

ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD 10 JANUARY 2005

In Attendance:

Cllr D Ormerod (Chairman), Cllr Mrs D Todd, Cllr Mrs E Doran, Cllr P Mortimer, Cllr D Williams and Cllr J Ascroft

Also Present:

Mrs L Rowett (Clerk)

22 residents were present plus 2 Borough Councillors

01/05 Apologies

There were no apologies as all Members were present.

02/05 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. Cllrs Ascroft and Mortimer declared interest in two planning items – extensions at Bullens Barn and Bullens Farm.

03/05 Proposed Development Glover Close

In attendance were two representatives from the Housing Department of Chorley Borough Council, an officer from Wyre Housing (Vicki Appleton) and two architects from Halsall Lloyd Partnership, to discuss the proposed construction of low cost housing at Glover Close.

The Housing representatives explained the back ground and need for the project. Vicki Appleton went through the lettings policy and how the Parish Council could have some input and finally the architects summarised the rational behind the design and location of the units.

It was noted in particular that for the project to be viable it was necessary to have five units. Additional parking had been provided.

The meeting was adjourned for a short time to allow residents to comment.

It was agreed that a further meeting should be arranged to allow residents to discuss the plans in more detail. Cllr Williams offered to Chair the discussions.

The representatives of the various organisations were thanked for their attendance.

04/05 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of a meeting held on 13 December 2004 were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

Members were asked to note that the Clerk had been unwell before Christmas and had been unable to progress some of the matters.

a) Boundary Signs (Item 172/04a)

A licence had been granted by Lancashire County Council approving the location of the signs.

South Ribble Borough Council had yet to confirm their approval.

- b) Finance (Item 172/04c) Letter to Lindsay Hoyle re Audit Fees.

The Clerk had been unable to progress this matter.

- c) Quality Parish Council Investment Fund (Item 174/04)

The application had been submitted. The meeting to discuss the applications was scheduled for the 12 January 2005 and notification of assessment would be received shortly afterwards. Due to the short time constraints it was agreed that should the application be successful the Clerk could start to expend the funds as soon as received.

- d) Prison Issues (Item 175/04)

A reply to correspondence had been received from the Prison Authorities and a promise of regular updates on progress with the extensions to Garth. It was hoped the screening would be completed in the Spring. There was still confusion about the corrugated screening, but it was agreed the planting should go ahead and this be discussed at a future date.

- e) New Lane Area (Item 176/04)

The Clerk had been hoping to visit Mr Gilson before Christmas but had been unable to do so, it was envisaged that she would try again in the next few weeks.

- f) Dog Nuisance (Item 177/04)

The Clerk was hoping to progress this issue shortly.

- g) Parish Plan Implementation (Item 179/04)

The Clerk was hoping to progress this issue shortly.

- h) Prison Liaison Panel (Item 186/04)

The Clerk was hoping to progress this issue shortly.

06/05 LAPTTC Spring Conference

A request had been made for the Parish Council to make a presentation at the LAPTTC Spring Conference on becoming a Quality Parish Council and subsequent experience. A similar request had been made by Lancashire County Council for presentations at a number of possible seminars. Members are asked to give this consideration and it was agreed that participation in such events should be considered carefully and there may be a need to negotiate terms. However, there could be certain advantages to be gained from the subsequent publicity.

It was suggested that if a power point presentation were made it could be loaded onto the website

It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk give the matter further thought.

07/05 Quality of Service/Value for Money Offered by Principal Authorities

As it was not clear what role the principal authorities played, the matter was deferred to the next meeting when further information had been obtained.

08/05 Visit to Myerscough College

A letter has been received from Professor Moverley of Myerscough College inviting the Parish to pay a visit to the College, Members were asked to give this consideration. It was agreed that a visit should be arranged later in the year and that the Chairman should liaise with the College to establish a suitable date.

09/05 Parish Plan Implementation

There are no matters other than those outstanding from the last meeting that need attention.

10/05 Borough/Parish Council Liaison Meeting

Members are asked to give consideration to any matters to be included on the agenda. It was agreed that two questions be submitted enquiring how the Borough intended to deal with Parish Plans and councils who have attained Quality Status. Cllr Ormerod and Cllr Williams to attend.

11/05 Tree Warden Scheme

The idea of a tree warden scheme was welcomed and Cllrs Ascroft and Mortimer expressed an interest in meeting with the Borough Council. Cllr Ormerod in reserve.

12/05 Finance

Approval was given to the following items - L Rowett £405.87 salary December plus additional hours for Action for Ulmes Walton, Inland Revenue – clerks tax element £114.47, The Old Bakery £7.20 - refreshments

13/05 Matters of Concern

a) Website

It was felt that the website was in need of revamping and a request was made for an item to be included on the next agenda.

b) Cyclists

Concern was expressed about the number of cyclists using Ulmes Walton Lane without lights. It was suggested that prior to next winter a local campaign could be mounted.

c) Dog Waste

It was noted that Holker Lane had become a popular area for pet owners to exercise their dogs, but the mess was not being cleared.

14/05 Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Iddon highlighted the fact that there would be enhanced recycling facilities from April.

15/05 Planning

a) New Applications

- Proposed development of stables at Ash House Farm.

It was resolved that the meeting be adjourned to allow a resident to speak.

Normal business resumed.

It was resolved that the development be opposed as it contravened several of the requirements of the Supplementary Planning Guidelines covering Developments Involving Horses. Particular concern was expressed over the road safety aspects and the well being of the horses.

Cllr Ascroft and Mortimer declared an interest in the following two items and they withdrew from the meeting.

- Proposed conversion of garage into 'granny flat' and construction of new garage and store at Bullens Barn. No objections
- Proposed two storey extension to the rear of the property at Bullens Farm. No objections

b) Planning Advice

A letter had been received from a resident requesting advice on planning procedure. The Clerk had already replied advising the resident to contact the Borough Council as such it was felt no further action was needed.

c) Glover Close Development

It was agreed that further comment be made relating to the fact that the density had not changed and that the fencing was too high. Even though additional parking had been provided it would not address the general problem. The drainage still needed to be considered.

16/05 Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting should be convened for Monday 14 February 2005 at 7.30pm.

Signed Date.....