

# ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 20th January 2020  
in Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

## Members Present:

**Mayor** P Walkden

**Councillors** A Ball, A Robinson, B Speers, C Hart, J Lowe, K O'Donnell and K Snape

**In Attendance:** Christine Bailey (Clerk), Lindsey Blackstock, Chorley Council and 3 residents.

## 1 Open Forum

Two residents attended to outline their concerns about pedestrian and road user safety given the heavy traffic on Chapel Street, the speed at which vehicles travel, the lack of markings (no white lines or stop signs) at road junctions, and the congestion from on-street parking by residents who often have more than one vehicle per household and, at other times, from various local activities including: access to and from Adlington Primary School, local pubs and businesses, and those using the canal for recreational purposes. On some occasions vehicles are double parked. Windsor Ave also suffers from heavy on-street parking. Pedestrians are often forced to step out from the pavement into the road. It was noted that the School is pro-active in asking parents to park considerately. Cllr Snape informed the meeting that the developer of Marlow Court has not yet brought its access road up to adoption standard. This is why the County Council has not set out road markings at the junction. It was acknowledged that road markings and bus stop bays generally were in need of renewal in Lower Adlington. The Clerk informed the meeting of another resident's concerns about the safety of pedestrians using the zebra crossing on Church Street because of its proximity to the mini roundabout and whether improvements could be made. It was agreed that these matters would be reported to LCC. The Mayor thanked the two residents for attending the meeting to raise their concerns. They left at 7.30pm. The third resident attended to listen to Lindsey Blackstock updating on Chorley Council's proposals to upgrade King George V Playing Fields to: reflect the growing demand for better indoor and outdoor facilities to expand the Football Club; the varied site constraints with the open space being crossed in different places by a sewer and a mains water pipe; the design standards which have to be met to secure grant funding; Sports England being reluctant to lose any of the existing playing space to other uses; the need to invest to expand football, other sports and active recreation uses; planning as an eventual ambition for an artificial pitch, flood-lighting and security cameras; additional parking provision; and the creation of pedestrian access to Babylon Lane. This is a key site for Adlington and is part of Chorley Borough's overall provision. Concerns were expressed about the tightness of the site; the response of nearby residents to the proposal for a larger club building at the back of their homes; the existing problems of poor drainage which, if not properly addressed, would only get worse; the limited parking, given that competitive team sports involve travel by opposing teams. Lindsey said that Chorley Council would be initially consulting with residents who live close to the sports changing building. An early investment would be to install the proposed perimeter path. The Mayor thanked Lindsey for attending. She and the third resident left at 8.15pm.

**2 Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr N Buckley due to childcare commitments and Cllr J. Molyneaux who had another meeting. This was accepted by the Council.

**3 Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Mayor.

**3.1 Matters Arising** The Clerk reported that CC will replace 4 light bulbs that do not work and landscape maintenance following residents' concerns. LCC have visited the Adlington Station Park and Ride facility on several occasions and found no evidence of on-street parking, but would continue to monitor the situation. LCC have advised reporting inconsiderate parking to the Police using the non-emergency 101 number if it contravenes the Highway Code. Cllr Robinson confirmed that on-street parking is an on-going problem. He would take photographs to show LCC. The Pocket Park Application has been submitted, which if successful, will contribute towards the funding for the upgrade of King George V Playing Fields. CC will consider the resident suggestion for dog-only zones in its public parks. ATC has been awarded 4 places on CC's Planning in Practice course on 10 February 2020. The Neighbourhood Priorities meetings are cancelled until after the May 2020 local election.

**4 Declarations of Interest** Cllr Walkden declared an interest in item 5.2 as he was claiming reimbursement for expenditure made on behalf of the Council.

## 5 Finance

**5.1** It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for November and December 2019.

**5.2** It was resolved to approve the payment of the following accounts:

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| C Bailey      | Salary - January 2020                                                  |         |
| C Bailey      | Mileage -30 miles @0.45ppm in December 2019                            | £13.50  |
| C Bailey      | Petty Cash – Imprest. Red cabbage, beetroot & plates for Carol Concert | £10.40  |
| Peter Walkden | Reimburse payment of Lynn Holmes for hot food, Carol Concert           | £234.00 |
| EE            | Phone charges                                                          | £9.49   |

- 5.3 It was resolved to approve the transfer of £2,500 from the Business Interest Account to the Current Account.
- 5.4 The proposed improvement of King George V Playing Fields is Chorley Council's most important open space investment priority for which all current CIL monies available to the Town Council have been earmarked. It was resolved that this matter will be revisited once Chorley Council prepares proposals for improvements to the Jubilee Recreation Ground and/or the Grafton Street former play area.
- 5.5 It was resolved that the Town Council would support Chorley Council's Tax Support Scheme and that its proposed precept for 20/21 would be £19,000.
- 6 Planning**
- 6.1 It was resolved that these applications would be left for neighbours' comments:  
**19/01164/PDE7: 29 Acresfield Adlington Chorley PR7 4JZ:** Notification of a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 4m in depth, with eaves height of 2.65m, & a maximum height of 3.45m  
**19/01087/FULHH: Crawshaw Fold Cottage The Common Adlington Chorley PR7 4DU:** Partial demolition of front garden wall
- 6.2 It was retrospectively resolved that the Town Council has endorsed the proposed contributions that Chorley, Preston City and South Ribble Councils have each agreed for future house building annual targets under the Memorandum of Understanding and the Statement of Co-operation in the Central Lancashire Local Plan Review. This had to be submitted by the 13 January 2020 consultation deadline. It proposes that Chorley district will contribute a reduced percentage towards future annual house building targets to reflect their higher contribution to date in the existing Plan.
- 6.3 It was resolved that the Town Councillors would continue to develop, agree and submit their response to Central Lancashire Local Plan Issues and Options public consultation, including comments on sites proposed for future development in and around Adlington which closes on Friday 14 February 2020. Concern was expressed that the existing local infrastructure, schools and public services are all under real pressure because of the significant number of new homes that have been completed in recent years and that the area was now nearing capacity.
- 6.4 It was agreed to exercise the Standing Order to extend the meeting by up to 30 minutes.
- 7 Items for Discussion**
- 7.1 It was resolved that following the Open Forum discussion the Town Council would raise the concerns about pedestrian and road user safety in the Chapel Street area and in respect of the zebra crossing on Church Street
- 7.2 It was noted that the Remembrance Sunday Review meeting had suggested the idea of a Master of Ceremonies role to help to develop public understanding and awareness of the proceedings and that after the wreath laying the Standards be brought together in any order to lead the parade back to the Community Centre. Other organisations would be asked for their views with a second planning meeting to be arranged in April 2020.
- 7.3 It was noted that the arrangements for the Carol Concert had gone well, and that the Town Council should cater for a higher attendance again in December 2020. Cllr Speers family was thanked for the donation of the Christmas hamper.
- 7.4 A short report back from the Chorley Liaison meeting was given.
- 7.5 It was resolved to express concern to Chorley Council about the need for the drainage of the King George V Playing Fields to be properly dealt with before further significant investment is made and for more parking provision to minimise the impact on adjacent residents, that Chorley Council update the Town Council on the issues arising from the consultation with nearby residents, and on progress more generally.
- 8 Items for Information –**
- 8.1 LCC/2020/003- Varying of Condition 2 at Sandon's Farm Quarry, Sandy Lane, Adlington, Chorley- More time will be requested for the Town Council to consider and respond to this issue  
*The meeting closed at 9.10pm.*