

ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD 12 DECEMBER 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)
5 residents

183/05 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P Mortimer who was absent due to a close bereavement.

184/05 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 Ormerod declared a personal interest in the item relating to the grass verge on Southport Road and the Clerk declared a personal interest in the item relating to her salary.

185/05 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of a meeting held on 14 November 2005 and an Extra Ordinary meeting held on 28 November 2005 were accepted and signed as a true record.

186/05 Matters Arising on the Minutes (not elsewhere on the agenda)

a) Local Road Safety Scheme – LCC Business Plan (Item 165/05b)

Confirmation had been received that the signage at the junction of Moss Lane with Ulnes Walton Lane will be improved and that 'horse signs' will also be erected near to the Equestrian Centre and Ernshaws Shire Farm.

b) QPI Fund (Item 165/05c)

The Portable Loop System had been returned by the RNID and tested, it did not appear to be functioning as expected but would need to be tried at the Parish Council meeting in January.

c) Ulnes Walton Sculpture Trail (Item 167/05)

It was still unclear who was going to make the sculptures and what the capabilities were. A few suggested designs had been given to the Officer at Garth and he would feed back on possibilities.

d) Presentation by Wyre Housing (Item 168/05)

This had been postponed again and was now scheduled to take place on the 16 December 2005.

e) Cyclists Without Lights

PC Plummer had apprehended four offenders. It was agreed this should be noted in the next newsletter.

187/05 Proposed Lenghtsman

The Clerk previously circulated briefing papers outlining the various options available. It was felt the best option was the LCC scheme but this would have to be a shared initiative. It was agreed the matter

should be put to the Parish Cohesion Group, but in the meantime the responsibilities of Chorley Borough and LCC in terms of litter picking should be determined.

188/05 Clerks Remuneration

The Clerk declared an interest in this matter and left the room.

Briefing paper had been previously circulated. It was agreed that the current arrangement of paying for six hours per week should continue. Additional payment should be made for time involved with the Parish Cohesion meetings. Further it was agreed that should the Clerk be required to attend the Area Forum or the Lancashire Local the respective authorities should be expected to meet the cost and they should be approached accordingly.

189/05 Finance

- Approval of Expenditure – approval was given to the Clerks salary for November 2005 plus additional hours for Action for Ulnes Walton £494.28 plus the tax element of £54.94
- Budget 2005/06
The revised budget as presented was adopted. It was noted that the allocation for donations had not yet been expended and it was agreed this should be tabled for the next agenda.
- Budget 2006/07
- A draft budget had been prepared. It was apparent that even with a proposed increase of £500 that Council would be left with a low balance at the year end. Members were asked to give some thought to how funds could be raised other than through the precept.

190/05 Wymott Park

A reply had been received from Groundwork regarding the maintenance money. Members were of the opinion that the response was most unsatisfactory but as the contract did not involve the Parish Council the matter could not be pursued further. It was agreed that a letter to this effect should be sent to the Chief Executive of Groundwork.

A meeting had been arranged between the Open Spaces Development Officer of Chorley Borough; the Clerk and representatives of the Community Association for the 5 January 2006 to discuss how to proceed with the development of the Park.

191/05 Road Safety Issues

a) Southport Road

There has been a total of 27 signatures received to the question of reducing the speed limit to 30 mph, 22 agree with the notion 5 are against. Members agreed there was little support to warrant pursuing further.

It was agreed that the road safety measures recently implemented needed to be measured and LCC should be approached accordingly. It was agreed the matter should be tabled again for the next meeting and the content of the Parish Plan needed to be taken into consideration.

b) Ulnes Walton Lane.

Three residents have volunteered to join the working group, this is clearly not enough support and it was agreed that a further attempt be made to recruit. It was felt that it should be pointed out that the Parish Council regard this as a significant issue and wish to address the problems.

The meeting was adjourned at this point to allow members of the public to speak.

192/05 Grass Verge Southport Road

Cllr Ormerod declared an interest and left the room.

It was resolved that this matter being of a personal nature should be treated as confidential and members of the public excluded.

193/05 Parish Cohesion

The meeting had been very productive with a number of common issues identified which would be taken back to individual councils for further discussion.

194/05 Lancashire County Council's Parish and Town Council Conference

It was agreed that Cllr Ormerod and the Clerk should attend, with Cllr Mrs Todd in reserve.

195/05 Planning

- a) New Application. Retrospective Application for the Construction of an Agricultural Barn at Dalbank
Members felt that the building was not appropriate as it bore no resemblance to that previously on the site. Further the car sales presented a danger to road users.
- b) Proposed Extension to Stable Block Mr J Barlow
Members gave consideration to the revised plans and provided the issues raised in the original consultation had been addressed there was no objection.
- c) It was further noted that two developments had been notified but for which plans had not been received – Smithy Cottage and a micro light runway at Bretherton. These would be tabled at the next meeting.
- d) Notification had been received that following a visit to Ulnes Walton Lane the Planning Enforcement Officer would be doing a survey of the area and illegal advertising targeted. It was requested that Southport Road also be included.
- e) Notification had been received that the application for a bungalow and retrospective application for location of a mobile home at Lostock Bridge Farm had both been refused.
- f) Replacement of doors and removal of a conservatory at Gradwells had been approved.
- g) Single storey extension the side and rear of 182 Southport Road had been approved.
- h) Vehicular access to 275 Southport Road had been approved.

196/05 Meeting with Lindsay Hoyle MP

It was agreed that Cllrs Mrs Todd and Mrs Doran should represent the Council at the meeting.

197/05 Parish Plan Implementation

There had been no further communication from Balestrand

It was noted that Action for Ulnes Walton had applied to LCC for assistance with core funding.

197/05 Air Ambulance

A letter had been received from Staffordshire County Council asking for support in lobbying Government to give support to the Air Ambulance service. It was agreed that before offering support the Air Ambulance should be contacted to ensure it was in line with their funding policy.

198/05 Chorley Borough Council – Area Forum

Members are asked to note that the first meeting has been arranged for the 23 March 2006 at 7.00 pm at Croston Old School. Further consideration will be given at the January meeting including the draft constitution which raised a number of questions.

199/05 Epiphany Service Blackburn Cathedral

Invitation to attend the Annual Service, the Parish Council would not be represented.

200/05 Storage of Parish Council Equipment and Records

At the last meeting Members were asked to give this matter some consideration as unfortunately the arrangements at the Wymott and Garth Club are proving difficult. It was agreed this should be kept under review.

201/05 Matters of Concern

a) Fly tipping

It was noted that some rubbish had been dumped along Holker Lane.

b) Advertising Signs

Members' attention was drawn to the new signs that had appeared on the Old School. It was agreed this should be discussed at the next meeting.

c) Ulnes Walton Lane

It was noted that a grid lid was missing near to Moss Lane

The cat's eyes were in a bad state of repair. It was questioned what LCC's responsibility was in terms of maintenance.

d) Village Partnership Project

A request had been received for someone to be allowed to speak to the Parish Council about the project. This was agreed.

202/05 Borough Councillors Report

There were no Borough Councillors present.

203/05 Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting should be convened for Monday 9 January 2006 at 7.30pm.

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