

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 9th December 2019
in Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor P Walkden

Councillors B Speers, C Hart, J Lowe, J. Molyneaux (from 8pm), N Buckley, K O'Donnell and P Wilson

In Attendance: Christine Bailey (Clerk), 2 staff from The Retreat, and 2 residents.

1 Open Forum

Two members of staff from The Retreat Restaurant were congratulated by the Mayor, Cllr Peter Walkden. The Mayor presented The Retreat with a Lancashire Best Kept Village 2019 Highly Commended Certificate. In this year's Competition, The Retreat was placed third in the Public House Category out of 32 entries submitted from across Lancashire as an Outstanding Feature of Lower Adlington.

Two residents attended to outline their concerns as responsible dog owners who would like dogs to have the opportunity to be allowed off their leads in a safe and secure way in a public park. Having seen recent comments on social media both for and against this idea, their proposal was that, given its size, an area of Jubilee Recreation Ground should be fenced off and be designated for this purpose, in the same way that the play area for children is fenced off. In this way it was suggested that dogs would have some freedom to run within the fenced area and other park users would be kept safe. The pros and cons of this proposal were discussed based around: the cost of fencing, signage, the ability to enforce which parts of the Park were used by different sections of the community, and whether dog owners would respect such an area, if designated, by picking up after their own dog and by managing its behaviour when with other dogs within the fenced area. The Town Council asked whether anyone knew of other examples and how well these had worked in practice. Having a designated dog area is not likely to solve all problems associated with the competing demands from the various users that are placed on public parks. Cllr Wilson said that the Park is owned by Chorley Council. The Town Council would have to ask Chorley Council to consider this matter as a Borough-wide issue. The Mayor thanked the two residents for attending the meeting to put their views forwards. They left at 7.45pm.

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr A Robinson, K Snape and T Summers who were all unable to attend due to other commitments. This was accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 18th November 2019 were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** The Clerk reported that the delivery of the Winter edition of the Update Newsletter has been completed by Adlington Scout Group with no spares left. The Council thanked the Scout Group and agreed to increase the next print run to 3,200. No response has been received from LCC and CC from the residents' concerns about inconsiderate on-street parking when the Adlington Station Park and Ride facility is full and the request for maintenance work to be carried out. The Clerk will follow this up for discussion at the next meeting. The Mayor reported that the former Clerk has thanked the Town Council for the flower arrangement and the good wishes on leaving her employment.

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Lowe declared an interest in item 5.2 as she was claiming reimbursement for expenditure made on behalf of the Council.

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts for November 2019.

5.2 It was resolved to approve the payment of the following accounts:

C Bailey	Re-issue salary, November 2019	
C Bailey	Salary - December 2019	
HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's November and December salary	
C Bailey	Mileage – November 2019	£30.60
EE	Phone charges	£9.49
Jeanette Lowe	Plants and compost	£38.99

5.3 It was resolved that the CIL monies would continue to be held towards the proposed improvement of King George V Playing Fields. Subject to the outcome of a proposed 'pocket parks' grant application to be jointly submitted, the Council would consider the possibility of a contribution towards proposed improvements by Chorley Council to the Jubilee Recreation Ground and Grafton Street former play area.

6 Planning

6.1 New Applications for consideration:

19/01035/FULMAJ Fairport Engineering, Adlington Mill, Market Place, PR7 4EZ: Reconstruction of industrial building at bays 1-5 and bays 1A-3A following demolition of existing fire damaged structure, with composite cladding to be applied to all external elevations. The Council is concerned to protect the amenity of neighbouring residents as a priority with no adverse impact during the reconstruction process. The size and scale of the proposed reconstruction should fit within the footprint of the existing premises to protect residential amenity.

19/01036/FULMAJ Fairport Engineering, Adlington Mill, Market Place, PR7 4EZ: Erection of temporary warehouse building is understood to be required to allow the proposed reconstruction to take place and to protect residential amenity.

6.2 **It was resolved that these applications would be left for neighbours' comments:**

19/01070/FULHH 7 Rivington Avenue, PR6 9PX Proposed rear dormer within the height of the existing building and rear single storey.

19/01077/FULHH 43 Harrison Road, PR7 4HN Two storey rear extension.

19/01090/FULHH 6 Ellerbeck View, Castle House Lane, PR7 4DL Two storey side extension.

6.3 It was resolved that ATC will respond to Central Lancashire Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation considering housing, the potential impact on the local infrastructure and other strategic and local aspects. The Ward Drop-in meeting on Tuesday 14 January between 4-7pm at A&DCC was noted. Cllrs O'Donnell and Hart will begin to draft and share comments for discussion at the next meeting to be finalised for submission by 14 February 2020.

7 **Items for Discussion**

7.1 It was resolved that following the Open Forum discussion the Town Council would raise the issue of the provision of secure dog only areas within public parks with Chorley Council to ask for a response on the appropriateness, practicality and likely cost of this type of provision.

7.2 It was agreed that a Remembrance Sunday Review meeting would be held on Wednesday 15 January 2020 at the Fairview Community Centre from 7.30pm with a representative from all organisations to be invited.

7.3 Cllr Speers was disappointed to report that the large poppies on the lamp posts near to the White Bear had been slashed. She has repaired them where possible but the Council may need to buy more next year.

7.4 The arrangements for the Carol Concert to be held on Monday 16th December at 7.30pm were finalised. Cllr Speers was thanked for updating the Risk Assessment which was noted.

7.5 The additional response from Owain Roberts, Northern Rail was noted. It was hoped that the disruption to the timetable and to passengers will be reduced as soon as possible but many of the factors which cause the disruption are beyond the train operator's control.

7.6 The Clerk reported that after 12 years the internal auditor was stepping down and would not be able to carry out the 2019/20 year end audit. This was noted. The auditor was thanked for her assistance. Councillors were asked to consider alternatives to propose a replacement at the next meeting.

8 **Items for Information -None**

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.