

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 7 December 2020 which was held using
Zoom online technology starting at 7.15pm due to the corona virus social distancing measures

Members Taking Part:

Councillors: Cllrs K O'Donnell (Mayor), B Speers (Deputy Mayor), A Robinson, C. Hart, J Lowe, J Molyneaux, N Buckley, K Snape, P Walkden and S Clewlow.

In Attendance: Christine Bailey (Clerk).

1 Open Forum

The Mayor welcomed Cllr Clewlow to his first meeting as a co-opted Councillor for Central Ward.

The Clerk said that one resident has suggested placing tinsel around street name signs. It was agreed this might help to brighten Adlington provided that the street names remain visible.

2. Apologies for Absence – None were received.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16 November 2020 were proposed and seconded as a true record to be signed by the Mayor.

3.1 Matters Arising. The Clerk updated the Council on concerns raised by residents relating to possible criminal activity and anti-social behaviour in the Grove Farm Drive area and to concerns from a resident about parking on Mill Street and lack of access for pedestrians which LCC has been asked to consider. It was noted that a second grant application for £3,000 to the Community Foundation for Lancashire to continue the food parcel support for families with children whose household income has been adversely impacted by Covid-19 from April until July 2021 had been declined.

4 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Molyneaux in item 6.2 and Cllrs Speers in item 7.3.

5 Items for Discussion

5.1 The 'Light Adlington 2020' initiative achieved 38 small lit trees, with residents and other businesses lighting their premises, and Adlington Carnival getting agreement for the large fir tree at Market Place to be lit. The Town Council was pleased by the overall positive response that Light Adlington had received including the invitation for the Mayor to take part on the BBC Radio Lancashire Breakfast Show to promote Adlington.

5.2 Chorley Emergency Food Working Group's suggestions to develop ATC/LW Storehouse role to prevent hunger by supporting families with children in the SE District were discussed. The food parcel support was thought to offer best value for money. The partnership with Chorley Foodbank offers families access to other advice through the Chorley Together network. If the Town Council were to develop this initiative it would need to be with the help of another partner organisation.

5.3 The Town Council considered the concerns raised by Anderton Parish Council in respect of the current condition of the Huyton Fields Footpath, its future prospects as a cycle and pedestrian route, and potential concerns about the risks of flooding from the River Douglas. Cllrs Hart and O'Donnell said that they had both assessed the condition of different stretches of the Adlington Circular Walk Footpath during the year. The Mayor agreed to meet Cllr Pilling on site to locate the areas and issues of concern for discussion at the next Town Council meeting.

5.4 The Mayor said that the Chorley Liaison on-line meeting held on 18 November 2020 was informative. Cllr O'Donnell reported that Chorley Council intended to address Air Quality concerns, to investigate sustainable transport options and the Mayor of Chorley Cllr Holgate offered to support the Town Council in raising concerns about flooding in parts of Adlington.

5.5 Cllr Snape is leading the Chorley Council's Sustainable Transport Task Group and asked for the Town Council's input to summarise concerns in respect of the gaps in local public transport provision and to help develop a vision for the future. Issues with the lack of flexibility in respect of bus routes 125,126 and 8a, concerns about their future viability, the lack of stopping trains at Adlington and the generally higher cost of public transport in Lancashire were put forward.

5.6 Cllr Snape informed the meeting that residents on the Douglas Meadow Estate had managed to secure agreement that the developer would waive the estate service charge in part given the impact of Covid-19. It was noted that the adoption of the estate roads was still outstanding pending clarification of the ownership of the land by the developer and LCC.

5.7 The Mayor agreed that an additional payment could be added to item 7.3 below to pay for two replacement batteries and sets of pads for two AED's as one had just reached the expiry date and the second would expire within the month.

6 Planning

6.1 New Applications for consideration: None

6.2 It was resolved to leave these applications for neighbours' comments:

20/01275/CLPUD: Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed detached outbuilding to accommodate a garage and home gymnasium at Quarryview, Sandy Lane, PR7 4JT

7 Finance

7.1 The monthly statement of accounts and the budget review for October and November 2020 were approved.

7.2 The transfer of £5,000 from the Business Interest Account to the Current Account was approved. The Clerk was asked to clarify the procedure for Cllr Summers' signature to be removed from the Bank accounts.

7.3

The payment of the following accounts:

Clerk	Administration and financial management, December 2020	£399.56
Clerk	Mileage: 22 miles @ 0.45ppm in November 2020	£9.90
Clerk	Reimburse petty cash: ATC's approved CPRE Annual membership payment approved on 19 October 2020 paid electronically by the Clerk at CPRE's request from 27 November 2020 - £36.00 and a 2021 diary for the Clerk - £2.25. Total £38.25	£38.25
EE	ATC Clerk's mobile Invoice at 16 December 2020, with VAT	£9.70
Cllr Bev Speers	Zoom online telephone conference monthly subscription	£14.39
LW Storehouse - Invoice 5	Reimburse cost of nine food parcels in SE Chorley area to five families supporting 10 children	£255.00
Town Centre Trees Ltd	Invoice for small lit trees and outstanding balance owed	£1,955.00
Imperative Training Ltd - The Defib. Store	Two replacement AED batteries (2 x £230) and two sets of pads (2 x £40) = £540 plus Vat@20% = £648	£648.00

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Items for Information

8.1

The Town Council noted Adlington Carnival's charity fundraising Christmas Santa and Sleigh Ride would take place to raise funds for The National Deaf Children's Society.

The meeting closed at 8.16pm.