

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16 August 2021

Held at Adlington and District Community Centre, Railway Road at 7.15pm

Present:

Councillors: Cllrs B Speers (Deputy Mayor and Meeting Chair), A Robinson, J Molyneaux, K Snape, N Buckley, P Walkden, P Wilson and S Clewlow

In Attendance: Christine Bailey (Clerk).

1. **Open Forum:** No issues were raised.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs K O'Donnell (Town Mayor), C. Hart and J Lowe gave their apologies to the meeting.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 19 July 2021:** The draft Minutes were proposed and seconded for approval and were signed by the Deputy Mayor.
- 3.1 **Matters Arising:** None.
- 4 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Molyneaux for items 6.1 and 6.2 and Cllr Buckley for item 7.3.
- 5 **Items for Discussion**
 - 5.1 The recent correspondence relating to the temporary change to the Northern Train stopping service at Adlington and Blackrod with the use of an off-peak circular bus service between Chorley and Horwich Parkway to connect with the rail service to Preston or Manchester respectively was discussed. Northern Trains Limited says this is due to the unprecedented circumstances of the impact of staff absence due to Covid 19 and Track and Trace. The Town Council expressed its concern given the additional inconvenience it will cause for passengers and will continue to press for the hourly stopping train service to be re-instated as soon as possible as a minimum.
 - 5.2 The Working Group's ideas to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Year in 2022 and FoAL's intention to hold the postponed VE Day celebrations on 7 May 2022 were discussed. The Town Council's ideas to showcase the pool of local talent would need the support of other local councils and the Adlington Carnival Committee to arrange. It was agreed that further discussion would be required to assess their support to help to take forward these initiative.
 - 5.3 The Town Mayor said that he would attend a meeting of the local councils to discuss Heath Charnock Parish Council's proposal for a joint Neighbourhood Plan as a way to try to manage future development across their areas. This was agreed.
 - 5.4 The response from LCC and Chorley Council was discussed. It was agreed to inform them of Adlington Town Council's interest to work with them to assess demand and to secure one or more local EV charge points possibly on car parking land owned by Chorley Council in the Village and to continue contact with the three main local commercial outlets to assess whether they might be able to become involved to provide an EV Charge point within their curtilages.
 - 5.5 The response to date and the detailed arrangements for the Civic Service on Sunday 12 September 2021 were discussed. The Clerk will finalise the arrangements with St Paul's Church and the Band to allow the Service and the presentation of the 2020 and 2021 Citizens Award winners to take place.
 - 5.6 The Town Council agreed with the Town Mayor proposal to compliment Chorley Town Council on the attractive hanging basket display in Adlington Village in 2021. Some Councillors said that they had received positive feedback from residents.
 - 5.7 The Town Council considered the LCC Notice under Section 116(3) Highways Act 1980 and the plan dated 10 August 2021 to stop-up part of Bolton Road, Adlington. The land referred to is within garden areas. It is not necessary for public use. Once agreed LCC as the Highway Authority will have no maintenance responsibility for this land. This was agreed.
 - 5.8 Cllr Robinson reported that he was awaiting the delivery of a set of replacement pads for the AED at the Methodist Church, which is a different type to the other two. The AED has pads inside it. ATC has no spare set. Both suppliers are out of stock. The Town Council is on a waiting list. This was noted.

- 5.9 The Town Mayor will arrange for the Mayoral chain to be cleaned and updated to add the names of the most recent Town Mayors to it. Both Cllr Molyneaux and Robinson have information on indicative costs.
- 5.10 The Lighting Consultant has offered to meet Town Councillors on site to demonstrate the controls for the lights and to suggest ideas for colour sequencing for different visual effects. Dates and times will be circulated prior to the September meeting as there was considerable interest to be involved.
- 5.11 It was noted that the Town Mayor has submitted the road closure order and it was agreed that the PA system should be ordered for the Civic Remembrance Service, Sunday 7 November 2021.

6 Planning

- 6.1 There were no applications for the Town Council to comment on
- 6.2 The applications below were noted and left for neighbours' comments:
21/00892/CLPUD: Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed single storey side extension (garage) at 9, Broad Oak Close, PR6 9RU
21/00873/FULHH: Part first floor/part single storey side/rear extension and roof alterations at 65, Daisy Hill Drive, PR6 9NE

7. Finance

- 7.1 The statement of accounts and budget review for 30 July 2021 were approved and were signed by the Deputy Mayor.
- 7.2 The correspondence from the External Auditor mainly querying in the value of the precept paid by Chorley Council in the 2020/21 financial year in respect of the breakdown between the parish yield and top-up grant was noted. The Clerk has contacted Chorley Council. The Section 2 Accounting Statement will be amended as required.
- 7.3 Payment of the following accounts was agreed:

Clerk	Administration and financial management, August 2021	£424.32
Clerk	Mileage: 12 miles @ 0.45ppm in July 2021	£5.40
EE	ATC Clerk's mobile Invoice at 16 August 2021	£9.80
Cllr Buckley	Reimburse Go – Daddy Invoice for ATC domain renewal	£14.39
APL Accountants Ltd	Completion of ATC's independent audit at 31 March 2021	£120.00

8 Items for Information.

- 8.1 Chorley Council Neighbourhood Working Review Report with the preferred option for a new neighbourhood area footprint model to be trialled for 18 months and reviewed was noted.
- 8.2 The notice of the proposed temporary road closure on Bolton Road, Anderton from 7 to 21 October 2021 to repair of the reservoir wall was noted. The Deputy Mayor will add this to the Town Council's Facebook page.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.