

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 14th December 2015
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor Cllr S Higgins

Councillors J Banks, C Hart, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, A Robinson, A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk) and two residents.

1 Open Forum

None

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr Lee who was on holiday, Cllr Evans who had another engagement and Cllr Summers who was unwell and these were accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 16th November were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** None

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 one of the payments for plants 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 November 2015.

5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Orange	Phone charges 24/11/15 to 23/12/15	£9.38
Chorley Council	Provision of 40 hanging baskets - summer 2015	£4270.28
St John Ambulance	Donation for attendance at Remembrance Sunday	£25.00
Lynn Holmes	Hotpot for Carol Concert	£177.50
CBS Office Supplies	11 boxes of printer paper	£29.52
PWD Creative	Printing of Winter Update newsletter	£280.00
Lucy Snape	Delivery of Winter Update newsletter	£200.00
Chorley Civic Society	Annual Membership	£20.00
Jeanette Lowe	Plants for bed in front of WW1 plaque	£11.00

5.3 It was resolved to transfer £5400 from the RBS savings account to the business current account

5.4 It was resolved that the Clerk as Responsible Finance Officer for the Town Council needs full access to bank account information but should not be a signatory to the account. It was resolved to contact the bank for advice as to how to enable access to this information.

6 Planning

6.1 New applications

15/01034/FUL 60A Westhoughton Road Change of use from children's play facility to a flooring shop. It was resolved to leave this for neighbours' comments.

6.2 It was noted that Chorley Council will no longer be sending out a weekly list and that all planning information will be online in the new year. It was resolved that the Clerk will check the list weekly but that Councillors will need to look at the details of each application before the meeting as printed plans may not be available for inspection. The Clerk will contact Chorley Council to find out if a training session on the MyChorley features can be arranged.

Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved that the problem of flooding on Westhoughton Road should be added to the list of Neighbourhood Preferred Projects for consideration at the next Neighbourhood Area meeting

7.2 It was noted that the draft recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Lancashire County Council reduce the size of the local county constituency as Heapey and Brindle would become part of the adjoining constituency.

7.3 It was resolved to contact Historic England to say that the Council will be grateful if the local War Memorial is listed. Cllr Lowe provided some corrections to the information given, and it was resolved to send this on to them with a copy of the recently published War memorials booklet

- 7.4 It was resolved to send the following agenda items for consideration at the next Chorley Liaison meeting on 20/01/16 which will be attended by the Mayor:
- Westhoughton Road's lack of a bus service and the bus company's reluctance to reroute part of the 125 service
 - Flooding on Westhoughton Road and gutter sweeping around the village
 - Co-ordination of defibrillator provision and maintenance around the borough
 - The procedure for contacting and requesting improvement of train services now that the franchise holder has changed from Northern Rail to Arriva, and the provision of an integrated Transport Plan for the area
- 7.5 It was resolved to raise the topic of defibrillator maintenance, ownership and co-ordination at the next Chorley Liaison meeting. It was also resolved to contact Adlington Football Club to find out if they are applying for a grant to provide this equipment on the King George V playing field before the Council considers its own grant application.
- 7.6 The comments of a resident who expressed concern that chemical weed spraying was causing an adverse effect on wildlife around the village were considered. Her comments were noted and it was resolved to monitor the situation. It was agreed that a certain level of control is necessary to keep gutters and drains free of weeds and enable adequate drainage in wet weather, but that spraying should not encroach on private property. It was agreed that there are currently many wild flower areas around the village which encourage a wide variety of butterflies and insects.
- 7.7 It was noted that there is a problem with the newly installed Community Notice Board as the door will not open properly. It was resolved to contact both The Acorn Workshop who manufactured the board and Barlow Construction who erected it to ask their advice.
- 8 Items for Information**
- 8.1 The Mayor thanked everyone who attended the recent fundraising Quiz event at the Cardwell Arms. £170 was raised for the Mayor's Charity Fund.
- 8.2 The consultation on Lancashire County Council's budget proposals is now on the LCC web page and invites comments from all individual residents. It was agreed that Councillors would submit personal responses but that this should also be added to the January agenda so that the Town Council's response can be included.
- 8.3 There will be a consultation on the Chorley Youth Zone Project at the Chorley Community Centre on Thursday 17/12/15
The meeting closed at 8.30pm