

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17 May 2021 held at Adlington and District Community Centre, Railway Road at 7.15pm and compliant with coronavirus social distancing measures

Present:

Councillors: Cllrs K O'Donnell (Town Mayor), B Speers (Deputy Mayor), C. Hart, J Lowe, N Buckley, P Walkden, S Clewlow and K Snape (from 7.50 pm onwards)

Members of the public for the Open Forum: Simon Crouch and Ian Pilkington

In Attendance: Christine Bailey (Clerk).

1. **Open Forum:** Simon Crouch and Ian Pilkington expressed their concern that the Adlington stopping train service to Manchester has been reduced to once every two hours every day except Sunday in the new timetable which became effective from Sunday 16 May till at least December 2021. Electrification of the line had proposed an improved 30 minute service. Mr Pilkington's research indicates this is the only line in the North West to have a reduced service after electrification which will detract from Adlington's attractiveness as a place to live. It was proposed that the Town Council would write to Sir Lindsay Hoyle to ask for his support to take this matter up with the Department of Transport, to Cllr Iddon, LCC's Deputy Leader with responsibility for Highways and Transport, and via Cllr Snape with LCC Transport Officers to make them all aware of these concerns and to ask for an improved Service to be prioritised to be introduced as soon as practical. The Town Mayor thanked Simon Crouch and Ian Pilkington for making the Town Council aware of their concerns and the issues to be considered.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs A Robinson, J Molyneaux and P Wilson gave their apologies to the meeting due to other commitments.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 19 April 2021:** The draft Minutes were proposed and seconded for approval and were signed by the Town Mayor.
- 3.1 **Matters Arising:** It was noted that:
 - 3.1.1 LCC has confirmed it will replace the missing and damaged sections of the metal railing at the mini-roundabout at the junction of Railway Road with the A6 as soon as possible.
 - 3.1.2 LCC is in discussion with Network Rail to clarify responsibility for the repair of the damaged fencing to the pedestrian footbridge access on Railway Road and to seek the replacement of the missing wooden fencing on the opposite side of Railway Road where the difference in level is currently marked by plastic fencing and bollards.
 - 3.1.3 The developer, Stewart Milne, will address the health and safety concerns of a resident in Rossendale Drive in respect of the outside of this property accessing the highway.
 - 3.1.4 The Town Council is advertising the Dial-a-Ride proposed Adlington Car Sharing Service to invite interest from local volunteer drivers.
- 4 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Speers in item 7.3.
- 5 **Items for Discussion**
 - 5.1 The proposed actions from the Open Forum discussion were confirmed. The Clerk was also asked to contact Blackrod Town Council for their response to the reduction in service at Blackrod Station.
 - 5.2 The Town Council considered the meeting notes of the Finance Working Group and agreed with these recommendations in respect of:
 - 5.2.1 The five applications received for a Community Award including the proposed reason for support and the proposed payments as follows:

Adlington Cricket Club had requested £250 towards the setting up of an Annual School's Cup aimed at the 4 primary schools to widen community engagement and encourage use of the cricket facilities. This grant was approved at £250 and the Town Council will advise seeking support from Chorley Council's Youth Services to promote its facilities/this initiative.

Adlington in Bloom had requested £200 as the annual sponsorship from the Town Council for the cost of planting, watering and maintaining the two half barrel planters at the War Memorial and the large planter on Harrison Road. This grant was approved at £200.

Adlington Scout Group had requested £1,013 for the erection of a flag pole and surrounding hard landscaping to be a central feature for outdoor activities. The Town Council approved £400 to pay for the purchase of the flag pole and it's fitting, with ASG to be advised that planning consent will be required.

Freestyle Urban Soccer had requested £880 to provide two sessional workers and the van for eight weekly youth sports, engagement and sign posting sessions to be arranged in Adlington during the summer. This grant was approved at £880 and the Town Council suggests if not done already that the Service links with the Youth Zone to seek further support from Chorley Council.

Friends of Adlington Library had requested £412 towards the holding of two Christmas film nights. This grant was approved at £312 to omit the £100 requested towards refreshments.

Total cost of the five Awards agreed awards is £2,042.00 from the approved Town Council budget of £2,500
 - 5.2.2 The proposed Dial A Ride Scheme in Adlington at an estimated annual cost of £1,700 providing that enough volunteer drivers come forward to make it viable. The Community Asset and Service Support budget will be used for

staged payment as requested by Dial A Ride’s monitoring of the actual costs incurred. The Town Council will ask both Heath Charnock and Anderton Parish Council if they wish to promote and to contribute towards this scheme to operate in their areas.

- 5.2.3 Light Adlington 2021 will be supported with a contribution of £20 per first tree for organisations who were involved previously and £40 per first tree for new organisations joining to be paid from the Street Scene Enhancement Community initiatives budget.
- 5.2.4 The Society of Local Council Clerk’s (SLCC) Registration fee for the on-line assessment of the Clerk’s CiLCA portfolio to be carried out as submitted was agreed at £410.
- 5.2.5 All CIL money will be retained towards the enhancement of recreational facilities on the King George V Playing Fields planned by Chorley Council.
- 5.3 The Town Council considered and agreed the 12 month review of its Safeguarding Policy without change.
- 5.4 The arrangements are in place for the Town Council litter pick and household waste collection event on Saturday 22 May 2021. Both Chorley Council and Jigsaw HA were thanked for each providing a skip. The rota arrangements were finalised.
Cllr Snape joined the meeting at 7.50pm
- 5.5 The Town Mayor discussed the presentation of the both the 2020 and 2021 Citizen’s Awards after the 21 June 2021 assuming all social distancing restrictions are lifted as planned. September might be appropriate to allow the arrangements to be made, possibly at an additional date to be agreed.
Cllr Snape asked that that planning application **21/00270/FULMAJ** for the development of 40 homes and the replacement of the Band Hut on safeguarded land in Babylon Lane was discussed although outside of the Town Council’s area due to concerns from residents and its local impact. It was agreed that the Town Council should object in respect given the current land use allocation, the availability of a 5 year supply of land for new house building in the Chorley District, the impact on existing local infrastructure and public sector support facilities and the concern for surface water management and drainage. The Town Council made similar concerns known in January 2020 in response to the Stage 1 Public Consultation on the proposed draft of the next Central Lancashire Strategic Plan.

6 Planning

- 6.1 **21/00161/FULMAJ:** Section 73 application to vary condition no. 3 of planning permission ref: 15/00506/REMMAJ (which was a Reserved Matters Application for the erection of 158 dwellings) which required a footbridge link to be provided. The footbridge is not to be provided due to protected trees and levels. In addition, a 3m foot/cycle path through the site has been re-positioned to the south of plot 79 (42 Rossendale Drive) due to space restrictions in the previously approved position on land surrounding Huyton Terrace (previously Baly Place Farm) Bolton Road, Adlington. The Town Council noted the amended plan which it understands residents in this part of the estate generally agreed with.
21/00559/TEL: A proposed 5G Telecommunications to be installed at Market Place, Adlington. This was noted.
- 6.2 These applications were noted for neighbours' comments:
21/00427/FUL: Installation of security camera (retrospective) at The Barn, Rigby House Farm, The Common, PR7 4DS
21/00504/CLEUD: Application for a certificate of lawfulness for an existing outbuilding at 1, Sutton Fold, Sutton Lane, PR6 9PB
21/00469/FULHH: Erection of single storey rear extension, creation of dropped kerb at front of property and new driveway/hardstanding at 2, Hornby Close, PR6 9FT
21/00414/FUL: Change of use of the existing ancillary building at the rear of the plot to a separate residential unit (C3) at 22, Ollerton Street, PR6 9LF

7 Finance

- 7.1 The monthly statement of accounts and the budget review for April 2021 were approved. It was noted that Chorley Council has confirmed on 13 April 2021 the approval of the precept and top up grant payment of £19,000 as requested.
- 7.2 The 2020/2021 VAT reclaim request has been submitted to HMRC for a refund of £264.80
- 7.3 The payment of the following accounts was agreed:

Clerk	Administration and financial management, May 2021	£424.32
Clerk	Mileage: 18 miles @ 0.45ppm in April 2021	£8.10
Reimburse petty cash	Postage: 6 first class & 12 Second class stamps	£13.02
EE	ATC Clerk’s mobile Invoice at 16 May 2021	£9.80
Cllr Bev Speers	Zoom online telephone conference monthly subscription, with	£14.39
SLCC	CiLCA Registration fee for portfolio assessment. No VAT	£410.00

- 8 There were no items for Information.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.