

Adlington Town Council
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Adlington Town Council
Held on Monday 15th May 2023 at Adlington Library, Railway Road commencing at 7:30pm

Members Present

Councillors: A Robinson, A Rothwell, A Cross, B Speers, J Lowe, K O'Donnell, N Buckley, P Walkden and S Clewlow.

In Attendance: C Bailey (Clerk). 11 members of the public attended the meeting as observers.

- 1. New Term of Office** – As the first meeting of the 2023/24 calendar year and following the election, each Councillor read out and signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office as a Town Councillor.
- 2. Election of Town Mayor**
Cllr Nina Buckley was proposed and seconded as, and she accepted the role of, the Town Mayor for the 2023/24 year. Cllr Buckley completed her declaration of acceptance of office. The Consort will be her husband, Mr Graham Buckley.
- 3. Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllrs J Molyneaux and K Snape who were at another meeting.
- 4. Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Buckley declared an interest in item 8.
- 5. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Adlington Town Council of 9 May 2022** were approved and signed.
- 6. Comments from the retiring Town Mayor**
Cllr Bev Speers said that her year in office had been particularly busy in part by choice but also due to national events and wishing to realise several local concerns through the setting up of an Adlington Food Club and to secure revenue funding to continue the Adlington Youth Group in 2023, both of which had been achieved. Cllr Speers thanked her husband, her family, fellow Councillors and the Clerk for their support during the year. As the Town Mayor, Cllr Bev Speers said she was grateful for all the support she had received which had enabled her to donate a cheque for £850 to each of her two nominated charities: Rivington and Adlington Brass Band and @Sally Cancer Foundation.
- 7. Election of the Deputy Mayor**
At the 17 April 2023 Town Council meeting, it was proposed on length of service that Cllr Kim Snape be nominated as the Deputy Mayor. This will be deferred till the 22 May Town Council meeting.
The Town Mayor, Cllr Buckley took no part in the discussion of item 8
- 8. The Town Mayor's Allowance**
It was resolved that the Town Mayor's allowance as budgeted would be £850. The payment will be authorised at the 22 May 2023 Town Council meeting.
- 9. 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 as all eleven Councillors were elected in May 2023 and the Clerk holds the relevant qualification, the Town Council is eligible to use the General Power of Competence until the next 'relevant annual meeting' following the election of Councillors to the Town Council. This power gives local councils' confidence in the legal capacity to act for their communities and to work with others to provide cost-effective services and facilities in new ways to meet the needs of local communities.
- 10. Appointment of Working Groups and Membership**
The retiring Town Mayor said she will step down from the Finance Working Group and as a representative to the Adlington and District Community Association. If willing, it was agreed as beneficial for the Deputy Mayor to

become a member of the Finance Working Group. It was agreed that membership of the Working Groups would be as follows:

Finance Working Group: The Town Mayor, the Deputy Mayor (to be invited) and Cllrs A Robinson, J Lowe, J Molyneaux and P Walkden;

Planning Working Group: The membership of this Group will be agreed and be convened as required.

Street Scene Working Group: Cllrs A Cross, A Robinson, B Speers, J Lowe, P Walkden;

Website & Communications Working Group: The Town Mayor and Cllrs A Robinson, B Speers, Alison Rothwell, S Clewlow and P Walkden.

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

11 Representatives on outside Bodies

These were agreed as:

Chorley Council Liaison – The Town Mayor, Cllr N Buckley

Chorley Council South East Neighbourhood Area Group – The Town Mayor, Cllr N Buckley

Adlington & District Community Association – Cllr K O'Donnell and Cllr A Robinson

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

Lancashire Flood Action Group – Cllr K O'Donnell

12 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

13 Dates of Meetings 2023/24

The previously circulated list of meetings was approved.

14 Items for Information

The Town Mayor invited all to attend her inauguration at the Spinners Arms

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

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