

Adlington Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20 February 2023
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 and P Walkden.

In Attendance: C Bailey (Clerk)

1. **Declarations of Interest were received from:** Cllr Molyneaux for items 6.4 & 7 and from Cllr Robinson and the Clerk for item 8.4.
2. **Open Forum:** None
3. **Apologies for Absence:** were received from Cllrs Snape and Clewlow and were given on behalf of Cllr Wilson.
4. **Minutes of the Meeting** of Monday 16 January 2023. The approval of Standing Order 82 to extend the meeting should have been recorded in the draft Minutes. A corrected copy will be considered at the 20 March 23 Town Council meeting.
5. **Matters arising for information only.** It was noted that:
 - 5.1 Chorley Council will pay for electricity usage once the meter has been installed to light the Adlington War Memorial.
 - 5.2 LCC GN22 consent for the hanging floral baskets in 2023 and 2024 has been approved at nil cost.
 - 5.3 The duplicate Twitter account has been de-activated. It will be removed after 30 days.
 - 5.4 Chorley Council has notified the land holder of the maintenance work required to the stone retaining wall on Railway Road due to damage by tree roots.
 - 5.5 Chorley Council has notified residents that the Speed Indicator Device on Railway Road will be set up. The Tree Officer will consider the need for the nearby tree to be pruned.
6. **Items for Discussion:**
 - 6.1 The Town Mayor updated on the Adlington Food Club proposal that:
 - The Coppull Food Club is a potential model for Adlington
 - Chorley Buddies and Foodshare now have capacity to support the Adlington initiative
 - Chorley Council will award Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area Priority Grant monies from 2022 and 2023 as start-up funds for the proposal
 - Suitable premises need to be finalised with space to offer light refreshments to overcome social isolation and to signpost users to other support services, and
 - Assuming this support is realised, Chorley Buddies will begin to recruit volunteers.
 - 6.2 It was noted that:
 - The 2023 revenue funding for the Adlington Youth Group has been secured; some applications are being considered; additional opportunities were identified to be followed up
 - Up to 42 young people are now attending the weekly session
 - A volunteer rota was proposed to provide additional refreshments to support the Group.
 - 6.3 The arrangements for the King's Coronation Celebrations are well advanced. The Town Council's Spring Newsletter and social media will be used to advertise the events. The generosity of the Adlington based community venues, groups and businesses in supporting this initiative was noted.
 - 6.4 The Town Council has submitted its five proposed projects to the Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting on 22 February 2022. The Adlington Food Club and Youth Group are its priorities.
 - 6.5 The Town Council agreed to enter the Lancashire Best Kept Village 2023 Competition, but not the new Tidy Town category. Cllr Lowe will put together the draft entry.
 - 6.6 Monday 8 May 2023 is a Bank Holiday. The Annual Town Meeting and the Town Council's AGM will be held on Tuesday 9 May 2023.
 - 6.7 Sir Lindsay Hoyle will take part in the Adlington District Queen Elizabeth II Green Canopy Tree Planting Ceremony on Saturday 4 March 2023.
 - 6.8. The 2023 Community Award applications were discussed. Concern was expressed about the

year-end accounts procedure used in support of one application. The Adlington Luncheon Club application was approved.

- 6.9 Cllr O'Donnell summarised the need for the bridle path to be re-instated to its original condition after United Utilities work at Harrison's Farm is completed in line with the planning consent. The Town Council agreed to ask to be kept updated and to be invited to on-site meetings.
- 6.10 A resident's proposal for a Town Crier was discussed. If agreed, an appropriate support structure would be required and the role be openly advertised. Given current commitments, it is not a priority.
- 6.11 The appointment of Chorley Council to display and maintain the 2023 hanging baskets contract was discussed. Given the purchase the light weight baskets it was agreed to proceed. The Town Council will try to promote bio-diversity where practical.
- 6.12 The Town Mayor said that LCC had approved the £300 bio-diversity grant to be spent to support the two primary schools in the Village.

7. Planning

- 7.1 There were no applications for the Town Council to consider.
- 7.2 The Town Council noted application 23/00046/FULHH: Installation of vertical turbine to existing ridge at 1 Belmont Road, PR6 9PT for neighbour comments.
- 7.3 The Town Council said additional investment in highway's infrastructure, in public services and in facilities was needed before any more new homes are built in Adlington. The proposed sites were discussed. The Town Council agreed to finalise its comments for on-line submission to respond to the Central Lancashire Local Plan Preferred Options public consultation.

8 Finance

- 8.1 The Town Council approved the accounts and budget reports at 31 January 2023.
- 8.2 EE has been stopped the 3G legacy service. A two year contract was approved to provide a 5G compatible handset and sim card for use by the Clerk at a net cost of £15 per month. EE will give one month free of charge due to service transition problems.
- 8.3 The Town Council agreed the transfer of £5k from the Business Interest to the current account.
- 8.4 In November 2022, NALC's national agreement to increase staff salaries backdated to 1 April 2022 was published. The Town Council will consider this at the next meeting.
- 8.5 The following payments were approved:

Clerk	Administration & financial management February 2023.	£561.17
Clerk	Mileage: 20 miles @ 0.45ppm in January 2023.	£9.00
EE	ATC Clerk's mobile Invoice on 16 February 2023.	£19.07
Reimburse Cllr Robinson	In-advance order for 2 sets of AED replacement pads due to delay in supply, including VAT	£120.00
Chorley Council	2022 contract to display, maintain and take down the lamppost hanging baskets, including VAT	£4,566.19
Zurich Municipal	Annual renewal of the Town Council's insurance due from 1 April 2023	£606.14
Lancashire County Council	Room hire, Adlington Library based on 13 x 2 hrs @£9 per hour to allow for the Annual meetings	£234.00
Reimburse the Clerk	1,150 fridge magnets as Coronation Celebration commemorative gift for primary and nursery pupils, with VAT	£478.40
TMSD	Replace cheque no 1803 issued on 21 November 22 for the Remembrance Service road closure as not received or cashed by cheque 1830. Cllr Robinson will formally 'stop' cheque 1803	£948.00

9. Item for Information only:

- 9.1 Cadent will carry out work for up to 15 weeks from Monday 27 February on the A6 Blackrod Bypass to upgrade the older gas main.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm