

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 12th December 2016
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor A Evans

Councillors J Banks, C Hart, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux P Walkden and A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), Mr K O'Donnell.

1 Open Forum

The local Police sent apologies as they were unable to send a representative to the meeting. The local crime figures for the last month were circulated before the meeting.

Mr O'Donnell updated the Council on progress with work to improve drainage in Lower Adlington. United Utilities replaced some damaged pipework in November but stated that this may not solve the flooding problems as the original culvert is in need of maintenance. Lancashire County Council has produced a report which he feels misses the point and he is intending to send a response to this on behalf of himself and his close neighbours. He thanked the Town Council and County Councillor Kim Snape for their support in trying to avoid a repeat of the problems experienced last winter. United Utilities sent him a compensation cheque in respect of their delayed response and he is donating this to the Mayor's Charity.

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

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 21st November 2016 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 the Chorley Council Development Control Committee.

5 Finance

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

5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
L Crouch	Petty cash – imprest – printer cartridge, stationery, pickles and plates for Carol Concert	£30.49
Orange	Phone charges 24/11/16 to 23/12/16	£9.50
St John Ambulance	Donation for attendance on Remembrance Sunday	£50.00
PWD Creative	Update newsletter printing	£280.00
Lucy Snape	Update newsletter delivery	£200.00
Chorley Council	Provision of Adlington hanging baskets in summer 2016	£4312.98
Lynn Holmes	Hotpot for Carol Concert	£195.00

5.3 It was resolved to transfer £5500 from the RBS savings account to the current account.

5.4 No further information regarding the proposed Judicial Review of the decision to allow further sand extraction at Sandons Farm has been received therefore it was resolved to consider this again at the January meeting. It was resolved to express concern regarding the suitability and safety of the fencing erected at the perimeter of the site as Councillors feel this is too low. The Clerk will contact the County Councillor and the LCC Planning department about this.

5.5 It was resolved to consider the purchase of a new notice board and the possible Lancashire Best Kept Village entries at a Streetscene Working Group meeting to be held on Wednesday 18/01/17 at 7pm at Fairview Community Centre

5.6 It was resolved to hold the Town Council monthly meetings at Adlington Library from January 2017

5.7 It was agreed that the Mayor will send Christmas cards on behalf of the Town Council

6 Planning

6.1 New or amended applications None

6.2 Applications to be left for neighbours' comments None

6.3 HGV License Applications Barlow Construction and Renovation Ltd - Operating Centre Unit 2 – Unit 3 Brook Mill, Brook Street. Authorisation : 2 Vehicles. It was resolved to object to this application as the access into Brook Street is unsuitable for HGVs. As the Town Council does not have a statutory right to object, the objection will be sent to both Borough and County Councils.

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved to request that the subject of HGV applications and the objections process is included on the agenda for the next Chorley Liaison meeting on 18/01/17

- 7.2 It was resolved to approve the Risk Assessment for the Carol Concert with the following amendments:
- any accident or incident to be recorded in the Community Centre Accident Book
 - note that there is a Defibrillator available at the Community Centre
 - note that there is no longer a landline telephone available at the Community Centre
- 7.3 It was resolved to contact LCC again to request that consideration is given to the provision of a traffic mirror on Railway Road opposite to Mill Street replacing the one which was there for many years, to ask what the reasons were for its removal, and to say that it may be possible to find alternative funding for this if the lack of replacement is due to cost.
- 7.4 It was resolved to consider the requirements for a new Town Council website at the next Website and Communications Working Group meeting which will be held early in 2017.
- 7.5 It was resolved to suggest the subject of HGV License objections as an agenda item for the next LALC area meeting on 02/02/17
- 7.6 It was resolved to support in principle the Anderton Parish Council's submission of work within the library building as a Neighbourhood Priority but noted that it may not fit the appropriate criteria or may be covered by other project plans. This will be discussed at the next South East Parishes Neighbourhood Area meeting at which Adlington Town Council will be represented.
- 7.7 It was resolved to pass on the thanks of the Council to Rivington & Blackrod School but to decline their invitation for the Town Council to nominate a trustee to the School Foundation.
- 7.8 *The meeting was suspended for 5 minutes to allow Mr O'Donnell to clarify some details regarding the flooding issues. He explained that although United Utilities have completed some work on the drains, the culvert requires maintenance and is not adequately clearing debris, requiring repeated "jetting" treatment.*
It was resolved to contact Chorley Council to request that an engineering survey is conducted and that Gary Hall and Cllr Alistair Bradley are copied in to the request.
- 7.9 The Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service DRAFT INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2017- 2022 was noted.
- 7.10 It was resolved to contact Chorley Community Housing to ask that consideration is given to the provision of off-road parking on Park Road to reduce congestion, possibly utilising the area of grass opposite its junction with Sandy Lane.
- 7.11 The Mayor summarised the discussion at the Neighbourhood Working meeting last Monday at which Cllr Alistair Bradley was asking for the support of Town & Parish Councils for local transport and library services. Any specific proposals will be discussed in detail at future meetings.

8 Items for Information

- 8.1 The recent Christmas Fair in aid of the Mayor's Charity raised £700. Funds raised will be shared between Adlington Scout Group, the Adlington Luncheon Club and the provision of supervised youth activities on the local recreation grounds.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm