

**ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 11 DECEMBER 2006**

**In Attendance:**

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

**Also Present:**

Mrs L Rowett (Clerk)  
4 residents and 2 Borough Councillor

**170/06 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Ascroft and Cllr Mortimer both were involved with unexpected business commitments.

**171/06 Declaration of Interest**

Members were asked to consider any personal/prejudicial interests to disclose in respect of any matters under consideration. Cllr Doran declared an interest in the item relating to planning.

**172/05 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Minutes of a meeting held on 13 November 2006 were accepted and signed as a true record.

**173/06 Matters Arising on the Minutes (not elsewhere on the agenda)**

a) Bus Shelter Southport Road (Item 161a)

As there had been no feedback from Chorley Borough the matter had been refereed to Cllr Iddon.

b) Car Parking Leyland Lane (Item 161b)

The matter had been referred to the Area Sgt for attention but the situation needed to be monitored.

c) Post Box – Willow Road (Item 168d)

The post box had been blown up by a firework and had now been replaced.

d) Waste Bin – Glover Close (Item 168e)

The matter had been refereed to Cllr Iddon.

**174/06 Review of Parish Plan**

Following the discussion with Finlay Hodge and further advice from Community Futures it agreed to make application for the current funding available to enable a review to be completed and that a new Steering Group should be established to deliver the exercise.

**175/06 Road Safety Issues**

a) Road Safety Group

The Group Chairman reported on recent progress including the distribution of leaflets. He had also recently attended the Lancashire Local Highways Budget Sub Committee and successfully lobbied for the allocation of funding for the provision of white lines and cats eyes on Ulnes Walton Lane.

Correspondence was presenting a problem due to the Clerk having to sign letters etc. It was agreed that the group should have its own letter head but with a statement making clear the connection to the Parish Council. Correspondence would still need to be cleared with the Clerk.

b) Speed Indicator Devices (SPIDS)

**Cllr Mortimer arrived at this point**

Whilst it was considered a good idea in principle a number of problems were foreseen and it was felt the cost was prohibitive it was therefore resolved at this stage the Parish Council could not be part of the initiative.

**176/06 Multi User Track (Ulmes Walton Trail)**

The Clerk and Chairman briefed on the recent meeting with the Home Office and LCC. Significant progress had been made and it was hoped the appropriate planning application would be submitted shortly. It had been made clear that the project was now in the public domain and was being discussed at senior levels in both the Borough and County Council. A letter is anticipated confirming the Home Office commitment to the project and detail of the in-kind contribution. Once the planning consent is approved and the letter received work can commence on securing funding.

The costings provided by Interserve were currently being revised by the LCC Engineers as it was considered that some of the work may not be necessary.

The project had been on the agenda for the recent Lancashire Local and the PC Chairman had been given to opportunity to speak.

**177/06 Finance**

- a) Approval of Expenditure – approval was given as per the circulated schedule. L Rowett £426.74
- b) Draft Budget 2007/2008. Consideration was given to the draft figures circulated, some amendments were suggested and based on an interim calculation made at the meeting, it was resolved that the precept be increased by 6.25% on 2006/07 subject to verification of the figures by the Clerk for the January meeting. This increase would result in a total precept of £4250.

**178/06 Dog Waste Bin**

Having given consideration to the budget it was agreed that the dog waste bin on Willow Road should remain and the Parish Council would meet half the cost of emptying, estimated to be approx £70 per annum.

**179/06 Planning**

*Cllr Doran declared an interest in the following item and took no part in the discussion.*

New Application - Removal of Agricultural Restriction Order from the Homestead Holker Lane  
There was no objection provided the correct procedures had been followed.

**180/06 Chorley Area Forum**

Member noted the content of a letter from Cllr Doreen Dickinson containing feedback from the September meeting of the Area Forum. It was felt the response to the question regarding advertising placards was not satisfactory and some evidence of action taken was required.

**181/06 Meeting with the Governor of HMP Garth and Proposed Meeting with the Governor of HMP Wymott**

The recent meeting between representatives of the Parish Council, the new Governor Terry Williams and other members of staff from HMP Garth had proved very productive.

Arrangements for a similar meeting with the Governor of HMP Wymott had been made for the 15 January 2007 at 9.30 am.

**181/06 Wymott Park**

The grant application had been completed and signed by the Chairman. It had been envisaged that the External Funding Officer at Chorley Borough would review the application before submission in particular the budget, however due to her taking compassionate leave this was not possible. The Clerk was concerned about the budgeting aspects and asked it be recorded that if there should be any omissions from the calculations she should not be held responsible.

**182/06 Police Issues**

There were no issues of note at this stage.

**183/06 Lancashire Civic County Epiphany Service**

Invitation to attend the above service on Sunday 14 January 2007 at 6.30pm at Blackburn Cathedral - no interest.

**184/06 Matters of Concern**

a) New Housing Glover Close

It was noted that the fencing that had been damaged during the construction work had not been repaired.

b) Post Box – Gilsons

It was noted that the post box was still being obstructed and it was suggested that the Royal Mail be asked to consider moving the box to a more suitable location.

**185/06 Borough Councillors Report**

a) New Housing Glover Close

It was questioned if the Parish Councillors were aware of what criteria had been used to allocate the housing as it appeared the recommendations may not have been followed.

b) Gully Cleaning

Opinion was sought on the frequency and schedule for cleaning of gullies.

**186/06 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

It was agreed the next meeting should be convened for Monday 8 January 2007 at 7.30pm.

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