

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 9th December 2013
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

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

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk).

1 Open Forum

None.

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr E Sumner who was in London, Cllr J Smethurst who was attending a family event and Cllr B Lee who was away on holiday and accepted by the Council.

In the absence of the Mayor, it was resolved that Cllr D Croft (Deputy Mayor) would chair the meeting.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting of 18th November 2013** were accepted as a true record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** A response has been received from Lancashire County Council regarding the problems reported at the junction of Chapel Street and Park Road to say that is not recommending any engineering measures at this location for the present time. It was agreed to monitor the situation.

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Dunn declared an interest 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 November 2013

5.2 It was resolved to defer the opening of the Chorley Credit Union account pending a review of the financial safeguards relating to this type of account

5.3 It was resolved to defer a decision on the sweeping of the church drive before the Remembrance Sunday event until the next meeting when the funding of the event will be discussed more fully

5.4 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Orange	Phone charges 24/11/13 to 23/12/13	£9.31
B Lee	Remembrance Sunday refreshments (donation)	£10.00
Petty Cash	Imprest – storage boxes	£8.00
St John Ambulance	Donation for Remembrance Sunday attendance	£25.00
Lynn Holmes	Carol Concert hotpot	£167.50
PWD Creative solutions	Update printing	£280.00
Lucy Snape	Update delivery	£200.00
Chorley Civic Society	Corporate Membership (LGA 2003 section 137 payment)	£20.00

5.6 It was resolved to transfer £1100 from the RBS savings account to the business current account.

6 Planning

6.1 New Applications

13/01004/MNMA 15 Carrington Road Minor non-material amendment to planning application 07/00566/FUL comprising of addition of ground floor window to side elevation of proposed front extension (to serve hallway). It was resolved to leave this for neighbours to comment.

13/01085/TEL Grove Farm Railway Road Proposed upgrade of existing telecommunications apparatus to include the addition of antennae and cabin equipment. Six antennae are to be removed and replaced on a like for like basis with a further six antennae. It was resolved to submit an objection to the application on the basis that insufficient information has been provided, specifically relating to the size of the proposed antennae and whether this represents an increase in provision.

13/01082/FUL 30 Mayfield Avenue Erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, and detached outbuilding. It was resolved to leave this for neighbours to comment

Applications Granted

13/00826/FUL C G S Design And Screen Bridge House 23 Railway Road Re-configuration of internal accommodation to provide 2no. additional apartments was noted.

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved to respond to the Chorley Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy Consultation with the following points:

- The Council understands that the Fairclough Memorial Garden land was given to the people of Adlington in perpetuity and that this should be taken into account when the site is assessed
- Clarification is required of the phrase “a number of building sites with full planning permission”
- Yarrow Valley Park is neither near to Adlington or accessible by public transport from here
- Clarification of when the proposed allotments will be provided would be helpful

7.2 It was resolved to contact Northern Rail to ask if they would consider increasing the capacity of the

remaining services following the reduction in the number of trains on the Chorley to Manchester route, and to copy the local MP in to this request.

Cllrs J Molyneaux and C Hart arrived after attending the meeting with Network Rail at Chorley Town Hall

7.3 Cllrs J Molyneaux and C Hart summarised the points raised at the meeting with Network Rail

- It was suggested that concurrent closure of Railway Road and Rawlinson Lane should be avoided
- It is intended that Railway Road bridge and roadside footpath will be widened as part of the electrification work, and that this will also be done on Rawlinson Lane
- The work will take place 9am to 5pm most of the time but the 54-hour closures will involve non-stop working and will be at weekends

7.4 It was resolved to defer a decision on the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device as there is currently none available to deploy this. It was resolved to ask Paul Lowe at Chorley Council for information regarding the current plans for SPID provision in the borough.

7.5 Cllr Lowe agreed to check whether the tiered seating will be in situ before the Carol Concert

7.6 It was resolved to send the Lancashire Best Kept Village reports to Chorley Council, highlighting the adverse comments regarding weeds around the village. It was also resolved to display these on the notice boards and website.

7.7 It was resolved that although the Town Council would support the project and may be able to offer some limited funding, the provision of a local "Silver Line" service is beyond its capacity. It was resolved to contact the resident to suggest that he asks the Chorley Older People's Forum and the Chorley VCFS whether they could set up a similar service in this area.

7.8 The Deputy Mayor has received contact via twitter asking for Christmas Lights to be provided in Adlington. It was suggested that he respond with the information that previous provision has been the subject of vandalism, which has made the Council reluctant to fund this in recent years.

8 Items for Information

8.1 The Clerk has circulated notes from the Clerks Liaison meeting held on 3/12/13 and will circulate the minutes when these are available.

8.2 A donation of £100 towards Remembrance Sunday has been received from Anderton Parish Council

8.3 At the most recent PACT meeting it was noted that there has been a spike in reported incidents in the local area. The next meeting will be "electronic" and will take place on 10/01/14 at 5pm. The meeting to follow that will be on 6/2/14, Cllr Hart offered to attend.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm