

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 11th December 2017
in Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Councillors A Ball, A Evans, C Hart, J Lowe, J Molyneaux, K O'Donnell, B Speers, T Summers, P Walkden and A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), Ryan Powell and Phil Marsh from "Inspire"

- 1 **Open Forum** PCSO Ben Pilling sent his apologies as he was unable to attend the meeting and had not been able to provide a written summary of local crime incidents.
Ryan Powell and Phil Marsh from the Chorley Youth Zone introduced themselves and summarised progress with the project. The practical completion of the building is scheduled for 01/03/18 with the internal fixings to follow shortly afterwards. Groups from local schools will be invited during March and there will be other "soft" opening sessions which will target youth groups, for example scouts and guides. Transport options from villages may include subsidised buses or escorted public transport. Postcodes of children visiting will be monitored to assess whether the facility is attracting visitors from all areas, and whether additional transport options are required. They suggested that June and July might be a good time for outreach work although there is currently no budget for this. Cllr Evans has suggested that the Inspire art team could work with local youth on a project to encourage ownership of the skatepark on the Jubilee recreation ground and it was agreed that this might be a possibility. The Town Councillors were invited to visit the Youth Zone in late March before the official opening. The Deputy Mayor thanked them for the invitation and the information and they left the meeting.
- 2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr Robinson who was at work and from Cllr F Molyneaux. These were accepted by the Council. It was resolved that Deputy Mayor Cllr T Summers would chair the meeting in the absence of the Mayor.
- 3 **Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 20th November 2017 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.
- 3.1 **Matters Arising** In order to obtain permission for the erection of a rooted Christmas tree on land belonging to the NHS it has been necessary to add it to the Council property risk assessment and this amendment was agreed by the Council. Pincroft have offered to fund the tree and lighting for it but this may have to wait to be completely done until next Christmas as time is now short.
- 4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Molyneaux declared an interest in item 6 as she is a member of the Chorley Council Development Control Committee

Finance

- 5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for November 2017
- 5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Orange	Phone charges 24/11/17 to 23/12/17	£9.74
Lynn Holmes	Hotpot for Carol Concert	£195.00
Lancashire County Council	12 months meeting room hire Adlington Library	£234.00
PWD Creative	Update newsletter printing	£295.00
Lucy Snape	Update newsletter delivery	£200.00
St John Ambulance	Donation for attendance on Remembrance Sunday	£50.00
Signs of Cheshire (Parish Notice Board Company)	Balance payment for two notice boards	£1740.00

- 5.3 It was resolved to transfer £3000 from the RBS savings account to the current account
- 5.4 The meeting of the Website and Communications working group held on 27/11/17 recommended that the Council looks in detail at a selection of providers currently used by other Parish Councils for their websites, and it was resolved in the first instance to look in detail at easywebsites.co.uk who provide web services to Euxton Parish Council and others.
- 6 **Planning**
- 6.1 **New or Amended Applications for consideration** None
- 6.2 **Applications to be left for neighbours' comments** It was resolved to leave the following applications for neighbours to comment: **17/01078/FULHH 61 Grove Farm Drive** Single storey rear extension. **17/01082/FULHH 15 Vicarage Close** Two storey side extension over existing single storey side extension. **17/01106/FULHH 16 Windermere Drive** Single storey side/rear extension (following demolition of existing garage). **17/01139/FULHH Astley Red House Bridge** Single storey side extension with living accommodation in the roof; single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing garage).
- 7 **Items for Discussion**
- 7.1 As Borough and County Councillors are due to meet with senior Lancashire Police representatives later in the week, it was agreed to defer any further discussion of local police issues until after this meeting. It was however agreed that the Council should contact the Police & Crime Commissioner for advice on the best way Councillors can find out crime statistics and help residents report crime. It was noted that social media indicates that intimidation and nuisance crime is on the increase and that residents are unwilling to report some incidents as they receive a poor response from services such as the 101 telephone line

- 7.2 It was resolved that the Council will contact LALC & NALC for advice on training relevant to the new GDPR legislation and raise this as an agenda item for the next Chorley Liaison meeting
- 7.3 It was resolved to submit the effect of the new GDPR legislation and policing issues in the area as subjects for discussion at the next Chorley Liaison meeting to be held on 17/01/18
- 7.4 It was agreed that the local area LALC meetings are a useful forum for information, but that this should be a two-way flow, with visiting speakers and warnings of legislation and other changes which will affect Parishes
- 7.5 The email expressing the interest of Pinders Circus in visiting the village was noted
- 7.6 The double decker bus which was parked by the side of Chorley Road has not been seen for a few weeks. It was agreed to monitor the situation.
- 7.7 It was resolved to write again to CCH regarding the possibility of additional parking space provision on Park Road at its junction with Sandy Lane, and to copy in Borough Cllr Graham Dunn
- 7.8 It was agreed that if the Adlington Circular Walk group can continue in its present role of walking the route once a year and reporting any issues to LCC this would be the best situation rather than each of the Parishes having to monitor separate sections. Cllr Hart is interested in re-launching the walk with more social media based promotion. The recent assessment of assets of the group does not make it clear who owns or has responsibility for the interpretation boards along the route, so this also requires clarification.
- 7.9 The information regarding the recent Local Government Boundary Committee for England briefing was circulated. This is the start of a long process and Chorley Council will provide further information once the working party has met.
- 7.10 It was agreed that the quality of the reports provided following the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition was very low. One of the judges' reports appeared to be badly written rough notes without any grammar, punctuation or spelling. The Clerk will write to Peter Hesketh and Jane Watton of LBKV to complain.

8 Items for Information

- 8.1 None

The meeting closed at 8.50pm