

Adlington Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 17 October 2022
in Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Present:

Councillors: Cllrs B Speers (Town Mayor), N Buckley (Deputy Mayor), A Robinson, A Rothwell, A Cross, J Lowe, J Molyneaux, K O'Donnell, K Snape, P Walkden and S Clewlow

Apologies for Absence: None received.

In Attendance: Chris Walmsley, Chorley Council Street Scene Manager to speak to item 5.1 only and C Bailey (Clerk)

Declarations of Interest were received from: Cllr Molyneaux for item 5.1 and the Town Mayor for item 6.4

Open Forum: There were no attendees for the Open Forum

1 **Minutes of the Meeting** of Monday 26 September 2022 were proposed, seconded and signed by the Town Mayor.

2. **Matters arising for information only.** It was noted that:

2.1 Another £100 donation has been received towards the purchase of a Badge of Office for the Deputy Mayor. It will be retained pending further discussion. The replacement case and a black collarette have been ordered. The Insurance Company will be contacted to update the Policy on next renewal as instructed.

2.2 LCC has revised its Lamp Post Stress Test Policy and charges. A refund will be requested. LCC will not charge for Remembrance poppies to be displayed but they should be notified.

3. **Items for Discussion:**

3.1 Chris Walmsley, the Street Scene Service Manager outlined the key opportunities for his team to maintain services, and to reduce its carbon footprint. The Service is analysing staff performance, to work towards agreement of Performance Indicators for each local council area.

3.2 Cllr Lowe reported that Lower Adlington had won the Large Village category of the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2022, with Higher Adlington as runner up and both villages included in 13 of the Outstanding Features results. Award winners' presentations will take place at the 2022 Carol Concert, with thanks being offered to Cllr Lowe, and all others for their contribution towards this significant achievement.

3.3 The Town Mayor reported on the LCC's Children and Family Wellbeing Service's Targeted Youth Support team proposals for detached youth outreach work in Adlington. A further update will be given towards the end of 2022.

3.4 The arrangements for the Adlington District Civic Remembrance Service were noted. The Town Council agreed that the road closure would remain during the Church service. Road closure tenders would be circulated for approval. Cllr O'Donnell offered to lead and brief volunteer traffic marshals.

3.5 Arrangements for the proposed QPJ Tree planting ceremony at the Jubilee Recreation Ground will be considered and adjacent councils will need to be informed. It was agreed that Cllr O'Donnell would purchase two oak trees.

3.6 The Town Mayor had attended the Adlington Carnival Committee's 2022 presentation of local community and charity awards from the funding it has raised. £500 is available to be used for the benefit of the Adlington Community and has invited the Town Council to put forward suggestions. The Town Council acknowledged the generous nature of this offer.

3.7 The Town Council agreed that the Finance Working Group would meet on Monday 24 October 2022.

3.8 The Town Mayor circulated a draft of the proposed content for the Autumn 2022 Update Newsletter for finalisation and agreement to print and delivery.

3.9 Chorley Council has arranged a joint local council meeting on 27 October to discuss LCC's assessment of proposed Speed Indicator Devices (SpIDs) sites in the Adlington District. The Town Mayor and available councillors will attend to propose other potential speed reduction

measures in the Village. The Town Council has asked for SpIDs to be discussed at the 19 October Chorley Liaison meeting to invite other councils to share their experience.

- 3.10 The Town Mayor circulated a weekly programme of community activities in the District that have agreed to support the LCC Warm & Welcoming Spaces initiative in Adlington. This will be amended as required, circulated and displayed.

4 **The Town Mayor's Urgent Business comprised:**

- 4.1 A proposal to invite the district councils to take part in joint arrangements to mark the King's Coronation on the 6 May 2023 was agreed.
- 4.2 Notice of Chorley Council's local election estimated costs in May 2023 in all four Adlington Wards was noted.

5 **Planning**

- 5.1 22/00631/FULMAJ: 139 new-build homes on land adjacent to Rossendale Drive, PR6 9AB: Chorley Council proposes to obtain independent advice from a highways consultancy to assess this and all current new-build housing applications.

- 5.2 Applications to be noted and left for neighbours' comments: None

6. **Finance**

- 6.1 The Town Council approved the statement of accounts and budget review as of 30 September 2022.
- 6.2 The Clerk reported on the business response to the Light Adlington 2022 initiative. The first payment to the tree supplier in 6.4 below is based on the monies received and the Town Council's contribution. A list of participants was requested.
- 6.3 Chorley Council has confirmed that no Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies are due to the Town Council between April to October 2022.
- 6.4 The following payments were approved:

Clerk	Net administration and financial management October 2022.	£561.17
Clerk	Mileage: 17 miles @ 0.45ppm in September 2022.	£7.65
EE	ATC Clerk's mobile Invoice on 16 October 2022.	£10.70
Town Centre Trees Ltd	First stage payment towards Light Adlington 2022 based on the 17 October statement from the Bank.	£2,176.00
A & D Community Association	One-third cost of RS room hire (£9) and Carol Concert room hire (£25).	£34.00
Cllr Bev Speers	Reimburse Town Mayor's Allowance for recent costs incurred on behalf of the Town Council.	£91.65
EXP (Northwest) Ltd	Print costs of the Update Autumn Newsletter to be paid on receipt of the copy expected 27 October 2022.	£395.00

7. **Items for Information only:** It was noted that:

- 7.1 Chorley Council is holding preliminary discussions around the creation of a 'Community Fridge' initiative in Adlington as an alternative to a Food Club to respond to current demand.
- 7.2 The Town Mayor met with a speaker from the Deaf Children's Society Liaison Meeting and is proposing to invite the four primary schools to each host a deaf awareness-raising session.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.