

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 15th July 2019
in Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:**Mayor** P Walkden**Councillors** A Ball, C Hart, J Lowe, J Molyneaux (from 8pm), K O'Donnell, A Robinson, B Speers, T Summers**In Attendance:** L Crouch (Clerk), Police Sergeant Paul Harrison, PCSO James Reardon, PCSO Lewis Deary and three local residents**1 Open Forum**

Sgt Paul Harrison introduced himself as the local neighbourhood sergeant. His role covers a large area in Chorley North, and he was previously the Community Beat Manager for Adlington, so knows the area well. He reassured the Council that based on the figures Adlington doesn't currently have an anti-social behaviour problem. He introduced PCSO James Reardon who covers Adlington and PCSO Lewis Deary who mainly covers Chorley Town Centre but has worked with colleagues in the local area. Cllr Speers said that social media complaints indicate more issues and it was agreed that residents need to be encouraged to report these directly to the Police online, by phoning 101 or emailing the local PCSOs. Sgt Harrison explained that there are now six dedicated neighbourhood officers who work with other agencies in their local areas. PC Nichola Barff-Lewis is the CBM for Adlington. He also explained that the Police are working with Chorley Council and United Utilities to implement Public Spaces Protection Orders in the Rivington area to prevent a recurrence of last year's fires and are providing more resources to tackle minor crimes. Cllr Hart asked about the vandalism of the wall on the Jubilee Recreation Ground, photographs of which had appeared on social media, but the Police had been unaware of the incident. Councillors and one of the residents described some areas where sporadic anti-social behaviour has been observed and the Police offered to check these during local patrols. The representatives explained that they are happy to attend local events and will be at Adlington Library in October. *The Mayor thanked the Police representatives for attending and they left the meeting. One of the residents also left the meeting.*

2 Apologies for Absence None.**3 Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 17th June 2019 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.**3.1 Matters Arising** Anderton Scout Group has informed the Council that it is likely to withdraw from the project to build a combined sports changing facility and scout meeting room on the King George V recreation ground as the offer is not in the best interests of the group**4 Declarations of Interest** Cllr Lowe declared an interest in item 5.6 as she was reclaiming expenditure made on behalf of the Council.**5 Finance****5.1** It was resolved to ask The Print Quarter to print the Summer edition of the Update newsletter despite a higher quotation being received as the quality and speed of production was good for the Spring edition. They have also already confirmed that they can print directly from the new format produced by Cllr Speers.**5.2** The Clerk explained that the details of the additional signatory (Cllr Lowe) have been submitted to RBS using the online form as recommended by Chorley NatWest branch staff. All signatories need to visit the Chorley Credit Union with ID to bring the account up-to-date. Cllr Robinson has already visited the branch.**5.3** Twenty of the lamp post poppies from last year are suitable for re-use but as some of these were paid for by the other parishes the Council will need their agreement to re-erect them on Railway Road in November this year. Cllr Speers has contact details for Horwich RBL who have more in stock.

Cllr Molyneaux arrived and declared an interest in item 6 as she is a member of the Chorley Council Development Control committee.

It was resolved to purchase an additional 20 lamp-post poppies at £5 each from the contingency budget and to offer these to local businesses and organisations for sponsorship in the next edition of the Update. Cllrs O'Donnell and Walkden offered to help with putting the poppies up.

5.4 It was resolved that as the cost of a skip similar to the one provided in Higher Adlington by Chorley Council for the recent Skip Day could be over £1000 it might be appropriate to first ask Jigsaw for funding as many of their tenants live in Lower Adlington. Cllr Lowe will ask Adlington in Bloom to contact them.**5.5** It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for June 2019**5.6** It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
L Crouch	Petty Cash (Imprest) – renewal of email service	£22.97
Orange	Phone charges 24/06/19 to 23/07/19	£9.74
J Lowe	Plants for planters	£22.00

6 Planning

6.1 New or Amended Applications for consideration

19/00606/ADV Adlington News 171 Chorley Road Application for advertisement consent for the display of 1no. flag pole and 4no. externally illuminated display signs. It was resolved to submit concerns that the flagpole may cause a trip hazard, particularly for sight impaired pedestrians, and also that the luminosity of the illuminated signage should be appropriate for its location close to the highway.

It was also noted that an appeal has been submitted for the "Pride of Aggi" change of use from shop (A1) to drinking establishment (A4) and that comments previously submitted by the Council will be considered.

6.2 Other Applications to be left for neighbours' comments. It was resolved to leave the following application for neighbours to comment: **19/00491/FULHH 14 The Avenue** Single storey rear extension

Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved that Cllr Ainsley Ball will be Deputy Mayor 2019-20. Cllr Ball made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

7.2 Cllr O'Donnell informed the Council that the Road Closure application has been submitted to Chorley Council and that Ventbrook have been asked to organise the traffic management for the event, although this still needs to be confirmed in writing by the Council. Adlington Heritage Group has been offered funding by a local business to cover the additional costs. It was resolved that a meeting of all the Councils and organisations would be arranged on 23/09/19 at 7.30pm to update everyone about the plans and to ask for volunteers to assist with the traffic management.

7.3 It was resolved that Adlington Scouts could deliver a Scouting recruitment leaflet at the same time as the Summer Update

7.4 It was resolved to request an agenda item for the agenda of the LALC Chorley Area committee meeting to be held on 03/09/19 at Chorley Town Hall "What can LALC do to support Councils with the organisation of Remembrance Day events?"

7.5 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council again regarding the future of the derelict building between the canal and Adlington Primary School. It was noted that the door had been opened and access to the inside of the building was possible until it was re-secured in the last few days. It was also noted that no response has yet been received regarding the future of the Willow House building, the Clerk will contact Chorley Council again. *It was resolved that press & public should be excluded for the next item as it was possible that reference would be made to personal information. The two residents left the meeting.*

7.6 As there have been ten applications for the three Councillor vacancies it was resolved to shortlist the candidates for interview, and to assist with this process it was agreed to send each candidate two specific questions to be answered by 5pm on 26/07/19. A pre-interview meeting will be held on 30/07/19 at 7pm with interviews on 06/08/19, both to be held at Fairview Community Centre. All Councillors were invited to attend. The successful candidates will be formally accepted and co-opted at the August meeting.

7.7 Concern has been expressed by a resident that trains which are scheduled in the new timetable to stop at Adlington have not been doing so. It was resolved to add this to the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

8 Items for Information

8.1 The Mayor reminded Councillors that a sixties night on August 30th to be held at the Hilltops social club in Blackrod and arranged by the Mayor of Blackrod is open to all.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm