

ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD 14 MARCH 2005

In Attendance:

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

Also Present:

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

38/05 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P Mortimer who was otherwise engaged.

Apologies were also given by Borough Councillor Iddon

39/05 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.

Members were asked to note the content of a voluntary consultation document. It was agreed that individuals should respond as they felt necessary.

Concern was expressed about the amount of documentation that was being distributed that required considerable reading and comment.

40/05 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of a meeting held on 14 February 2005 were accepted and signed as a true record.

41/05 Matters Arising on the Minutes (not elsewhere on the agenda)

a) The Old School (Item 19/05)

A date had been arranged for the first consultation event – 23 April 2005. Unfortunately this did not fit in with the schedule for the next newsletter so it had been agreed that the Trustees produce a flyer to be distributed with other material.

b) Dog Nuisance (Item 20/05c)

The dog waste bin had still not materialised. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Chief Executive of Chorley Borough asking why and pointing out that this was another example of the lack of provision of services in rural areas.

c) Glover Close Development

It had been established that the development was subject to Section 106 compensation and the Clerk had written to Chorley Borough to request that the Parish Council be consulted in deciding how any forth coming funds be spent.

Further it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Residents Association enquiring if they would be interested in preparing an addendum to the Parish Plan for the Wymott Estate.

d) Boundary Signs (Item 25/05)

South Ribble Borough Council had finally issued the necessary licence and an application had been made to Awards for All for the necessary funding.

e) Hedge Opposite Nixon's Lane (Item 35/05b)

The hedge has now been cut.

f) Transfer of Doctors (Item 35/05d)

The Chairman had raised the matter at the Public and Patient Forum of the PCT and a response was awaited.

42/05 QP Investment Fund

The Clerk briefed on the progress being made to spend the grant. The purchase of a loop system was presenting a problem as the company who provide the equipment were unable to send a representative as they are so busy.

43/05 Road Safety Issues

a) Consultation on Proposed Road Safety Measures for Southport Road.

Following a meeting with representatives of the Parish Council in October 2004, detailed plans were drawn up by the County Council which have been released for public consultation. Members commented as follows –

The proposals are welcomed but it was felt that they do not go far enough to reduce the possibility of a serious accident, additional measures are required thus

- A speed limit of 30 mph would be preferred along the whole stretch and extended to New Lane, but traffic must be allowed to flow
- More attention was needed at the junctions to slow traffic down to allow safe joining
- A flashing sign would be preferable to highlight drivers speed

It was questioned what needed to be done to demonstrate the need for a pedestrian crossing near to Oakdene.

b) Ulnes Walton Lane – Norris's Farm

Several letters had been received from a resident expressing concern about the number of accidents occurring on the bend near Norris Farm. It was agreed these should be forwarded to the County Council and the Police asking for advice on what could be done.

It was suggested that the road needed remarking.

The Clerk commented that this could be an item that for inclusion in the LCC Business Plan, however the status of this scheme was not known. The two other items put forward had not been addressed and despite several requests for updates on progress nothing was forth coming. It was agreed that the County Champion Ron Pickup should be contacted.

44/05 The Green Centre

Considerable discussion took place on the request made by the Green Centre for financial support to allow the facility to continue. It was resolved that -

The Parish Council is unable to make any financial contribution to the Green Centre for 2005/06 as the budget has already been set for the year, the only way in which a donation can be made is by means of a Section 137 payment, so the earliest opportunity for considering a contribution will be in December of 2005.

Before supplying a letter of support a clearer indication of what exactly the Centre proposes to deliver in the village over the next twelve months is required.

Agreement to any long term commitment would necessitate the Members having sight a copy of the business plan.

45/05 Green Partnership Awards – Celebration of Achievement

The Clerk has been asked to attend a special lunch at County Hall on the 16 April 2005 to celebrate the achievement made through the receipt of a Green Partnership Award for the Willow Weaving Workshop. It was agreed in addition to the Clerk those taking part in the workshop should be invited to attend.

46/05 Parish Council/ Borough Liaison Meeting 20 January 2005

Members are asked to note the content of the letters received from the LAPTC Area Committee. It was agreed no further action be taken until the questionnaire mentioned is received.

Following the meeting a letter had already been sent outlining outstanding issues, including Planning Enforcement and delegation of the Prison Liaison Committee. It was agreed that if there is no reponse by the next meeting the matter should be referred to the ODPM.

47/05 Chorley Borough Council Draft Statement of Community Involvement

Members were asked to consider how to respond to the consultation document. The content was noted and it was agreed that there was a need to be involved when the time came.

48/05 Chorley Borough Council off Road Motorcycling Consultation Document

Members considered whether or not to respond to the consultation document, it was agreed that no comment was necessary.

49/05 Chorley Borough Council Draft Housing Strategy

Members considered how best to respond to the consultation document and it was agreed that Cllrs Ascroft and Mrs Todd should complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Council.

It was felt important that there should be collaboration.

50/05 Parish Assembly/Annual Meeting May 2005

Members gave consideration to the arrangements for the Parish Assembly. A number of possible speakers were suggested and it was agreed that pie and peas should be provided.

51/05 Parish Plan Implementation

a) Twinning

There had been no reply to the emails so the Clerk intended to write. Myerscough College had also offered to assist.

b) Members noted that the submission had been made by Action for Ulms Walton for a grant application to the LHI for the Wild Flower/Bee Project. A decision will be given in early April.

52/05 Planning

Approval had been given to the construction of a two story extension to the rear of Bullens Farm.

The proposed erection of stables at Ash House Farm had been refused.

53/05 Finance

Approval was given to the following items - L Rowett £71.75 - salary February; Inland Revenue £25.87 – clerks tax element; Ulnes Walton Charitable Fund - £72 room hire; Petty Cash £47.66. Quality Parish Investment Fund - £149.99 Office World cabinet; Hope Education – laminator £297.22; Hope Education £458.19 display boards.

A letter had been received from Lindsay Hoyle support the Councils feelings that the audit fee was too high and he had requested that the ODPM review the situation.

54/05 Matters of Concern

a) Prison Screening

The Clerk was requested to ascertain what progress was being made with the planting programme.

b) Rubbish Collection

It was noted that the rubbish bins on Southport Road were being left out without collection for unacceptable lengths of time.

c) The Old School

Concern had been expressed by a resident about the noise generated by certain users of the Old School. They had been asked to put their complaint in writing but this had not materialised.

55/05 Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Mrs Dickinson reported that rubbish bins were being stolen around the parishes.

56/05 Date and Time of Next Meeting

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

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