

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 18 January 2021 which was held using Zoom online technology starting at 7.15pm due to the corona virus social distancing measures

Members Taking Part:

Councillors: Cllrs K O'Donnell (Mayor), B Speers (Deputy Mayor), A Robinson, C. Hart, J Lowe, J Molyneaux, N Buckley, K Snape (from 7.35pm onwards), P Walkden and S Clewlow.

In Attendance: Christine Bailey (Clerk).

- 1 **Open Forum** – The Clerk has been not informed of any matters for discussion.
2. **Apologies for Absence** – None were received.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 7 December 2020.** The wording of item 3.1 was amended to add in 'Grove Farm Drive' as the area in which the residents' concerns about possible criminal activity and anti-social behaviour were located. With this amendment the minutes were proposed and seconded as a true record of the meeting to be signed by the Mayor.
- 3.1 **Matters Arising.** A resident's concern about vehicles parking in part on pavements on Mill Street which restricts the safe movement of pedestrians and the response of LCC Highways were discussed. One Town Councillor who lives nearby said the business was very considerate of the needs of other people and that for most of the time Town Councillors were not aware of any problems. The two plain plaques would be ordered for the four names to be added to the War Memorial.
- 4 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Molyneaux in items 6.1 and 6.2 and Cllrs Speers in item 7.4.
- 5 **Items for Discussion**
- 5.1 The feedback received from the 'Light Adlington 2020' initiative had been positive overall with no adverse comments. Assuming we continue the scheme in 2021 we might be able to build on the interest shown in 2020.
- 5.2 The Mayor met Cllr Pilling (Anderton PC) on site at 62a, Bolton Road to view the size of this plot following the recent laying out of the Public Footpath/cycleway which runs from the Bolton Road frontage through the Douglas Meadow estate. As a result Cllr Molyneaux contacted Chorley Council. Two Planning Officers have visited the site and are in contact with the developer Stewart Milne. LCC proposes a future extension of the footpath/cycleway to Lower Adlington.
- 5.3 The Town Council considered the concerns raised by Cllr Speers on behalf of residents on Bolton Road who last year experienced the flooding of the road surface several times when the gullies were not able to cope. Cllr Snape has asked LCC to investigate whether this problem has been made worse as several drains close to the Church have been tarmacked over.
- 5.4 Cllr Snape joined the ATC meeting. Cllr Molyneaux said that the Dial-a-Ride Service aims to expand. It is running a car-sharing scheme in the Eccleston area where it has secured enough volunteer drivers and demand from the public. This is not just for the elderly or those with health or disability needs, but car sharing is seen as a way of improving accessibility in a sustainable way in areas with limited or no public transport. It was agreed this might be of interest in parts of Adlington. The Dial-a-Ride Manager will be invited to speak at a future meeting.
- 5.5 The complaints raised by three residents on the Douglas Meadow Estate in respect of lack of road salt in the grit bins on the estate and the recent introduction of traffic calming measures during the bad weather which seem to have created problems for some drivers. The developer has confirmed responsibility for both items and has said that the highway improvements are compliant with the plans approved by LCC which aim to encourage drivers to slow down and to take more care.
- 5.6 The Mayor invited ideas of how ATC might make more of its website despite the restrictions on activity due to corona virus. Cllr O'Donnell said he would welcome input to add items of local history, general information, possibly a 'message from the Mayor' feature, and to promote local leisure and recreational opportunities, such as the Adlington Circular Walk, possibly by adding links to other websites to extend the information available. The Mayor asked for ideas to be forwarded to him for further discussion.
- 5.7 There was no urgent business.
- 6 **Planning**
- 6.1 **Planning applications 20/01200/OUTMAJ:** Outline development of up to 25 houses at Carrington Road, PR6 4RP was discussed. Access to the proposed site through Carrington Road, via Park Road is already congested at all times. Any additional traffic will make this problem worse. Carrington Road is a quiet cul-de-sac not designed or constructed for through traffic. The Sedgwick Associates sustainable objectives supporting paper is factually incorrect in respect of some nearby facilities. There is no bank or free of charge cash point in lower Adlington. There is a bus stop on Park Road but the service is extremely limited. The train service stopping in Adlington has become less frequent. There is a good quality local fruit and veg shop on Park Road. It does not provide all the essentials. The nearest small supermarkets are 1,400m away. There are no cycle-way facilities. The bus service timetable does not facilitate shops trips. People will use their cars to commute to work and for shopping. Adlington Primary is 240m away but is already over-subscribed. Local residents have difficulty getting their children into this School. It was noted that a small area of open space/ecological enhancement has been proposed at one end of the proposed development.
- 6.2 **It was resolved to leave these applications for neighbours' comments:**
20/01340/FULHH: Erection of outbuilding to provide ancillary residential accommodation at Adlington Hall Lodge, The Common, PR7 4DT
20/01288/FULHH: Erection of single storey rear extension, front canopy, detached garage and boundary wall; and creation of permeable hardstanding/driveway at 4, Barn View, PR6 9SJ
- 7 **Finance**

- 7.1 The monthly statement of accounts and the budget review for December 2020 were approved.
- 7.2 The Clerk has received the form for completion to remove Cllr Summers' signature from the ATC Bank account mandate.
- 7.3 The Clerk reported Chorley Council's request that ATC confirm the precept requirement for 20/21 at £19,000. This was agreed.
- 7.4 The payment of the following accounts was agreed:

Clerk	Administration and financial management, January 2021	£399.56
Clerk	Mileage: 22 miles @ 0.45ppm in December 2020	£9.90
Clerk	Reimburse petty cash: payment of PAYE to HMRC on the Clerk's Q3 salary	£15.00
EE	ATC Clerk's mobile Invoice at 16 January 2021, with VAT	£9.70
Cllr Bev Speers	Zoom online telephone conference monthly subscription, with VAT	£14.39
LW Storehouse: Invoice 6	Reimburse cost of 8 food parcels in SE Chorley area to 6 families supporting 12 children and 5 Christmas hampers	£365.00

8 Items for Information

- 8.1 The email summary from the Chorley Together Emergency Food Working Group (EFGW) of support available in December 2020 was noted. The next on-line meeting is on Monday 25 January 2021 which the Mayor said he would try to join. It was noted that the food parcel grant funding will expire on 31 March 2021. ATC will have to complete its evaluation report and overall expenditure by 22 March 2021. To date a total of £2,755 has been spent.
- 8.2 The stakeholder letter on the Northern Trains Service timetable changes from 18 January 2021 was noted. The Chorley Council Sustainable Transport initiative aims to get more in-advance consultation in future before changes are introduced.
- The meeting closed at 8.10pm.***