

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 21 February 2022

Held at Adlington Library, Railway Road at 7.15pm

Present:

Councillors: Cllrs K O'Donnell (Town Mayor), B Speers (Deputy Mayor), A Rothwell, A Cross, J Lowe, Cllr J Molyneaux, K Snape, N Buckley, S Clewlow and Christine Bailey (Clerk)

1. **Open Forum:** No items were raised for discussion. No members of the public were in attendance.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** were received from: Cllrs A Robinson, P Wilson and Cllr P Walkden.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 17 January 2022:** The draft Minutes were proposed and seconded with the amendment of the word tombola for raffle in item 3.1.1 and were signed by the Town Mayor.
- 3.1 **Matters arising:** noted as follows:
 - 3.1.1 Following prior consultation, LCC is proceeding with the magistrate's hearing under the Highways Act 1980, Section 116 Stopping Up of part of Bolton Road, Adlington.
 - 3.1.2 A proof of the Spring Update newsletter was circulated. The final items were agreed.
 - 3.1.3 The 22/23 hanging basket order has been confirmed with Chorley Council. LCC has been asked how the GN 22 tests of lamp posts aged 7 years old or more should be carried out.
 - 3.1.4 Cllr Snape said that the on-line public inquiry to include Appeal Ref: APP/D2320/W/21/3284692 at land off Carrington Road, Adlington against refusal of consent under LPA Ref: 20/01200/OUTMAJ was cancelled. Due to the methodology being used by the Government to determine future housebuilding a recent planning inspectorate decision at Blainscough Hall in Coppull has set a precedent which means that Chorley Council now has no grounds for 'defending' an appeal despite having a 5 year supply of land available for new house building in the Borough. Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP and Cllr Peter Wilson are in discussion with Michael Gove MP on these issues to seek some flexibility. This was given to Oxfordshire who have similar circumstances to Chorley. Unfortunately this has not been offered to Chorley to date.
 - 3.1.5 Due to wider considerations, the Town Council believes it cannot support the relocation or removal of the bus stop near the Cardwell Arms, Chorley Road on public safety grounds. LCC's response is awaited.
- 4 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Molyneaux for items 5.6, 6.1 & 6.2 and Cllr Speers under item 5.10.1 and 7.3.
- 5 **Items for Discussion:**
 - 5.1 The joint council Queen's Platinum Jubilee Trail Group confirmed the offer of funding from both APC and HCPC to allow a pro-rata split of the purchase of a QPJ commemorative pin badge as a gift for primary school pupils in the District, the cost of promotional information and for QPJ sports and arts trophies and prizes. Good progress has been made on the community activities to be offered. The next Group meeting is on Wednesday 16 March 2022.
 - 5.2 The Town Council agreed in the QPJ year it would enter both Higher and Lower Adlington into the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2022. The Street Scene Working Group will meet to prepare both entries for submission by 30 April 2022. The entry fees will be approved at the March meeting. ATC will inform each entry owner and that the judging rounds are in June and July. ATC will not attend one of the LBKVC 2022 briefing meetings.
 - 5.3 At Chorley Council's request, the Town Council agreed with the proposed Adlington locations for the installation of speed indicators (SPIDS) as Acresfield, Westhoughton Road, Church Street (in both directions), Railway Road, Sutton Lane and Babylon Lane near the Primary School.
 - 5.4 Chorley Council has agreed to pay for two household refuse skips on the carparks at Harding Street and at the junction of Windsor Ave and Park Road on Saturday 26 March 2022 from 9am to 12 noon. It is an Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Priority project. 1,000 A5 flyers would be distributed around each location with additional local promotion. All Councillors were asked to assist with the leaflet distribution and at the Event. Chorley Council has offered a collection service for any vulnerable residents. Types of non-collectable refuse will be listed on the skip flyers.
 - 5.5 The draft ATC Annual Action Plan was agreed. The invitation for nominations for the Annual Citizen's and Young Citizen's Awards will be requested by 3 April. The Civic Service is proposed for Sunday 26 June 2022, if St Paul Church and the Band are available.
 - 5.6 Cllr Molyneaux said the February Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area meeting agreed the following Priority projects for 22/23 in Adlington and Anderton to alley-gate Warwick and Grafton Streets and for

Chorley Buddies to pilot a Food Club in a suitable community venue to be modelled on that at Buttermere with the Co-op store to be invited as a partner. A defibrillator will be installed in Rivington Parish.

- 5.7 The Town Mayor reported that the joint Neighbourhood Plan meeting with HCPC and Anderton on 1 February 2022 agreed that more information will be requested from Chorley Council as the Local Planning Authority. This proposal will be revisited in autumn 2022. In light of item 3.1.4 above, Cllr Snape said that having a joint Neighbourhood Plan should help Chorley Council to respond to new build planning applications in the area.
- 5.8 The continuing disruption to the Adlington stopping train service during 2022 will further undermine public confidence and increase private vehicle usage. It was agreed to contact Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Cllr Charles Edwards and Northern (the train operator) about this situation against the wider need to re-establish demand for public transport after Coronavirus. The Town Mayor will draft ATC's response.
- 5.9 In the Boundary Commission for England's review, there is a proposal to take Adlington out of the Chorley constituency and place it in a proposed West Pennine Moors constituency with Darwen and Haslingden. The second public consultation runs from Tuesday 22 February to Monday 4 April 2022. Comments can be submitted in writing and/or by booking a 10 minute slot to speak at a public hearing to be held in this region. The Town Mayor will reply. People are asked to register their views again at stage 2, even if they replied at stage 1.
- 5.10 The Town Mayor raised two items of urgent business:
- 5.10.1 To ask the Town Council to agree to reimburse Cllr Speers £900 as the cost of 1,000 QPJ commemorative gift pin badges for primary school pupils.
- 5.10.2 ATC has no outstanding small items of work to submit to LCC Highways to prepare guide prices.

6 Planning

The Town Council responded to these two applications as follows:

- 6.1 **22/00159/NOT:** Notification of intention to upgrade existing telecommunications equipment including the removal and replacement of 6no. antennas, relocation of 1no. dish, internal upgrade of existing ground based cabinets and height increase of existing tower at Telecommunications Mast Site No15019, Grove Farm, Railway Road. The Town Council was not aware of any concerns from nearby residents given the location of the site. The Clerk will ask Cllr Robinson.
- 22/00082/OUT:** Outline application with all matters reserved for the change of use of former lock keeper's residence to a cafe at ground floor and holiday let to first floor and siting of glamping domes on surrounding land at Lengthman's House, Park Road, PR7 4JA. The Town Council would like to see an appropriate re-use of this building. Concerns were about suitable access to and from the site given there is no vehicle access and no parking provision; servicing of the site and sewage disposal; and that safeguarding issues be considered given its location adjacent to Adlington County Primary School.
- 6.2 **Applications noted, but left for neighbours' comments:**
- 22/00108/CLPUD:** Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear extension at 9 Granville Street, PR6 9PY
- 22/00029/FUL:** Installation of security camera and support pole with metal privacy screening at Rigby House Farm, The Common, PR7 4DS

7. Finance

- 7.1 The statement of accounts and budget review for 31 January 2022 were approved and were signed by the Town Mayor.
- 7.2 To agree the recommendations of the Finance Working Group meeting on 15 February 2022 (enclosed) for the:
- 7.2.1 Approval of three applications received for the 2022 Community Awards as follows:

Adlington Luncheon Club	To bring Club members, some 35-40 pensioners together to celebrate the Queen Platinum Jubilee by supporting the costs of the party and entertainment.	£100
Freestyle Urban Soccer	To pay for the cost of two sessional workers, vehicle and equipment to offer 8 free of charge youth street soccer and skatepark sessions during the school holidays at the Jubilee Recreation Ground	£880

Rivington and Adlington Band	To purchase 25 adjustable Tablet and iPad Floor stands for music to be viewed to avoid having to share paper copies amongst Band members	£825
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7.2.2 To continue the current ATC financial contribution to the Light Adlington 2022 small lit tree scheme.

7.2.3 The update of the Asset Register to add in the two additional name plaques at the War Memorial bought at £733 and the Stephen Higgins Shield estimated at £100.

7.2.4 That a visual inspection of the Town Council's assets as requested by the Independent Auditor requires the replacement of the cracked perspex in the Market Place Noticeboard and the re-varnishing of the Community Noticeboard which the Clerk will action.

7.2.5 Chorley Council is to upgrade the changing facilities at the KGV Playing Fields and is asking for CIL money towards the cost of the pitch upgrade which ATC has previously agreed to contribute.

7.2.6 A pro-rata cost split with APC and HCPC of the QPJ Trail costs arising from the Event as discussed in 5.1 above.

7.2.7 To continue with Zurich Municipal Insurance Company for 2022/23 financial year as BHIB Insurers have declined to provide an alternative quote and based on the updated Asset Register.

7.2.8 To note that the opportunity to set up an Adlington District Food Club is being explored which might need ATC's support.

7.3 Payment of the following accounts was agreed:

Clerk	Net cost of administration for February 2022 based on 10 hours per week and payment of instalment 3 of 4 monthly payments from December 21 – March 22 as advised by the Independent Auditor for the additional hours worked in years 1 and 2 (£359.22 gross). PAYE will be paid to HMRC in March 2022 at the end of Quarter 4 of the 21/22 financial year.	£805.00
Clerk	Mileage: 17 miles @ 0.45ppm in January 2022	£7.65
EE	ATC Clerk's mobile invoice dated 16 February 2022	£9.80
Adlington & District Community Association	Room hire 4 meetings in May- August during 2021 (£17) and the Carol Concert, 13 December 2021 (£20)	£88.00
Chorley Council	All CIL money towards the upgrade of KGV Playing Fields	£2,577.35
Cllr Bev Speers	Reimbursement of 1,000 QPJ commemorative pin badges	£900.00

8 Items for Information.

8.1 LCC has deferred till April 2022 the repair work to the wall near the reservoir on Bolton Road, Anderton.

The wall is still stable, the road is open, and as such the impact of the delay due to competing demands is considered to be low.

8.2 Fairclough House premises are being made ready for re-use for employment-related purposes.

8.3 The LCC key data from and its Lancashire Public Health Report 21/22 were noted.

8.4 Cllr Lowe reported that the wreaths have unfortunately been removed from the War Memorial in Adlington by Chorley Council in line with its policy to do so for The Holocaust Remembrance day. Chorley Council has been asked to leave the wreaths in place at Adlington.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.