

ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 10 December 2007 at the Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton @ 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr D Ormerod (in the Chair), Cllr E Doran, Cllr D Todd, Cllr D Williams, Cllr G Gill and Cllr B Pickthall

In Attendance: A Partington (Clerk), CBM C Plummer, Bgr Cllr M Iddon and 5 Members of the Public

189/07 Apologies

None.

190/07 Declaration of Interest

Cllr D Todd and Cllr E Doran declared a personal interest in relation to agenda item 201/07. Both Councillors are members of the Ulnes Walton Woman's Institute.

Cllr E Doran declared a prejudicial interest in relation to agenda item 199/07.

191/07 Minutes of Last Council Meeting

RESOLVED: Full Council Meeting minutes of 12 November 2007 were accepted as being an accurate record of the meeting with the exception of two amendments; agenda item 175/01 the reference to CBO to be amended to CBM and agenda item 187/01 the spelling of the word kerbs to be amended to curbs. The copy was amended by hand and the Chair signed the minutes on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Council agreed to adjourn the Parish Council Meeting to allow public participation.

192/07 Residents Surgery

No items were raised.

193/07 Reports from Community Groups

Road Safety Group

The Road Safety Group has not had occasion to meet recently. Cllr Pickthall reported that a mobile SPID was secured for several days from CBC and sited on Ulnes Walton Lane, near the Old School in an effort to reduce vehicle speeds. Road safety issues were raised regarding parked vehicles at the mini roundabout junction of Leyland Lane and Southport Road. The CBM has been advised of this issue and will follow up accordingly.

Parish Plan Steering Group

Minutes of the Parish Plan Steering Group Meeting held on 14 November 2007 were received. The next meeting of the Parish Plan Steering Group is scheduled for 9 January 2008. The Chair raised a potential issue regarding the composition of the Parish Plan Steering Group in terms of representation; now Cllr Pickthall is a Member of the Parish Council. For further discussion and consideration at a future meeting.

The Community Well being Day held on 28 October 2007 was considered to be an excellent health display/exhibition, but was extremely disappointing in terms of the numbers of public who attended.

Consideration is to be given to arranging a display/event from an outside body for the 2008 AGM. The Community First Responder Team was suggested as a possibility.

194/07 Borough Councillors Update

Bgr Cllr D Dickinson sent her apologies for absence.

Bgr Cllr M Iddon advised that a copy of the Central Lancashire Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper 2 paper has been issued to the Parish Council. The document is part of the process of setting a strategy for development for the area for the foreseeable future and Cllr Iddon urges everyone who is able to read the document and express their opinions on the options put forward.

Bgr Cllr M Iddon advised that a copy of a press release issued by David Borrow, MP re the Penwortham Bypass has been provided to the Parish Council.

195/07 Police Update

Crimes and incidents within the parish of Ulnes Walton for the period 1 November to 30 November 2007 were discussed. Incidents included theft of garden ornaments, theft of clothes, general disturbances and two non-injury road accidents on Holker Lane and Ulnes Walton Lane. The CBM is to arrange for a supply of bogus crime leaflets to be issued to the Parish Council for circulation with a future Newsletter.

The Council agreed to re-convene the Parish Council Meeting to continue with Parish Council business.

196/07 **Planning**

The Chair raised the subject of developing a Planning Committee to consider planning applications where the consultation timeframe falls outside normal Parish Council Meeting calendar dates. Recommendations are to be submitted to a future meeting for consideration. The Chair advised that the Showground application was an example of such an occurrence. A summary of observations was submitted to CBC on the Parish Council's behalf. The Clerk was asked to summarise the observations submitted: -

07/01183/FUL – Showground, Moss Lane, Ulnes Walton

Formation of all weather riding arena (70m x 45m).

- No hedgerows are to be destroyed or damaged to facilitate the development.
- Floodlighting/illumination is not applicable, with the development being within the green belt.
- Concerns raised regarding the potential increase in traffic the new all weather-riding arena may bring with increased usage and the potential road safety issues this may lead to.
- Concern raised regarding the potential need to extend and/or improve the current parking facilities. Views from the Riding Club were sought. It is felt that the use of Moss Lane as an overflow car park should not be an option. Motorists parking on Moss Lane do not always considerately park and in the past this has caused access problems to and from the Wymott Estate and the prison service roads.
- Concern raised about the potential to use the arena for other activities outside of the equestrian scope, such as car boot sales.
- Concern raised re the potential for vandalism/unauthorised activity, whilst the arena is not in use.

The Parish Council considered the following application: -

07/01197/FULMAJ – H M Prison Wymott, Moss Lane, Ulnes Walton

Erection of 64-place prisoner block with ancillary soft tarmac multi court exercise area, extension to staff car park and provision of additional visitors car parking spaces.

The Parish Council discussed the development and in particular concern was raised re the lack of an internal fence between the new prisoner block and the outer perimeter fence. The Parish Council considers this to be a security hazard as prisoners potentially have direct access to the outer perimeter fence. Secondly, there is no internal fencing control to segregate prisoners in the event of a riot/emergency. The Clerk was instructed to object to the application based on the observations made. The Parish Council has no comments on the extension to the staff car park and provision of additional visitor car parking spaces.

197/07 **Finance**

197.1/07 Payments

It was **RESOLVED** to pay the following payments. Cllr E Doran and Cllr D Todd inspected the invoices and signed the cheques on behalf of the Parish Council.

Value	To	Description
£47.90	Royal Mail Group plc	Re-direction of PC Mail
£183.01	A Partington	Salary for November 2007
£51.48	Inland Revenue	Tax Deducted from AJP for November 2007
£13.24	A Partington	Reimbursements for November 2007

It was noted that the cheque for Royal Mail Group Plc (listed above) had been signed on 22.11.07 by Cllrs D Ormerod and Cllrs D Todd to facilitate the application.

197.02/07 Financial Monitoring Statement

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the monitoring statement for period ended 10.12.07 and the Chairman signed the copy on behalf of the Parish Council.

198/07 **Bi Election Expenses**

Members were asked to consider a schedule of charges for the bi-election held in November 2007 issued by Chorley Borough Council in the sum of £1,515.00. Members were also asked to consider the payment proposal made by CBC to invoice the fee in two parts – 50% in the 2007/08 financial year and 50% in the 2008/09 financial year. **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council considered and accepted the fee and payment proposal and asked the Clerk to liaise with CBC accordingly.

199/07 **Correspondence**

A list of correspondence received from 13.11.07 to 10.12.07 was tabled to the meeting. Members discussed the following specific pieces of correspondence:

- (i) Chorley Borough Council (Jane Meek) re Advertising in the Parish of Ulnes Walton – Members

considered the response received and acknowledged that LCC Highways have been contacted to remove any unlawful signage from the highway verges on Ulmes Walton Lane and Southport Road. Once the sweep has been undertaken, the CBC Enforcement Officers will deal with any signage left. The Parish Council suggested that an invitation be extended to CBC Enforcement to attend a future Parish Council Meeting to gain clarity on how they will monitor and control the issue of unlawful signs and the timeframes involved going forward. Further it was suggested that it would be beneficial for Enforcement to outline the regulations governing roadside advertising whether they be in the verges or land adjoining the verges. The Clerk is to liaise with CBC accordingly.

A view was expressed that roadside advertising is vitally important for local businesses to survive in the village.

The Chair reminded Members that roadside signage/advertisements are governed by planning regulations and the Parish Council could not endorse any illegal advertising.

- (ii) Chorley Borough Council – It was noted that training on Development Control and Probity is to be held at the Town Hall on 19 December 2007. Three Councillors and the Clerk agreed to attend.
- (iii) The Cathedral Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, Blackburn – Lancashire Civic County Epiphany Service to be held at Blackburn Cathedral on 13.01.08. The Clerk was asked to decline with thanks.
- (iv) Central Lancashire (Preston City/CBC/SRBC) – Core Strategy Issues and Options 2 Paper. Several members had reviewed the document that outlines options for new growth and investment over the next 20 years. Members noted the document fails to address key issues such as the infrastructure for schools, dentists and doctors to support the growth. The consultation process closes on 14.12.07.
- (v) Lancashire County Council – Lancashire Climate Change Strategy & Action Plan – Consultation Draft. Cllr Williams confirmed he had reviewed the document but felt the paper lacked consideration to issues such as local nuclear power stations at Heysham and Sellafield. The consultation process closes on 14.01.08. Members agreed to include this item on the next agenda to give other Members the opportunity to review the document before submitting comments on behalf of the Parish Council.

Members generally felt that future consultation documents need to be summarised and clearer for readers to review. Some members felt it was unrealistic to expect parish councils to consider such documents within the limited consultation periods. Members requested that an item be included on the next agenda to confirm that consultation papers will not be considered at future meetings unless they are specifically important/relative to the parish.

- (vi) Action For Ulmes Walton – request for information re the formation of a project management team. Members noted this request had been received following a letter to AFUW enlisting their support for a project management team for the Ulmes Walton Trail. The request should have only requested support for a team to deal with the 'Gallop' section of the project only. The Clerk was asked to forward a communication clarifying the misunderstanding and to further advise that UW Bridleway Association have expressed their willingness and interest to take the initiative forward. It was noted the Parish Council are happy to support this part of the project, as long as there is no charge on the Parish Council.
- (vii) Chorley Borough Council (*For Information*) - Chorley Standards Board Parish Council Mentoring – It was noted that CBC wish to raise the awareness of the Chorley Standards Committee and has assigned a member of the Standards Committee to each Parish Council. The person assigned to Ulmes Walton Parish Council is Cllr Alan Cain.
- (viii) Chorley Borough Council (*For Information*) - Chorley Sustainable Community Strategy 2007 – it was noted the document outlines the key priorities for the Chorley Partnership over the coming years and vision for Chorley over the next 20 years. No action required by the Parish Council.

Cllr E Doran left the room at this stage of the meeting, having declared a prejudicial interest in relation to agenda item 199/07.

199/07 Holker Lane

Members considered a communication and quotation from LCC Highways on an alternative solution to the existing concrete blocks in the passing places on Holker Lane. The cost of £700 was quoted to install 25 plastic marker posts. LCC consider that the marker posts are the only available alternative, as they would not cause damage if hit by vehicles. Members were not in favour of this solution and instructed the Clerk to write to all residents on Holker Lane to advise them of the position and to include the matter on the next agenda.

Cllr E Doran returned to the meeting.

200/07 Rev Dr Charles Layfield Charitiy

The Parish Council ratified the position of Mr J McKie to act as a Trustee of the Rev Dr Charles Layfield Charity with effect from 1 October 2007 for four years for the benefit of Ulnes Walton.

201/07 Ulnes Walton WI

Members were advised that Ulnes Walton Woman's Institute wishes to enter a national competition which involves the design and printing of a leaflet to provide further interest on a local walk and are seeking the agreement of the Parish Council to the trail being the subject of the leaflet. The Parish Council agreed to fully support Ulnes Walton WI on this initiative.

202/07 Wyre Housing Association

Members requested the Clerk to contact Wyre Housing Association to ascertain their lettings policy criteria and whether local residents are prioritised in terms of the waiting list for vacant properties. The Clerk to also establish whether there is a current waiting list for local people to apply.

203/07 Lancashire Youth Service

Contact with the Lancashire Youth Service is to be postponed until after the Parish Plan Steering Group have had chance to consider the subject matter.

204/07 Matters of Concern

A member raised the issue of a blocked ditch on Ulnes Walton Lane. The matter had previously been raised and discussed and advices received from Lancashire County Council indicated it was the landowner's duty to clear the blockage.

Cllr Williams advised that he would be relinquishing responsibility for the Parish Council's web site with effect from the February 2008 parish council meeting. The matter will be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

205/07 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is Monday 14 January 2008, commencing at 7.30 pm at the Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Signed:

Dated: