

Adlington Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9 December 2024

in Adlington Library, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Present:

Councillors: Cllrs S Clewlow (Deputy Mayor and Meeting Chair), A Robinson, A Rothwell, A Cross, B Speers, D Jones, J Lowe, J Molyneaux, K O'Donnell, L Rennison and P Walkden and C Bailey (Clerk)

Guests for the Open Forum: Chorley Council Officers: Zoe Whiteside Head of Spatial Planning and Simon Forster Open Space Strategy Officer

1. Open Forum: Chorley Council intends to increase the current under provision of all types of Open Space across the Borough, including land for allotments, possibly including at Harrison Road, Adlington, subject to demand. Chorley Council has an online public consultation until 13th January 2025 to assess need and interest. Subject to the response, the Local Government Act 1972 allows allotment provision to be provided and/or managed by Chorley Council or by a local council. The online research is to help Chorley Council provide details for future open space provision which will be included in the next Local Plan. Chorley Council asked the Town Council to help raise awareness of the consultation. Zoe and Simon were thanked for the presentation and they left the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence: Received from: Cllr K Snape (Town Mayor),

3. Declarations of Interest: received from Cllr Molyneaux for item 7.1 and from Cllrs Lowe and Rothwell for item 8.4

4. Minutes of the meeting: of Monday 18 November 2024 were proposed, seconded, and signed by the Town Mayor.

5. Matters arising:

5.1 Fairport Properties Ltd has confirmed its ownership of the land at the Market Place since 1987. It was agreed that Lidl as the applicant would be asked again from its own legal search information when the site of the proposed retail store changed from being common land in public ownership to being privately owned.

5.2 Jigsaw has not confirmed it will pay for a replacement planter at Windsor Ave.

5.3 The Town Council remains concerned about the impact on traffic flow and public safety should a bus be stopped at the same time on each side of Chorley Road. This arises due to LCC's proposed re-siting of the bus stop away from Daisy Hill Drive to outside King George's Court which would be directly opposite the proposed relocation of the bus stop to outside of the telephone exchange. LCC will be asked for detailed justification given safety and cost considerations. It is understood that Cllr Snape has withdrawn her objection to this proposal.

5.4 The Town Council agreed representatives would meet staff in Chorley Council's Communities team to discuss the concern about the use of Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Priority Grant funds by Chorley Buddies that were allocated to support the Adlington Food Club.

5.5 The Town Council's letter has sent to Adlington Community Events.

5.6 The Town Council will get a nominal amount as scrap value for its old metal hanging baskets. Cllrs Lowe and O'Donnell will progress this.

6. Items for Discussion:

6.1. The arrangements for the Carol Concert were finalised to approve the risk assessment, the catering, the presentation of LBKV 2024 Awards and for the float

and raffle. It is expected that the seating will be in place. Set up will be from 6.30pm.

6.2 Cllr Rothwell said she would finalise the proposed Town Council banner by obtaining a gov.uk website domain name and a QR code.

6.3 Town Councillors supported the draft design for the Town Council's Xmas E-card and thanked Cllr Rothwell for preparing it. Once Cllr Snape's views are known, it will be finalised. The mailing list will include the two Council Officers who had attended the Open Forum.

6.4 The Lancashire Sight Loss Council will visit Adlington Library from 6.45pm on Monday 17 February 2025 for Town Councillors to trial the use of simulated glasses. A further session will be discussed and advertised as open to the public.

6.5 There was no Town Mayor's urgent business.

7. Planning:

7.1 **LCC/2024/0023**: for the erection of an Anaerobic Digester Unit with associated infrastructure on land adjacent to Wigan Lane, Heath Charnock, Adlington, Chorley. The Town Council discussed the notes and proposed actions arising from the joint council meeting on 25 November 2024. The Town Council agreed that having submitted a detailed objection to this application and advice to residents on the potential issues and how to contact LCC's Planning Officer if they wish to, it had followed the correct procedures. It would set an inappropriate precedent if the local councils took on a 'campaigning' role which is outside of their remit in law. If necessary, it would be a better use of any limited jointly available funds to pay for specific, specialist planning advice to enable the local councils to develop their objection.

7.2 It was agreed that these applications to be noted and left for neighbours' comments:

24/00986/FULHH: First floor front and side extensions at 43, Grove Crescent, PR6 9RJ

24/01025/FULHH: Erection of a single storey side extension, two front facing balconies, raising of ridge, two side facing dormer extensions, new external materials and decking to rear of 7, Old School Lane, PR7 4DX

8 Finance

8.1 The 30 November 2024 account and budget reports were approved.

8.2. The appointment of an Independent Auditor for the ATC 24/25 year-end accounts was discussed including the time constraints on the availability of the current appointee to meet the national deadline set by the UK Government of completion by 30 June 2025. It was agreed that two alternative cost quotes would be obtained and that the 12 May 2025 meeting would comprise the two Annual and the monthly meeting to give the Clerk more flexibility. Three quotes will be considered at the 20 January 2025 meeting.

8.3 The Town Council agreed to transfer £1,000 from the UTB Instant Access to the UTB Current Account towards the expenditure listed below. Cllr Lowe reported that the telephone waiting time to speak to staff at the bank was always well over 10 minutes which she thought unacceptable. Cllr Robinson agreed.

8.4 These payments were approved to be paid from the online UTB current account:

Clerk	December 2024 net administration and financial	£428.93
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	management at 8 hours per week	
HMRC	November 2024 PAYE deducted from the gross payment	£107.20
Clerk	Mileage: 24miles @ 0.45ppm in November 2024	£10.80
EE Ltd	ATC mobile invoice dated 16 December 2024	£22.20
Reimburse Cllr Lowe	Refreshments for plants for ATC's planters	£15.00
Reimburse Cllr Rothwell	Go Daddy November monthly web host fee	£14.39
Reimburse Petty Cash	1 black ink cartridge (£39.90), LBKV 2024 Certificate frames (£12.99)	£52.89
Carrs Pasties	220 pasties for ATC Carol Concert & delivery	£465.40

9. Items for Information: None

The meeting closed at 20.42pm.