

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 21st January 2019
in Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor T Summers

Councillors A Ball, A Evans, C Hart, J Lowe, K O'Donnell, A Robinson, B Speers, P Walkden and A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), Ian Pilkington (Adlington Station volunteer) and two residents

1 Open Forum

Mr Pilkington, Volunteer Station Support for Adlington, passed on the following information regarding the upgrades to the station and rail service:

- The station work is now complete apart from the installation of a ticket machine on each platform. These will not replace the current ticket office provision which will remain open as now
- Adlington in Bloom are hoping to obtain additional planters but there is limited space for these because of the narrowness of the platform in places
- the speed limit for non-stop through services will rise from 75mph to 95mph for electric trains
- staff training is ongoing and electrification cannot be implemented until this is complete
- two electrification test trains have now been through Adlington
- new and 30-year -old refurbished rolling stock will be used on the line. The older stock will be used for the stopping services but will be a great improvement on the existing carriages.
- It may still be possible for additional services to stop at Adlington in future but this won't be timetabled for at least 12 months

Concern was expressed that the lack of a reliable service will have reduced demand and that this will take some time to recover. It was noted that security cameras are in place on both platforms. It was also noted that the service is currently being badly affected by strike action on Saturdays and a lack of overtime on Sundays.

The Mayor thanked Mr Pilkington for the information. Mr Pilkington left the meeting.

One of the residents explained his objections to planning application 18/01219/FUL JR's Ale House as follows:

- the application states a closing time of 7pm which could be varied if permission is granted
- the property has no parking facilities so vehicles are likely to encroach on neighbouring property
- waste and delivery services will need to access the property from the front causing traffic issues
- No smoking shelter is included which is likely to lead to smokers standing at the front of the building
- the entrance to the bar is adjacent to the entrance of a residential property
- there is no room for air-conditioning equipment at the rear of the building

One of the residents left the meeting

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllrs F Molyneaux and J Molyneaux and accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 10th December 2018 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** None

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Walkden declared an interest in item 6 as he has a financial interest in one of the properties. Cllr Speers declared an interest in item 6 as a family member lives near to one of the properties.

It was resolved to move item 6 up the agenda for the benefit of the remaining resident in attendance

6 Planning

6.1 New or Amended Applications for consideration.

18/01219/FUL JR's Ale House 20 Church Street. Change of use from shop (use class A1) to micro pub (use class A4). This is a resubmission of application **18/00797/FUL**. It was resolved to object for the same reasons:

- this is already a very busy area of the village and an increase in the need for roadside parking for visitors to the coffee shop/ale house would cause additional problems for residents and for traffic flow along the A6
- the building adjoins residential property and is therefore likely to cause noise disturbance to existing residents

It was resolved to include additional concerns in the Council's response regarding the proximity of adjoining residential properties, the dangers of the busy road (highlighted by the accident which occurred close by on 31/12/18), the lack of a smoking area forcing customers onto the public highway and the lack of access via the rear of the property for waste services and deliveries. It was also resolved to include a query relating to enforcement of this type of application following the opening of the Pride of Aggi micro pub which does not currently have planning permission. The Council resolved to suggest that failure to respect Chorley Council planning decisions should be considered as a breach of the conditions of a Personal or Premises License.

The resident left the meeting

18/01110/CLEUD Allanson Hall Farm Westhoughton Road Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use - gardens adjacent to canal moorings. It was resolved to object on the basis that this is an inappropriate use of agricultural land, and to query the availability of waste disposal facilities and access.

6.2 Other Applications to be left for neighbours' comments.

The following applications were left for neighbours to comment: **18/01090/FULHH 26 The Common** Erection of detached garage **18/01138/FULHH Highfield 87 Railway Road** Conversion of integrated garage to provide living accommodation **18/01169/FULHH 15 Castle House Lane** Pitched roof to front canopy and garage.

18/01189/FULHH 16 Grafton Street Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and hardstanding for vehicular access. **18/01200/FULHH 102 Railway Road** Single storey rear extension. **19/00008/FULHH Crawshaw Hall Farm The Common** Single-storey extension to form family/garden room. Construction of garden store and erection of garden wall.

5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for December 2018.

5.2 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
L Crouch	Petty cash imprest – red cabbage and beetroot	£8.96
Orange	Phone charges 24/01/19 to 23/02/19	£9.74
St John Ambulance	Donation for attendance on Remembrance Sunday	£100.00
Mr C Beesley (for CDS Events)	PA System hire charge for Remembrance Sunday	£50.00

5.3 It was resolved to approve the transfer of £2500 from the RBS savings account to the current account.

5.4 It was agreed to implement the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) new pay scales for Clerks for 2019-2020 for the Clerk's salary from 01/04/19 as recommended by NALC. The Clerk will remain on the equivalent salary point in the scale but these have now been renumbered.

5.5 It was resolved to purchase a cross-cut shredder for the use of the Town Council up to the value of £200

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 It was resolved to note the Lancashire County Council budget proposals for 2019/20

7.2 It was resolved to contact Lancashire County Council and suggest that the beacons on the pedestrian crossings in Lower Adlington should be replaced with brighter LED fittings, similar to the "Day Bright Plus" type. The Council has previously asked for a review of the safety these crossings, but considers that the recent road accident in this location increases the urgency. The Council resolved to offer a financial contribution to an upgrade if required. It was resolved to also request improvements to road markings throughout the village

7.3 The Council agreed that although an application to host an edition of the Radio 4 "Any Questions" show in the village would raise the local profile there is no suitable venue. The conditions include a requirement to access the building during the day which would not be possible at the Community Centre except in school holidays. It was agreed that the amount of administration involved might be better handled by a venue with staff rather than one run by volunteers. It was resolved to contact the resident and suggest that Chorley Town Hall might be a more suitable location. It was also noted that the University of Central Lancashire run similar events which are filmed for TV broadcast and may be interested in running one locally.

7.4 It was resolved to accept the proposals of the Website & Communications Working Group held on 17/01/19 as follows:

- A test Facebook page will be set up by the group and will be accessible only by Councillors and the Clerk initially. A "Clerk" user will also need to be set up.
- The social media policy will need to be amended to include Facebook. This will be brought to the next meeting for approval.
- The group will investigate the costs and options to set up a new website with 123-reg.co.uk as proposed by Cllr Ball. The new website will be designed to conform to the Public Sector Bodies (Website and Mobile Applications) Accessibility Regulations 2018 and should therefore be live before the Sept 2020 deadline
- The group will also audit the current website to check if any accessibility improvements can be made.
- Print Quarter in Chorley will be asked to print the next edition of the Update newsletter
- A new delivery service is required for the newsletter, the Clerk will contact the previous delivery service to find out how long it took to complete.

7.5 The reasons for the current disruption to the rail service through the village as explained by Northern Rail in its response to the Council's letter and by Mr Pilkington in the Open Forum were noted. It was resolved to send the following question to County Cllr Kim Snape following her offer to submit this to the relevant cabinet members at the start of the next full Lancashire County Council meeting "After many years of disruption in the village and promises of a golden future of rail travel, when will Adlington commuters receive an enhanced and improved service and additional scheduled rail services at Adlington Station?"

It was resolved to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue for an additional 15 minutes

7.6 It was resolved that Cllrs C Hart and K O'Donnell will attend the next "Planning in Practice" session at Chorley Town Hall at 5.45pm on 11/03/19. The Mayor will also attend if there are places available.

7.7 It was resolved that attendance at the Lancashire Best Kept Village information meetings will not be necessary as Cllr Lowe has been involved in the discussions regarding the changes to this year's competition.

7.8 The letter received regarding the closure of the Adlington Senior Citizens Group because nobody has come forward to take over was noted.

7.9 Neighbourhood Priorities will be considered at the next Southeast Parishes meeting to be held at Chorley Town Hall on 19/02/19 at 5pm. Cllr Ball will attend the meeting. Lighting for the war memorial has already been put forward as a suggestion, any other suggestions, taking account of the Chorley Council health and wellbeing priorities as circulated, can be passed on to Cllr Ball at the next meeting.

It was noted that a revised version of the Chorley Council "LAND MAINTAINED BY THE COUNCIL WITHIN THE PARISH" has not been received since the meeting between members of the Streetscene Working Group and Asim Khan, the Clerk will contact him to find out if this is now available.

8 Items for Information

8.1 The Mayor's Bingo will take place on 29/01/19 at 8pm at St Paul's Church Club

The meeting closed at 9.10pm