

Adlington Town Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Adlington Town Council

Held on Monday 11th May 2020 using on-line teleconference facilities commencing at 7:30pm

Members Present

Councillors: A. Ball, A Robinson, B Speers, C Hart, J Lowe, K O'Donnell, P Walkden, K Snape
In Attendance: C Bailey (Clerk). No members of the public asked to join this on-line meeting.

1 Election of Town Mayor

It was resolved that Cllr Ainsley Ball would be Mayor of the Town Council for the year 2020/21. Cllr Ball accepted and thanked the Town Council. He agreed to complete his declaration of acceptance of office on 12 May 2020. The Mayoress will be his wife.

2 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs N Buckley who was at work and J Molyneaux due to on-line access issues and were accepted by the Council. Cllr Ball declared an interest in item 6.

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were approved. The Mayor agreed to make arrangements with the Clerk for their signing on the following day.

4 Comments by the Retiring Mayor

Retiring Mayor Cllr Peter Walkden said he and his wife had enjoyed their mayoral duties during the year in which they had tried to focus on the community. Cllr Walkden wished Cllr Ainsley Ball and his wife all the best for their year of office. He thanked the Councillors for their support during the year, and the previous and current Clerk for their assistance.

5 Election of the Deputy Mayor

It was resolved that Cllr Kevin O'Donnell would be Deputy Mayor of the Town Council for the year 2020/21. Cllr O'Donnell agreed and thanked the Town Council. He agreed to complete his declaration of acceptance of office on 12 May 2020.

Cllr Ball took no part in the discussion of item 6

6 Mayor's Allowance

It was resolved that the Mayor's allowance would be £750, the budget amount which was previously agreed by the Council as representing the necessary expenditure for the year in office.

7 To confirm the Council's eligibility for the General Power of Competence (Localism Act 2011) as set out in the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012

It was resolved that the Town Council is eligible for the General Power of Competence which were confirmed in May 2019 due to both its electoral mandate of having more than two thirds of its members appointed by being declared elected and by having a qualified Clerk. This power gives local councils' confidence in the legal capacity to act for their communities to work with others to provide cost-effective services and facilities in new ways to meet the needs of local communities. Although the new Clerk does not yet hold the relevant qualification, as nine Councillors were appointed by election to office in May 2019, the Council's eligibility for the

General Power of Competence is retained for up to four years until the next ordinary election when a 'relevant annual meeting' will have to be held.

8 Appointment of Working Groups and Membership

It was agreed membership would remain unchanged but that the newly appointed Mayor would attend the meetings of the Finance Working Group. It was resolved that the membership of these Working Groups would be as follows:

Finance Working Group: The Mayor, Cllrs C Hart, T Summers, J Lowe, J Molyneaux, A Robinson, and B Speers

Planning Working Group: The Mayor, Cllrs C Hart and T Summers

Street Scene Working Group: Cllrs B Speers, A Robinson, J Lowe, P Walkden and T Summers

Website & Communications Working Group: The Mayor and Cllrs B Speers, P Walkden, T Summers, N Buckley, and A Robinson

Parish Plan Working Group: Cllrs C Hart, K O'Donnell, J Lowe, and J Molyneaux.

There was no discussion of the Terms of Reference of these Groups.

9 Representatives on outside Bodies

These were agreed as:

Chorley Council Liaison – The Mayor, Cllr A Ball

Chorley Council Neighbourhood Area Group – The Deputy Mayor, Cllr O'Donnell

Adlington & District Community Association – Cllr B Speers and Cllr P Walkden

Adlington & District in Bloom Action Group – Cllr J Lowe, Cllr K O'Donnell, Cllr A Robinson

Lancashire Flood Action Group – The Deputy Mayor, Cllr K O'Donnell

10 Delegation of Powers to the Clerk

It was resolved to delegate powers to the Clerk in order to:

- Report minor maintenance issues to the relevant authority on the Town Council's behalf and to email Councillors to keep them informed of these
- Request extensions to planning consultation dates where these fall between meetings

11 Dates of Meetings 2020/21

The previously circulated list of meetings was approved.

12 Items for Information

Cllr Lowe reported that due to the delay created by corona virus, it was highly unlikely that the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition would be held in 2020, with entry fees either to be returned on request or held over till 2021. This was noted.

The Mayor thanked his predecessor for all of his support during his year as Deputy Mayor and congratulated him for what the Mayor had achieved during his year of office.

The meeting closed at 7.41pm

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