County Council, and ask for a mirror to be placed on Railway Road on the opposite side to its junction with Mill Street. If funding is not available for this it was resolved to consider making a contribution from Council funds.

7.9 The Mayor has had initial discussions regarding an alternative website and the costs associated with this. It was resolved that a meeting of the Website & Communications Working Group will look into this and other alternatives in detail.

7.10 It was resolved to submit the following three projects as Neighbourhood Priorities for 2017/18:

- renovation of benches outside the Elephant & Castle and on Market Place
- an "Adlington Gateway" constructed of stone and steel at the border of the village on Market Street, celebrating the area's industrial heritage
- paving of the full footpath around the edge of the King George V recreation ground

7.11 It was resolved to approve the Risk Assessment for the three AEDs. This was based on the NWS Minimum Requirements documentation, and has been approved by Cheryl Pickstock. This will be sent on to Zurich, the Council's insurers.

7.12 It was resolved to consider changing the venue of Council meetings in 2017 to Adlington Library, and to obtain information regarding availability of the room and the charges which would apply.

7.13 It was resolved to consider any further action regarding gully cleaning and street sweeping rotas until after the next Chorley Liaison meeting (see item 7.5)

7.14 The date of the next LALC area meeting was noted. Agenda items to be submitted by 06/01/17.

7.15 The Mayor expressed her thanks to the Clerk and to all contributors for the planning of Remembrance Sunday. The Mayor will be holding a Christmas Fair to raise money for her Mayor's Charity which provides funding for the scouts, young people's activities and the luncheon club, on Saturday 10/12/16 from 10.00am until 2.30pm at Fairview Community Centre on Highfield Road. Any donations of tombola prizes will be gratefully received by the Mayor.

**8 Items for Information**

8.1 Cllr Lowe raised the problem of HGV parking at the LALC area meeting held in October 2016. No other parish had reported similar problems and it was suggested that issues could be reported directly to LCC in future

*The meeting closed at 9.00pm*