

ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD 14 NOVEMBER 2005

In Attendance:

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

Also Present:

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

162/05 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs E Doran who was away on holiday.

163/05 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 declarations at this stage.

164/05 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of a meeting held on 10 October 2005 were accepted and signed as a true record with a slight amendment to page 3.

165/05 Matters Arising on the Minutes (not elsewhere on the agenda)

a) Post Box, Southport Road (Item 148/05b)

The Royal Mail would be monitoring the usage of the box.

b) Local Road Safety Scheme – LCC Business Plan (Item 148/05d)

The correspondence sent to the County Council in relation to the horse signs had gone missing in the post so it had been forwarded again.

c) QPI Fund (Item 139/05)

The Portable Loop System had been returned by the RNID to the manufacturers.

d) LCC Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Development Framework (Item 155/05d)

Cllr Ascroft had commented plans were only being made available during normal working hours which would mean they were inaccessible to many people and suggested viewing on a Saturday morning.

e) Congregation of Dogs (Item 159/05a)

The matter had been referred to PC Plummer but there had been no response.

166/05 Youth Issues Wymott Estate

The Clerk briefed on action taken since the last meeting, in summary –

- PC Plummer had circulated a letter around the estate and this appeared to have had positive response and results.
- The LCC Youth Service had been contacted and they had agreed to try and work with the youths on the estate to establish what was needed and find some constructive activities. A two prong approach was being adopted with both the South Ribble and Chorley youth teams

being involved. It was agreed that the content of an email received from a Youth worker should at some stage be circulated around the Estate. It was further agreed that a letter be sent to the Youth Service thanking them for their initial efforts and offering to assist with their endeavours were possible.

It was noted that the Parish Council could not become directly involved as there was no child protection policy in place and Councillors would need CRB clearance. This also applied to Action for Ulmes Walton.

- Regarding Wymott Park as part of the investigation about maintenance arrangements it had been established that approx £18,000 had been awarded by the Countryside Agency to cover two years maintenance after completion of the work. It was not clear where this money had gone as Groundwork and Chorley Borough were under the impression it had been paid to the opposite number. It was agreed that a letter be sent to each party asking for an account of how the money had been expended as it was difficult to see what had been achieved.

Notes of a meeting between representatives of Chorley Borough, the Wymott Community Association (WECA) and Parish Council were circulated. It had been a very positive meeting and it had been agreed all three parties should work together to improve the facilities. The Clerk had been unable to contact the Open Spaces Coordinator to discuss the way forward but it was clear the initial step was for the Community Association to prepare a 'wish list'. It was suggested that a working group could be established to take the project forward.

167/05 Ulmes Walton Sculpture Trail

As part of ongoing discussions, the Home Office have offered to create a sculpture trail on the land surrounding HMP Wymott and Garth. The Officer dealing with the matter has requested ideas for designs; Members agreed that all the groups in the parish should be asked to put forward suggestion.

It was questioned what was happening regarding the planting of screening and the Clerk was requested to follow this matter up with the Prison Authority.

168/05 Presentation by Wyre Housing

To mark the building of low cost housing on Glover Close, a ceremony has been arranged for the 2 December 2005, at which Wyre Housing wish to present a cheque for £500 to the community. It was agreed the cheque should go to WECA for use as match funding for the development of Wymott Park.

169/05 Parish Cohesion

The date for the meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 7 December 2005 at 7.30 pm with the agenda comprising – Road Safety in particular Southport Road; Prison Liaison Panel; Control of Agricultural Developments; Borough Forums; Parish/Borough Liaison Meeting; Borough Charter; Audit Fees; Frequency of Meetings. The Penwortham by Pass was suggested as an item for a future meeting.

170/05 Chorley Borough Council – Area Forum

Letters from Chorley Borough were considered, Members noted the intention to proceed with the pilot scheme and although cynical about the benefits it was felt important to be represented.

It was agreed that a letter of welcome should be sent to the new Chief Executive and a meeting be requested as soon as practically possible to discuss the Quality Parish Status.

171/05 Lancashire Local

A letter received from County Councillor Hazel Harding and an extract from a consultation document were noted. It was felt that what was being proposed appeared little different from the Chorley Borough Area Forum and it was questioned why the two could not be combined. Concern was expressed over the time commitment that was expected from Members to attend these meetings. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk should formulate a response.

172/05 Planning

New Applications

- a) Wyevale Garden Centre, reorganisation of garden centre and relocation of house.
- The entrance is a notorious accident black spot, in order to accommodate the flow of traffic it is felt that a wider entrance is needed, the changes will inevitably result in additional amounts of through traffic and this situation needs to be addressed.
 - The parking currently available is insufficient to cope with demand, the plans appear to indicate status quo in terms of spaces available, this is unsatisfactory and will create problems unless more is provided.
 - The proposals do not give a clear indication as to the nature of screening this was felt to be important so as to ensure that a commercial frontage is not displayed close to the road.
 - There are a number of mature trees around the site that need to be preserved
- b) Gradwells – application for certificate of lawfulness for mobile home
Members felt that whilst the mobile home is located out of public view, now the property has changed hands with no connection to the caravan park, it is inappropriate for it to be leased as this is setting precedence for others.
- c) Mayors Nursery – new access to bungalow
It was clear there is a definite need for the new access and therefore there was no objection.

Decisions

Application for removal of agricultural occupancy restriction on the Homestead had been withdrawn.

173/05 Appeal Against LCC's Decision not to Provide a Bus Pass

The meeting was adjourned to allow a resident to speak.

Members noted papers from a resident of Southport Road who is appealing against LCC's decision not to allow his child a free bus pass. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the resident confirming the Parish Council's views that Southport Road is an unsafe route for pedestrians and that all children along this road should be granted free passes or a safe route accommodated.

Cllr Ascroft left the meeting at this point

174/05 Parish Plan Implementation

There had been no further contact from Balestrand. It was agreed the hotel should be contacted again by letter.

175/05 Finance

- Approval given – L Rowett salary for October £242.19, CPRE subscriptions - £17.50
- Monitoring and Budget 2005/06. the content of a monitoring statement was noted and a revised budget for 2005/06 would be presented to the next meeting along with proposals for 2006/07

176/05 Storage of Parish Council Equipment and Records

Unfortunately the arrangements at the Wymott and Garth Club are proving difficult, Members were asked to give the matter some thought for the next meeting.

177/05 Parish Council Website

An email received from the Chairman of the Ulnes Walton Fund Raisers was noted and it was agreed that Cllr Williams should make contact to discuss the matter further.

Cllr Williams left the meeting at this point

178/05 Action for Ulnes Walton Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Charity Commission regulations require that a Chairman be appointed to preside over this meeting and that person should preside over future AGM's. Permission was granted to appoint the Parish Council Chairman as the Chairman of this AGM and subsequent AGM's.

179/05 Meeting with Lindsay Hoyle MP

The content of a letter was noted and it was agreed to defer the matter to the next meeting.

180/05 Matters of Concern

a) Cyclist without Lights

Several cyclists had been spotted along Ulnes Walton Lane after dark without lights.

b) Overgrown Sign

It was noted that a chevron sign near to Ulnes Walton Bridge had become overgrown.

c) Advertising Signs

It was noted that there had been a couple of minor bumps neat to Ulnes Walton Bridge as a result of vehicles slowing to read advertising signs.

d) Road Safety

It was noted that there had been several replies to the questionnaire on Southport Road and three people had volunteered for the Ulnes Walton Lane working group but a few more were needed.

181/05 Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Iddon is attending a Waste Management Committee meeting and will collect relevant information.

182/05 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The date for the next Full Council meeting was agreed as Monday the 12 December 2005 at 7.30 pm.

It was further agreed that a meeting should take place on Monday 28 November 2005 to discuss parish projects and it was resolved that due to the legal and personal nature of the discussions that it should be confidential and members of the public excluded.

It was noted that the December meeting would be preceded by the Action for Ulnes Walton AGM.

Residents Surgery

The formal business having been concluded the meeting residents were allowed to speak.

a) Gas Pipe Warning Sign

It was noted the warning sign along Holker Lane had been damaged.

b) Speed Limit Signs

It was noted that several 40 mph signs along Ulnes Walton Lane had been damaged.

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