

**ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD 9 MAY 2005**

**In Attendance:**

Cllr D Ormerod (Chairman), Cllr Mrs D Todd, Cllr Mrs E Doran and Cllr P Mortimer.

**Also Present:**

Mrs L Rowett (Clerk)  
3 residents and 1 Borough Councillor

**74/05 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Ascroft who was working away and Cllr D Williams who was absent due to personal family reasons.

**75/05 Declaration of Interest**

Members were asked to consider any personal/prejudicial interests they may have to disclose in respect of any matters under consideration at the meeting. There were no disclosures at this point.

**76/05 Election of Chairman for the Ensuing Year**

It was resolved that Cllr Derek Ormerod be appointed as Chairman for the ensuing year.

**77/05 Election of Vice Chairman for the Ensuing Year**

It was resolved that Cllr Mrs Dorothy Todd be appointed as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

**78/05 Appointment to LAPTIC Chorley Area Committee**

It was resolved that the representatives should be Cllr Mrs D Todd and Cllr Mrs E Doran.

It was noted that the night of the meeting had been changed to Wednesday which presented some problems with attendance, the Clerk was asked to ascertain why.

**79/05 Appointment of Representative to the Management Committee of Trustees for the Green Centre**

It was noted that this appointment would no longer be applicable as the Trust was about to be wound up, but Cllr Ormerod would remain in place until this occurred.

**80/05 Confirmation of School Governor**

It was confirmed that Cllr Ormerod is still the appointed Governor to St James CE Primary School.

It was noted that the Headteacher is leaving to take up a new appointment at a larger school.

**80/05 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Minutes of a meeting held on 11 April 2005 were accepted and signed as a true record.

**81/05 Matters Arising on the Minutes (not elsewhere on the agenda)**

a) Boundary Signs (Item 60/05c)

Unfortunately the application had been refused as due to the delays with South Ribble Borough Council issuing the licence and the meantime the criteria for grant aid had changed. The Countryside Officer was going to assist the Clerk to re apply.

b) Road Safety Issues – Ulmes Walton Lane (Item 60/06e)

It was understood that the matters put forward for the 2004/05 Business Plan would be dealt with and the problems around Norris's Farm would be considered as part of the 2005/06 Business Plan.

c) Prison Screening (Item 60/05j)

There had been no progress with this issue. The Minister for Prisons had not been contacted, due to the elections business was not being dealt with until a new appointment was made. It was confirmed that the agreed course of action should still be taken and to record Members dismay that a full planting season had been missed.

d) QP Investment Fund (Item 61/05)

The Clerk briefed on the progress being made to spend the grant. The portable loop system was presenting a problem but it was hoped this would be resolved at a meeting with a representative from the RNID.

The Clerk was also going to be visited by an inspector to assess how the money had been spent.

e) Prison Liaison Panel (Item 63/05)

The Clerk had tried to contact Lindsay Hoyle but had been advised to wait until after the election.

f) Sand Extraction – Euxton

The Clerk had enquired about obtaining a copy of the plans but it proved a problem due to the sheer volume of papers. It was felt the best course was to give support to Euxton Parish Council with an item to appear on the next Agenda.

g) Parish Plan Implementation (Item 66/05)

Funding for the wild flower project had been received and the official launch had been a great success.

h) Draft Housing Strategy (Item 71/05c)

The final document had been published and the Parish Council thanked for its contribution.

**82/05 Proposed Development Glover Close**

A draft Letting Policy had been prepared by Wyre Housing for the Parish Councils consideration, the Members were appreciative of the opportunity to contribute to the policy. It was agreed that the document was acceptable.

A letter received from some residents highlighted the presence of bats around the proposed development site. It was agreed this should be brought to the attention of the Borough Council and Wyre Housing.

**CLLR MORTIMER LEFT AT THIS POINT**

**83/05 Chairman's Expenses**

Cllr Ormerod declared an interest in this item, as a result the Council was not in quorum so the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

**84/05 Workshop – Where to Put Renewable Energy In Chorley**

An invitation to attend a workshop at the Mill Hotel on Thursday 12 May 2005 had been received and Cllr Todd had booked a place.

**85/05 The Green Centre Business Plan (RCPT)**

A copy of the proposed business plan has been circulated, concern was expressed that there had been no consultation over its content. Reservation was expressed over that costings, there was no mention of the expectations of participating parishes, in addition it was understood that a need for a bridging loan was anticipated. It was further considered that any monies raised at events should go directly back into the parish. It was felt that a golden opportunity had been missed for parish cohesion.

It was resolved that at this stage it would not be appropriate to nominate a representative to the new Board of Trustees.

**86/06 Implementation of the Parish Plan**

Progress with twinning was proving difficult although a new address to try in Norway had been provided by NALC.

As it was the anniversary of the launch of the Plan the next meeting would carry out a full review of progress.

**87/05 Planning**

Some progress had been made with the items referred for enforcement. The matter was also to be included on the agenda for the next LAPTTC Area Committee meeting.

New applications –

Conversion of Gradwells from a residential home to a private dwelling. No objections provided the guidelines for listed building were adhered to.

Extension to Calverts Farm. No objections.

**88/05 Finance**

- a) Approval was given to the published accounts for 2004/05 and the auditors return signed by the Chairman
- b) Appointment of Auditor and contract. It was resolved that John Bigland be appointed as auditor for the Accounts at a fee of £50
- c) Review of insurance policy. It was noted that the insurance premium had increased significantly. The Clerk had tried to get an alternative quote but this had proved difficult. It was agreed that the premium be paid and the policy is reviewed in good time next year.
- d) Approval of expenditure. Approval was given to the following items – OPSTA £10 subscriptions, L Rowett £188.91 - salary April; Inland Revenue £53.28 – clerks tax element; L Rowett - £22.79 expenses AGM; The Old Bakery £18 refreshments AGM  
Quality Parish Investment Fund - £1488.14 NWAV projector.

**89/05 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting should be convened for Monday 13 June 2005 at 7.30pm.

Signed ..... Date.....