

**ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD 13 JUNE 2005**

In Attendance:

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

Also Present:

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

90/05 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs D Todd who was away on holiday and Cllr P Mortimer who was dealing with a mare in foal.

Apologies were also given by Borough Councillor Dickinson

91/05 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.

92/05 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of a meeting held on 9 May 2005 were accepted and signed as a true record.

93/05 Matters Arising on the Minutes (not elsewhere on the agenda)

- a) Appointment to LAPTIC Area Committee (Item 78/05)

The day of the meetings had been changed due to accommodation problems at the Town Hall.

- b) Prison Liaison Panel (Item 81/05e)

Lindsay Hoyle had written to the Borough asking that the matter be reconsidered.

- c) Workshop – Where to Put Renewable Energy In Chorley (Item 84/05)

Cllr Todd had attended the workshop and a further event in Blackpool both she had very interesting and requested that an item be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

- d) The Green Centre Business Plan –RCPT (Item 85/05)

It was understood that the grant to establish the new project had been awarded.

Although the intention was not to appoint a Trustee it was agreed the Members should be kept informed of progress. The Clerk remarked that since advising the decision correspondence had stopped.

- e) Review of Insurance Policy. (Item 88/05c)

The Clerk had made further enquires and was advised as this was a limited market little could be done.

94/05 Chairman's Expenses

Cllr Ormerod declared an interest in this item and left the room

The 2004/05 budget contained provision for Chairman's Expenses, as this was a new item it was resolved that the situation be reviewed at the financial year end. It was agreed that a payment of £50 be made to the Chairman and this be increased to £60 for the current year.

95/05 Extension to HMP Garth

An apology had been received for the delay in responding to correspondence but there was genuine reason for this.

It is understood the funding has been released for the extension to HMP Garth and work will be starting shortly. The contact from the Prison Authority is visiting on the 15 and 16 June 2005 and has offered to meet with representatives of the Parish Council to brief on progress and discuss any matters of concern, it was agreed that Cllrs Ormerod and Williams and the Clerk should attend.

In connection with the screening it was noted that the planting previously completed was unsatisfactory.

96/05 QP Investment Fund

The Clerk briefed on the progress made to spend the grant. The issue of preparation and production of the newsletter was presenting a problem, it was agreed this needed further thought.

It was agreed that a 50% up front payment be made to secure the loop system from the RNID.

The Clerk had been visited by an Inspector who was happy with progress being made.

97/05 Sand Extraction – Euxton

Euxton Parish Council has made a submission to Lancashire County Council (the relevant planning authority) a copy of which was circulated to Members. It was agreed that support be given to the comments raised by Euxton through a general letter but with strong emphasis on the issues that directly affect Ulmes Walton.

98/05 Litter Bins

Chorley Borough Council has allocated the Parish two new post mounted litter bins, Members were asked to consider where these may be best located. Whilst it was known there are several areas that litter accumulates no posts are available. It was agreed that one bin should be located in the lay-by at the north end of Ulmes Walton Lane and further enquires be made about the possibility of a post for one to be located near the entrance to Wymott Park.

99/05 Grass Cutting

An email received from Cllr Williams had been circulated and Members were asked to consider the best course of action. It was agreed that the Borough Council and County Council be contacted with a view to ascertaining what the schedule of cutting should be.

100/05 Matters Raised at the Parish Assembly Requiring Attention

The following issues were raised at the Parish Assembly, Members were requested to consider how best to deal with the matters.

a) Bus Shelter Southport Road

Problems were being experienced with youths congregating, using the shelter as a toilet and setting a fire. The Clerk had requested the Neighbourhood Warden to monitor the situation.

b) Ulmes Walton Lane

- Concern over the number of vehicles leaving the prison complex at speed and the considerable numbers of heavy vehicles despite the weight limit.
- Calls for a mobile speed camera along Ulmes Walton Lane.
- Speed limit sign on Ulmes Walton Lane damaged by a fallen tree.
- The cat's eyes along Ulmes Walton Lane needed to be replaced.

It was agreed that as there were a number of related issues the matter should be discussed with the Road Safety Partnership with a view to putting forward a package for inclusion in the LCC Business Plan.

- Concern over the danger to motorists and the horses by the carriage driving along the Lane.

This had been reported to the Borough but nothing could be done as the carriage had the same rights as any road user.

- Smell of sewage near to Marsh House.

It appeared some work had been completed so it was agreed to monitor the situation.

c) Allotments

A request was made after the meeting to consider the possibility of establishing some allotments within the parish. It was agreed that before proceeding with this demand should be ascertained through the newsletter.

101/05 Footpath – Ulmes Walton Lane

A letter received from Lindsay Hoyle MP had been circulated. It was agreed this should be included in the consideration of a package for the LCC Business Plan.

102/05 Borough/Parish Council's Liaison Meeting

Following representations made by the LAPTAC Area Committee about the content and delivery of the Liaison Meetings and questionnaire has been provided by the Chief Executive of Chorley Borough, Members were asked to respond accordingly.

103/05 Parish Plan Implementation

Members are asked to note progress made in implementing the actions from the Parish Plan, good progress had been made and discussion took place on the way forward with outstanding matters.

Cllr Williams left the meeting at this point

103/05 Planning

a) New Applications

Extension to stable block on land to the south of Garstangs Farm

It was felt that this represented over development on the small site; the lighting was inappropriate and the additional traffic would just add further to the congestion on Ulmes Walton Lane.

Lostock Bridge Farm

Two applications had been received after the agenda had been fixed, as such it was agreed that a special meeting be arranged to discuss.

b) New Housing Development - Glover Close Update on Progress

The matter was still with the Home Office Solicitors, it was hoped that work would commence at the end of July.

Wyre Housing had agreed to erect some bat boxes. It was further suggested that there may be opportunity for a workshop on bats.

104/05 Finance

Approval was given to the following expenditure

QPI Fund – Computer Shop £112.98 purchase of printer; RNID £673.57 half cost of loop system
Precept – John Bigland £60 audit fee (£50 had been agreed but due to the extra work £60 was more appropriate) L Rowett £479.39 salary for the month of May plus additional hours for Action for Ulmes Walton; Inland Revenue £135.20 Clerks tax element.

Audit of the Accounts for 2004/05. The Audit had been completed and there were no points arising. The Statement of Assurance was read out by the Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

105/06 Matters of Concern

a) The Mill

It was noted that additional lighting had been erected.

b) LAPTIC Conference

Cllr Ormerod briefed on his attendance at the LAPTIC Conference.

106/05 Borough Councillors Report

Borough Cllr Iddon asked that she be forwarded copies of comment made in relation to planning applications.

107/05 Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting should be convened for Monday 11 July 2005 at 7.30pm.

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