

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 10th December 2018
in Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:**Mayor** T Summers**Councillors** A Evans, C Hart, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, K O'Donnell, B Speers and A Wilson**In Attendance:** L Crouch (Clerk) and one resident.**1 Open Forum**

The resident has previously suggested to the Town Council that an edition of Radio 4 "Any Questions" could be held in the village, and attended the meeting to discuss the idea. She provided additional information regarding the requirements of the programme makers, and suggested that this was a good opportunity to include young people and to highlight local issues.

The resident is also a regular user of the local rail service into Manchester and offered the following comments regarding the current problems:

- trains are arriving in "short form" with 2 carriages instead of 4, leading to overcrowding
- services sometimes miss out stations at short notice because they are busy or running late. This means that a service looks as if it is running (according to internet or phone apps) when passengers leave home but then doesn't stop at the station
- there are often delays to services and lack of seating
- people are having to drive in to Manchester rather than using the train service in order to be sure of arriving on time for work, exams or childcare

2 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Walkden who was away and Cllrs A Robinson and A Ball who were at work, and accepted by the Council.

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19th November 2018 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 Matters Arising As Website & Communications working group meeting has not yet been arranged it was agreed that any information put onto any of the local facebook pages on behalf of the Town Council should follow the principles set out for the use of Twitter in the current social media policy. Anyone can share information already in the public domain (for example event posters/agendas/minutes) so the principles do not need to apply to these. A meeting of the WCWG will be arranged in the new year.

Cllr J Molyneaux has submitted the lighting of the War Memorial to Chorley Council as a Neighbourhood Priority suggestion.

4 Declarations of Interest Cllr J Molyneaux declared an interest in item 6 as she is a member of Chorley Council Development Control Committee.

It was resolved to move items 7.1 and 7.4 up the agenda for the benefit of the resident in attendance

7.1 It was resolved to contact Northern Railway and to copy in the local County Councillor and MP to say that despite the two years of disruption in the village we have a worse rail service now than previously. The specific issues to be raised are:

- Preston bound trains terminate at Buckshaw which was intended as a temporary measure only but which has continued into the new timetable
- short form trains (2 instead of 4 carriages)
- services delayed, cancelled or missing out stations at short notice
- no information has been made available regarding the improved services and rolling stock and when these will be implemented

7.4 Item 7.4 refers to "Any Questions", not "Question Time" as stated in the agenda. It was resolved that all Councillors will look at the requirements sheet provided by Radio 4 so that the hosting of the event can be discussed again at the January meeting. Cllr Lowe will raise the matter at the next Community Centre committee meeting, as it is likely that any event would need to be hosted by a separate committee of interested parties.

The resident left the meeting

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for November 2018.

5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Orange	Phone charges 24/11/18 to 23/12/18	£9.74
PWD Creative	Update newsletter - printing	£295.00
Adlington Rangers	Update newsletter - delivery	£200.00
Chorley Council	Provision of 40 hanging baskets in Adlington	£4399.67
L Crouch	AED supplies	£129.60

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

6 Planning

6.1 New or Amended Applications for consideration.

18/01093/FUL Adlington News 171 Chorley Road Change of use from two separate dwellings to funeral 1

home at ground floor and 3no. 1 bedroom flats at first floor (Use Class C3). It was resolved to object to the application for the following reasons:

- The application includes no provisions for the disposal of any type of waste
- The location of the property means that vehicular access is very limited. The area in front of the property is on a main road and is subject to parking restriction. The access to the rear of the property is via an unmade and unadopted road which is unsuitable for vans and other large vehicles
- The junction of this road (with the main Chorley Road) allows only limited visibility and any increase in vehicles using this junction would increase the traffic hazard in this busy area.
- The only entrance to the rear of the property is via the kitchen which is likely to be unsuitable for the business use.
- A flagpole would be an unsightly addition to the property and would constitute a trip hazard

6.2 **Other Applications to be left for neighbours' comments.**

It was resolved to leave the following application for neighbours' comments: **18/01055/FULHH 4 Crawford Avenue** Raising of ridge height, single storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory and elevational alterations.

6.3 It was noted that although there have been moorings alongside the canal at Allanson Hall Farm for some time these have never been permanent residential moorings and there is no provision at the location for waste collection or other services. It was also noted that some of the features, for example steps down to the canal, have been added more recently.

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 *This item was discussed at the start of the meeting*

7.2 Posters have been put onto trees in the War Memorial garden and on the leg posts of the Council notice boards. Posters are also still being fastened to the railings at road junctions. Councillors were asked to remove anything they see in inappropriate locations or which could cause distraction or danger to motorists or pedestrians

7.3 The amended Regulation 123 List supplied by Chorley Council was noted

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7.5 It was resolved to donate £100 to St John Ambulance for their attendance on Remembrance Sunday, a larger amount than usual in recognition of the large number of people in attendance at this year's event.

7.6 The stone retaining wall on Railway Road has now been checked for safety by Chorley Council

7.7 It was resolved to inform the insurance company that the Town Council has up to 12 volunteers each year working in various roles including serving food and drink on Remembrance Sunday and at the Carol Concert, putting up lamp-post poppies and producing the newsletter. The Clerk will need to be given the names of the volunteers before each event. Risk Assessments will be in place for each activity.

7.8 It was resolved to support in principle the suggestion that some name panels should be added to the War Memorial, subject to permission being received from Chorley Council who own and manage the site, and Historic England as it is a Listed Memorial. Some funding may be available via the Town Council's Community Awards scheme which is now open for applications. Further support for the project may be available from Historic England or the local MP

7.9 The comments received from other participants regarding Remembrance Sunday were discussed. It was resolved that this year's arrangements led to a parade which was clearer for the participants and which reformed more neatly. The comments regarding which section led the parade were noted but it was agreed that this had been a matter for the youth groups to arrange. It was resolved to send a letter of thanks to the Marshal for her excellent organisation. It was agreed that there are always problems with the church donation collection and that this needs to be addressed next year. It was noted that there may be an additional charge relating to the provision of the sound system at the War Memorial. It was agreed that this could be paid when an invoice is presented instead of the hire charge for St Paul's Club which was approved prior to the event but not needed.

7.10 It was resolved to follow up the suggestion that Fairview Community Centre could be used by the Chorley Council Streetscene teams as a lunch break facility when they are working in Adlington. The Clerk will send the request on to the Fairview committee.

7.11 It was noted that the Lancashire County Council budget proposals consultation ends before the next meeting of the Council. Councillors were asked to send on their comments to the Clerk so that a response can be sent before the closing date of 18/01/19 and ratified at the January meeting.

8 Items for Information

8.1 An Appraisal meeting will be arranged for the Clerk by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor
The meeting closed at 9.00pm