

**ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD 10 OCTOBER 2005**

**In Attendance:**

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

**Also Present:**

Mrs L Rowett (Clerk)  
PC Plummer in an advisory capacity  
2 residents and 1 Borough Councillor

**145/05 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**146/05 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. Cllr Williams declared a possible interest in Item 3 Neighbourhood Policing

**147/05 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Minutes of a meeting held on 12 September 2005 were accepted and signed as a true record.

**148/05 Matters Arising on the Minutes (not elsewhere on the agenda)**

a) Borough/Parish Charter (Item 132/05)

The planned meeting with the Chief Executive had been cancelled due to his sudden illness. It was agreed that as Mr Davies was due to retire it would be more appropriate to meet with his successor.

b) Post Box, Southport Road (Item 132/05f)

The matter of the box size had been reported to the Post Office but there had been no response. It was understood that Mr Gilson had been given notice by the Borough to cease trading in cars.

c) Wymott Park (Under Item 133/05)

The Community Association had responded expressing disappointment at the state of maintenance and asking for assistance in resolving the matter. It was agreed that a site visit should be arranged involving all concerned.

d) Local Road Safety Scheme – LCC Business Plan

There had been no reply from the County Council in relation to any of the issues raised.

e) QPI Fund (Item 139/05)

The excess on the insurance policy related to each claim not individual items.

It was further noted that the Portable Loop System had been returned to the RNID as it was faulty. It was proving difficult to find someone willing to make a notice board.

f) Recycling of Rubbish (Item 142/05a)

In order to address the problem the Borough had ordered new Velcro sealing bags which were available on request. However it was agreed that the situation still needed to be monitored.

g) VISION (Item 142/05d)

Cllr Whitaker had responded advising that this method of distribution had now ceased.

#### **149/05 Neighbourhood Policing**

PC Plummer began by issuing a paper showing the reported crimes and incidents for 2005.

PC Plummer discussed the current arrangements and proposed changes to community policing and asked for Members support to the idea that she should be appointed as a Community Beat Manager which was readily given.

#### **150/05 Youth Issues Wymott Estate**

There appears to be an on going issue with youths congregating on Willow Road. PC Plummer reported that despite the apparent problems there was only one call logged on the incident report.

#### **The meeting was adjourned at this point to allow residents to speak.**

When normal business resumed that following course of action was agreed –

- PC Plummer would produce a letter for all residents on the estate requesting that they be aware of children's problem behaviour.
- Consideration needed to be given to enhancing facilities on Wymott Park
- Youth facilities needed to be investigated with Lancashire County Council

#### **151/05 Quality Parish Status (QPS) Parish Council Views**

The Clerk has been approached by several Parish Council Clerks who are considering applying for QPS seeking the Members views on the worthiness of scheme. Members approved the content of a draft statement with some additions, on the experience of becoming a Quality Parish. The documents can be made available to those considering the same course of action and it was further agreed a copy should be forwarded to the ODPM and Lindsay Hoyle.

#### **152/05 Parish Cohesion**

Croston Parish Council is very much in favour of the suggested joint Parish Council meeting. It was agreed to take forward on the assumption that Bretherton were in agreement and suggested dates were put forward as Wednesday the 30 November or Wednesday the 7 December 2005.

#### **153/05 Chorley Borough Council – Area Forum**

Following a letter received from Chorley Borough Council in response to Parish Council queries, Members were still unclear of the benefits and concern was expressed at the additional costs involved for little gain. Unless there is positive gain there appears little point. It was agreed that Cllr Ascroft draft a reply and circulate to Members

#### **154/05 Borough/Parish Council Liaison Meeting**

Members were asked to consider any issues for inclusion on the agenda and nominate representatives to attend however it was noted that the deadline had passed and it was felt unacceptable that short notice be given and that a considered view of the meeting could not be made without minutes of the previous meeting. Cllr Ormerod would attend based on the content of the agenda.

#### **155/05 Planning**

- a) The Clerk briefed on a meeting with the Borough Council and matters arising including –  
E Government – concern was expressed that this Government initiative was being introduced without the knowledge of parish councils. Further an invitation to attend a training day

relating to the Lancashire Hotspot was noted. It was agreed the matter should be put forward for debate at the next LAPTC Area Committee.

Regional Spatial Strategy – this document was being implemented to replace the current planning strategies and would have an impact on parishes. Again concern was expressed that little information was being disseminated to parishes about its impact.

Local Development Framework Chart – Members attention was drawn to the paper outlining the consultation documents that will be generated as a result of the Regional Spatial Strategy.

- b) Submission of Statement of Community Involvement to Secretary of State and Further Inspection Stage – consultation document from Chorley Borough Council. Cllrs Ascroft, Ormerod and Mrs Todd took copies of the document to consider how best to respond.
- c) Site Specific Allocations Development Plan Document – Procedure for Seeking Site Suggestions. Cllr Ormerod took this document to decide how best to respond.
- d) Lancashire County Council – Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Development Framework Submission Draft Statement of Community Involvement – consultation document. Noted.
- e) It was noted that the application for removal of tree at Four Oaks had been refused. Application for Gradwells to be converted into residential accommodation had been approved. The housing development at Glover Close had been granted planning approval.
- f) Planning Appeal – appeal against the refusal of permission for the removal of oak tree at Four Oaks that is covered by a TPO. It was agreed the comments submitted for the planning application still stood.
- g) New Application – Greenacres Ridley Lane – Erection of two storey extension. No objections
- h) New Application – removal of conservatory and addition of door to Gradwells. No objections provided work is not in breach of controls in place relating to listed buildings.

#### **156/05 Parish Plan Implementation**

Twinning – an email had been received from the hotel in Balestrand thanking for the letter and hopefully there would be further contact.

#### **157/05 Finance**

Approval was given to the following –

QPI Fund - £152.50 L Rowett agreed additional hours for implementing of grant application. £43.01 Inland Revenue - tax element on previous; £35.99 AFUW antivirus software.

Precept Account - £49.30 top up of petty cash; £93.98 D Williams website host transfer costs; £75.73 L Rowett expenses; £424.91 L Rowett monthly salary plus additional hours for Action for Ulmes Walton; £119.85 Inland Revenue – tax element on previous; £35 Information Commissioner data protection registration.

#### **158/05 LAPTC Review of Subscriptions and Annual General Meeting**

The response from the LAPTC to the request for clarification on the proposed methodology for charging subscriptions was considered. It was agreed to support the proposals but it was noted this would mean a significant increase for larger councils and this could impact the Associations viability.

#### **159/05 Matters of Concern**

- a) Congregation of Dogs

It was noted that a large group of people and dogs were often seen congregating on land to the west of Nell Warring Lane which was giving residents some concern.

b) Ambulance Service

It was noted that the response time for vehicles attending emergencies in the area had increased and this was a matter of concern.

c) Primary Care Trust

It was noted that significant changes were proposed and the Parish Council may wish to take a view.

d) Willow Sculpture

The willow bee sculpture had been moved and it was suggested at some stage an interpretation board could be put in place.

e) Sustainability

It was felt that an item should be included on a future agenda to discuss how new blood could be attracted to become involved with the Parish Council activities.

**160/05 Borough Councillors Report**

Cllr Iddon advised that there may be an information pack available covering the Lancashire Hotspot

**161/05 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The date for the next Full Council meeting was agreed as Monday the 14 November 2005 at 7.30 pm.

It was further agreed that the December meeting could be preceded by the Action for Ulmes Walton AGM.

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