

Adlington Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 16 February 2026

Held in Adlington Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Present: Town Councillors: Cllrs S Clewlow (Town Mayor), A Rothwell (Deputy Mayor), A Robinson, A Cross, D Jones, J Lowe, J Molyneaux, L Rennison, K Snape and C Bailey (Clerk) and joining online by Zoom link: Cllr B Speers. Cllrs Molyneaux and Snape arrived late due to a meeting clash.

1. **Open Forum:** no items were raised.

2. **Apologies for absence** were received from: Cllrs K O'Donnell and P Walkden. The Town Mayor asked that the support of the Town Council be sent to Cllr Walkden.

3. **Declaration of Interests:** were made by the Clerk for item 6.2; Cllr Molyneaux for items 7.1 and 7.2 and Cllr Rothwell for item 8.3

4. **Minutes of the meeting:** of Monday 19 January 2026 were proposed, seconded and signed by the Town Mayor.

5. **Matters arising:** None.

6. **Items for Discussion:**

6.1 The Clerk will contact the volunteers to clarify how many lamp post poppies are required to replace those damaged and to extend the display along Railway Road within the Town Council's licence to allow the order to be placed.

6.2 *The Clerk left the room for this item.* The Town Council has approved the recommendations of the Working Group on the arrangements for the Town Clerk vacancy to be advertised.

6.3. Chorley Council has agreed to the request from Anderton Parish Council that the Welcome to Adlington sign on the A673 be repositioned at the actual boundary to avoid confusion.

6.4. The Town Council thanked Cllr O'Donnell for contacting LCC's Highway team. Their cost to clean and reposition the solar panel at £175 plus VAT is too expensive. Cllr Robinson said he would obtain a lower cost alternative quote to carry out the work. This was agreed.

Cllrs Molyneaux and Snape joined the meeting.

6.5. Cllr Robinson explained the Town Council will have to replace and upgrade its three AED's proposing to:

- Retain the donated AED outside of the Adlington United Reformed and Methodist Church. It is an obsolete design, nearing the end of its life, until the future of the building is clear. The AED will operate using the battery pack in the event that the mains electricity supply is turned off; and to
- Replace both AED cabinets outside the public toilets on Bolton Road and at The White Bear. These will cost £150-£200 each, plus rewiring by an electrician.

Other AED's are now available locally. Some are indoors, so not 24/7 accessible. If anyone rings 999, the operator will advise on the nearest to be used. This will be an article in the summer Update Newsletter. An application has been submitted to LCC's Parish Champion Grant for £500 to support these costs.

6.6 The Town Council considered the recommendations of the 11 February 2026 Finance Working Group meeting and agreed that:

- Two of the three applications for a Community Award will be supported to be offered at £1k and £420 respectively; one was declined as not having provided sufficient information to enable the application to be properly considered. The Awards will be listed on the March meeting agenda for payment
- The Asset Register was reviewed. Chorley Council will replace the Community Notice Board. The Town Council's Notice Board on Railway Road will need replacing as water is penetrating inside. The £500 grant received from LCC's Parish Champion scheme will be put towards this cost
- The Town Council will consider ideas to use the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

money during the five years from its receipt

- The Insurance Renewal premium was accepted.

6.8 The Town Mayor thanked Cllr Speers for putting together the draft spring 2026 Update newsletter proof. The contents were agreed with one item to be added. The lower of the two quotes will be accepted. Delivery will follow once the edition is printed.

6.9 Cllr Snape summarised recent events which have led LCC to keep the 5 Residential Care Homes, including Grove House, which were proposed for closure. Budget provision to support them has yet to be identified. It was agreed that LCC should also make public their updated building condition survey. The Town Mayor thanked Cllr Snape and Molyneaux for their involvement to achieve this outcome.

6.10. Cllrs Lowe and Molyneaux are still experiencing difficulty in using their gov.uk email address. Netwise, as the provider, is to be asked to rectify these technical difficulties. Cllr Rothwell and Speers have recently worked together on the website. Cllr Speers has offered further support. Cllr Rothwell asked that the Website, Communication and Social Media, Working Group meet on Wednesday 11 March 2026, with the venue to be arranged.

6.11. LCC Highway's consultation on proposed parking restriction at the junction of Bonds Lane and Park Road is noted and accepted as double yellow lines already in place for safety due to the proximity of the School.

6.12. Cllr Snape summarised the potential options that are under consideration and subject of public consultation for the re-organisation of local government in Lancashire. It was agreed that each Councillor should consider them and reply by 26 March 2026

6.13. Cllr Lowe has reviewed the Town Council's mayoral guidelines. Her comments were noted for incorporation

6.14 The hanging floral basket 25/26 cost comparison between Chorley Council and an external provider was discussed. Chorley Council would have to provide to a 'water only' contract for an external supplier. It was agreed as more cost effective to retain Chorley Council's full service and these working relationships are well established

6.15 The dates of two events proposed in the draft 26/27 Town Council calendar are still under consideration: Chorley Council's support for a household waste skip which Jigsaw has agreed to support and to finalise the date of the Town Council's Civic Sunday. Cllr Rothwell asked the Clerk to forward the dates of the Civic Services of the neighbouring Town Councils.

6.16 The report back from the 21 January 2026 Chorley Liaison meeting noted that:

- Chorley Council's budget and plans are continuing to be progressed as usual
- The Government support was for set up costs only. Chorley Council has to identify further funding to support the implementation of its food waste initiative
- Various schemes are being offered to target young people's health, safety and well-being
- LCC's Public Right of Way budget was unintentionally deleted in 25/26. Its restoration has to be resolved.

6.17 It was noted that the Adlington Luncheon Club will close its activities from the end of June 2026. It is not clear what is happening to the Church premises as other groups have not been notified of its closure. The Town Council will ask for clarification.

6.18. The Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition will be reviewed so will not be held in 2026.

6.19. Town Mayor's Urgent Business: no items were identified.

7. Planning

7.1. Cllrs Molyneaux and Snape were thanked for attending the Planning Inspectorate Appeal Hearing on 11 February 2026 Ref no: **APP/Q2371/W/25/3375424** against refusal of planning consent LCC/2024/0023 for the erection of an Anaerobic Digester Unit with associated infrastructure on land adjacent to Wigan Lane, Heath Charnock, Adlington, PR7 4JT. The hearing lasted all day. LCC Planning's case was led by a barrister, with detailed discussion of the technical and green belt issues and the proposed access to the high pressure gas pipeline.

7.2. Applications were noted and agreed for neighbour comment:

26/00026/CLEUD: Application for a certificate of lawfulness for an existing domestic outbuilding at Crawshaw Hall Farm, The Common, PR7 4DU

26/00103/FULHH: Single storey side extension, single storey rear extension and external alterations to the existing two storey rear projection (following demolition of the existing garage and single storey rear projection) at 46, Railway Road, PR6 9RB

26/00021/FULHH: Single storey side/rear extension and raising of patio area (following demolition of existing conservatory and extension) at 7, Castle House Lane, PR7 4DL

8. Finance

8.1. The 31 January 2026 account and budget reports were approved.

8.2. The transfer of £1,000 to the current account was agreed.

8.3. The payments below were approved to be paid from the online UTB current account:

Clerk:	Net administration and financial management at 8 hours per week for February 2026	£446.04
HMRC	PAYE deducted from the gross payment to the Clerk	£111.40
Clerk:	Reimburse 22 miles @ 0.45ppm January 2026	£9.90
EE Ltd:	ATC mobile monthly invoice, 16 February 2026	£14.39
Barclaycard 23.01.26 Statement	Direct debit on 19.2.26: GoDaddy monthly payment for Clerk .co.uk email (£16.79)	£16.79
Reimburse petty cash	Black ink cartridge	£53.22
Reimburse Cllr Rothwell	Balance owing from Bitly Inc. for the ATC.gov.uk web site annual fee for the QR code on the banner from Dec 2024-2025 & portion (now transferred to the credit card (£88.30) less the duplicated 23.6.25 Go Daddy monthly payment (£16.79)	£71.51
Zurich Municipal	Renewal of Town Council's insurance cover from 1 April 2026	£573.58

9. Item for information

9.1. Chorley Council HMOs (Houses of Multiple Occupation) briefing for local councils on Tuesday, 3 March at 6pm – 8pm in the Council Chamber, Chorley Town Hall

9.2. Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood area meeting, Wednesday, 25 March 2026 at 6.30pm, Chorley Town Hall

9.3. Chorley Council's Guidance for Casual Vacancy / Training video for local councillor candidates

9.4. Invitation to Credit Union online AGM, 26 February 2026 at 6pm

9.5. A nomination has been received for a 2026 Citizen Award

The meeting closed at 20.47pm.