

# ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

## Members Present:

**Mayor** A Evans

**Councillors** J Banks, C Hart, B Lee, J Lowe, P Walkden, A Wilson

**In Attendance:** L Crouch (Clerk), County Cllr Kim Snape (part of meeting), one resident

- 1 **Open Forum** Mr Kevin O'Donnell introduced himself as the unofficial representative of more than 20 families affected by recent flooding in Lower Adlington. He summarised the current situation and discussions held so far with Chorley Council and United Utilities.
- The worst affected resident had an £85,000 insurance bill and has only recently been able to return home
  - a meeting was held two weeks ago with the relevant authorities and a final report has been promised by the end of May
  - residents believe that the evidence suggests an inadequate drainage system is to blame, particularly the use of a 100 year old culvert on the Common which is not fit for purpose, although United Utilities disagree
  - the provision of sandbags is unlikely to help in this situation, as within 10 minutes of drain covers overflowing the homes are completely flooded

Another meeting will be arranged once the final report is available, and Mr O'Donnell will let the Clerk know when this has been arranged.

*The Mayor thanked him for attending and he left the meeting.*

- 2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr Higgins and Cllr Summers who were unwell, Cllr Robinson who was working, Cllr Lee who was away on family business and Cllrs J and M Molyneaux and accepted by the Council.

- 3 **Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

- 3.1 **Matters Arising** No local contractor has yet been found for notice board maintenance. Councillors will continue to speak to contacts and pass on names to the Clerk. The local MP is still looking at possible solutions related to Accident & Emergency health provision in Chorley, and a public march is planned in June.

## 4 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Evans declared an interest in item 5.5 as the recipient of the Mayor's Allowance.

## **Finance**

- 5.1 It was resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2015-16 (Section 1 Annual Return) and this was signed by the Mayor
- 5.2 It was resolved to approve and sign the Annual Accounting Statements 2015-16 (Section 2 Annual Return) and this was signed by the Mayor
- 5.3 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for April 2016.
- 5.4 It was resolved to approve the purchase of defibrillator (AED) equipment identified as required by Cllr Lee and included on the quotation from Cardiac Science with a total value of £2,478.00 including delivery and VAT. It was resolved to forward this information to Anderton and Heath Charnock Parish Councils so that they can consider any financial contribution they wish to make to the project.
- 5.5 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Petty cash - imprest	Stamps, stationery, frames	£41.26
Orange	Phone charges 24/04/16 to 23/05/16	£9.38
Cllr Alison Evans	Mayor's Allowance	£750.00
Adlington Community Association	Meeting Room Hire 01/01/16 to 31/12/16, including Annual Meetings, Remembrance Day and Carol Concert	£255.00
J Dickinson	Internal Audit	£50.00
S Christopher (Spinners Arms)	Mayor's Inauguration refreshments	£149.86

- 5.6 It was resolved to transfer £1000 from the RBS savings account to the current account

- 5.7 It was resolved to leave all signatories for all bank and credit union accounts as they are now

**6 Planning****6.1 New applications**

**16/00350/FUL Retreat Restaurants Ltd 19 Church Street** Retention of revised elevations, including rear extract flue, glazed front canopy, external planters & barriers. Erection of 1800/1500 high vertical closed boarded neighbour screens to side boundaries.

**16/00332/ADV Retreat Restaurants Ltd 19 Church Street** Restaurant signage.

**16/00351/LBC Retreat Restaurants Ltd 19 Church Street** Retention of revised elevations, including rear extract flue, glazed front canopy, external planters & barriers. Erection of 1800/1500 high vertical closed boarded neighbour screens to side boundaries.

It was resolved to submit the following comments relating to these three applications:

To note that although the Council feels that the restaurant is a positive development for Adlington, it objects to any use of the site detrimental to local residents or to the building's listed status. In addition it was resolved to object to the process of multiple retrospective applications, lack of clarity in the applications received, and the reports from residents of noise nuisance related to the playing of recorded music and outdoor seating. It was also resolved to contact Chorley Council's licensing section to clarify the nature and time restrictions of licenses given to the premises. It was resolved to find out whether there has been a recent site inspection, and to request that any future changes on the site are consulted on before any work is undertaken.

**6.2 Applications to be left for neighbours' comments** It was resolved to leave the following applications for neighbours to comment:

**16/00318/FULHH 1 Lewis Close** Erection of single storey rear extension (attaching to existing detached garage).

**16/00360/FULHH 55 Abbey Grove** Erection of single storey extensions to front and rear elevations with creation of new roof to include raising of ridge height.

**16/00341/FULHH 16 Lewis Close** Erection of a two-storey side extension with two dormer windows (front & back) and erection of a single-storey rear extension.

**16/00233/FUL 16 Maytree Court** Engineering operation to level land to the rear of 16 Maytree Court and erection of retaining structure and fence.

*County Cllr Kim Snape arrived at 8.10pm*

**7 Items for Discussion**

**7.1** It was resolved to submit an application for a Tree Preservation order to Chorley Council in relation to the large horse chestnut tree located between the Spinners Arms and Retreat Restaurant on Church Street.

**7.2** It was resolved that Cllr Evans will attend the next meeting held to discuss the flooding problems in Lower Adlington, as notified by Mr O'Donnell. It was resolved to contact Chorley Council to find out who is dealing with this problem now that Simon Clark is no longer in post. It was also resolved to contact United Utilities to ask for a copy of their report .

*The meeting was suspended for a short time to allow the Council to receive a summary of the LCC Property Strategy proposals from County Cllr Snape. She expressed her opinion that the Adlington building should have scored higher than it appears to have done on the list of criteria used in the proposals because of its accessibility.*

**7.3** It was resolved to contact the local MP, borough councillors, county councillor, the LCC Leader and cabinet member for Culture, Museums and Libraries, and the relevant LCC officers to express the Council's opinion that the village is being sidelined because of the lack of services which will be available to residents if the recommendations of the Property Strategy to close the Adlington Library and Children's' Centre building go ahead, and to express the concern that this is one of a number of ways residents of one of the most southerly areas of Lancashire are being treated as second-class citizens with the recent closure of the local Police station and lack of Accident and Emergency health care. It was resolved that Councillors would respond to the consultation on the LCC website individually and that a response from the Council would be discussed at the next meeting. It was also agreed to invite members of the Adlington Heritage Group to the next meeting.

**7.4** It was resolved to arrange a meeting of the Parish Plan working group, *arranged later to take place on 08/06/16 at 7.30pm at Fairview Community Centre*

**7.5** It was resolved to contact the liquidator for the last known owners of the derelict building on the canal side adjacent to Adlington Primary School to find out what the current situation is regarding ownership of the site.

*It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue for another half an hour*

- 7.6 The Lancashire County Council Public Footpath 5 and 20 and X5548 (all known as Bradshaw Lane) temporary prohibition of through traffic Order was noted
- 7.7 It was resolved to respond to the Lancashire County Council Consultation relating to the diversion of Footpath 5 in connection with a proposal to replace the Bradshaw Fields level crossing with a stepped footbridge to express the Council's approval
- 7.8 It was resolved to submit an application for funding to the Tesco "Bags of Help" scheme with a view to using this to fund improvement work on the Adlington Circular Walk
- 7.9 There were no other matters considered urgent by the Mayor

**8 Items for Information**

- 8.1 Councillors who attended the recent Youth Zone meeting will report back to the Council next month
- 8.2 The new scanner/printer is using a lot more ink than the old laser printer did, with this in mind the Clerk will minimise the number of printed documents brought to meetings.
- 8.3 The ICO (Data Protection) payment is now due and will be paid from petty cash
- 8.4 Contributions for the next edition of the Update newsletter will need to be submitted by the end of June

*The meeting closed at 9.10pm*