

# ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 10 March 2008 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 B Pickthall and Cllr G Gill (*from agenda item 053/08 onwards*)

**In Attendance:** A Partington (Clerk), CBM C Plummer and Bgr Cllr D Dickinson.

**048/08 Apologies**

None.

**049/08 Declaration of Interest**

None.

**050/08 Minutes of Last Council Meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Full Council Meeting minutes of 11 February 2008 were accepted as being an accurate record of the meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Council **RESOLVED** to adjourn the Parish Council Meeting to allow public participation.

**051/08 Residents Surgery**

None

**052/08 Borough Councilors Update**

Cllr Iddon sent her apologies for absence. The Clerk reminded residents of the Environment Agency drop in being held on 14<sup>th</sup> March at Croston Community Centre to demonstrate home flood defense measures. The event will start with a presentation and thereafter residents will have the ability to discuss issues directly with Environment Agency personnel and United Utilities personnel also.

**053/08 Police Update**

- CBM C Plummer provided a summary of the crimes and incidents that had occurred during the last month in the parish of Ulnes Walton, which included 2 burglaries, 1 assault and 2 road accidents.
- The police will continue to monitor the lay byes on Ulnes Walton Lane for vehicles with no road tax (two recently reported) and vehicles with for sale signs attached.
- CBM Plummer reported that there has recently been an increase in the number of crimes committed locally by bogus officials in surrounding villages and provided examples of incidents in Heskin, Croston and Eccleston.
- Members are concerned regarding the increased parking on the junction of Southport Road and Leyland Lane and the potential road safety hazard for other road users and pedestrians. It was reported that car transporters have been obstructing the pavement whilst loading and unloading vehicles. CBM Plummer to follow the matter up.
- Cllr Pickthall enquired if the mobile speed camera and laser gun could be used in the village. CBM Plummer confirmed the laser speed gun was currently away for calibration, but that she would contact the Enforcement Officer re the use of the mobile speed camera.

Members agreed to discuss agenda item 061.03/08 whilst the meeting was adjourned to gain the views of CBM Plummer.

**061.03/08 - Holker Lane**

This matter was raised following complaints received from residents regarding the increase in traffic on the lane and discourteous road users. Members felt that the discourteous road users were predominantly HMPS personnel based at Garth and Wymott. CBM Plummer offered to raise the issue on her forthcoming visit to Garth.

CBM C Plummer left the meeting at this point.

Cllr G Gill left the meeting at this point.

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

**054/08 Planning**

Members considered the following planning applications: -

**08/00154/FUL – HMP Garth, Moss Lane**

Installation of a 1.8m (in diameter) satellite dish affixed onto the east elevation of the old kitchen block, via a wall mount.

Members had no comments on this application.

08/00102/FUL – Blythewood, Ridley Lane  
Erection of two-storey side extension.  
Members had no comments on this application.

08/00212/FUL – HMP Garth, Moss Lane  
Erection of two CCTV camera columns.  
Members had no comments on this application.

Cllr G Gill returned to the meeting.

08/00128/FUL – Royal Umpire Caravan Park, Southport Road  
Proposed new managers dwelling (re-submission of 07/00987/FUL)  
Members discussed the application and **RESOLVED** to oppose the application on the grounds of over development in a green belt area and not fitting in with the local plan.

**055/08 Finance**

**055.1/08 Payments**

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

Value	To	Description
£214.57	Clerk	Salary for February 2008 + Back Pay
£60.52	Inland Revenue	Tax Deducted from Clerk for February 2008 + Back Pay
£9.71	Clerk	Reimbursements for February 2008

**055.02/08 Financial Monitoring Statement**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the monitoring statement for period ended 10.03.08 and the Chairman signed the copy on behalf of the Parish Council.

**056/08 Correspondence**

A list of correspondence received from 11.02.08 to 10.03.08 was tabled to the meeting for information. The Clerk highlighted the salient pieces of correspondence. A communication from SELRAP is to be included on the next agenda and the notification of the Euxton Quarry planning inquiry is to be included on the web site with a link to Euxton Parish Council's web page.

**057/08 Reports from Committees**

**Road Safety Group**

Cllr Pickthall suggested the road safety leaflets be circulated with the next edition of the newsletter. Cllr Pickthall reported that a reduction of the speed limit on Southport Road continues to be pursued. As part of the national review of speed limits on all A and B roads, Chorley is currently being reviewed.

**Planning Committee**

Nothing to report.

**Parish Plan Steering Group**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2008 were tabled and received.

**058/08 Ulnes Walton Trail**

Members discussed the current situation of the trail and options for progressing the project. Cllr Ormerod confirmed LCC remain committed to continuing with the trail and summarised an email received from them.

The Clerk confirmed that following discussions with Chorley Council, the S106 funds (approximately £5K) are still available for the project.

The Clerk further advised that a call has been received from Nigel Roocroft from HMP Garth regarding the hand over of the sculptures. It was agreed the Clerk would call back and advise that the Parish Council will be happy to arrange a handover ceremony once the position with LCC is settled.

Cllr Gill kindly offered to undertake some ground work on the trail and the Council asked if that offer could be taken up at a later date. Amendment: raised at Parish Council Meeting on 14.04.08 – Cllr Gill advised that the ground work was not able to be undertaken until the gates were repaired.

The Parish Council agreed to wait until the next meeting to await a formal response from LCC before making any decision on the way forward.

**059/08 Wymott Park**

Members discussed the current situation of the project and options for progressing the project.

The Clerk confirmed that following discussions with Chorley Council, the S106 funds (approximately £5K) are still available for the project.

Cllr D Williams re-affirmed his willingness to work on the project and agreed to review the project, do some research and liaise with Cllr Pickthall regarding the responses from the parish plan to gain a strength of feeling regarding the need and desire for enhanced facilities at the park for the youth and younger children.

Discussion ensued on LCC's Youth Services and the potential to get them involved in the project and their potential streams of funding for sports schemes via an organisation called Lollipop.

**060/08 LAPTC Meeting**

Cllrs Todd and Doran attended the meeting held on 25.02.08 and provided Members with salient updates: -

- It was noted that the next Lancashire Local would be held on 26.03.08.
- Members of the LAPTC (Chorley Committee) had been asked to consider a proposal put forward by an organisation called Peninsula who provide a personnel and employment law service. The Clerk advised that advice of this nature could be sought from NALC and SLCC. Members briefly considered the proposal, but agreed not to pursue the matter any further.
- It was noted that the Charnock Richard motorway entries/exits would shortly be closed.
- Chorley Council has agreed to pay for any entry fees for Parish Councils entering the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition.

**061/08 Highway Matters in Ulnes Walton**

061.01/08 The Clerk updated Members on communications sent to/from Lancashire Highways in relation to various highway issues reported in Ulnes Walton that require actioning. It was pleasing to note that many of the items raised are progressing. The communication received from LCC re the quiet lane status of Holker Lane was discussed. It was agreed the matter would be included on the next agenda.

061.02/08 Following the advices at the previous meeting regarding the need for speed repeater signs at the Leyland end of Ulnes Walton Lane, the Parish Council ratified the requested and requested the Clerk to liaise with Lancashire Highways.

061.03/08 This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

**062/08 Lancashire Local – Highways Fund 2008/09**

Members were asked to put forward possible highway schemes to be considered for the Lancashire Local Highways Budget. It was agreed that the following items would be submitted: -

- i) Ulnes Walton Lane / Moss Lane junction – request for additional direction signs.
- ii) Leyland Lane/Southport Road junction – measures to prevent pavement parking.

**063/08 Public Footpath # 8**

Members considered the communication from The Ramblers Association (Chorley Group) re the completion of Evidence of Use Forms re public footpath #8. It was agreed to put the form on the web site for residents to download and complete if required. Cllr Ormerod advised Members that he had raised the issue of the Public Footpath Creation and Extinguishment Order in relation to footpath # 8 at the last Lancashire Local and that the County Secretary and Solicitor is to provide an update at the next Lancashire Local meeting scheduled for 26.03.08.

**064/08 CPRE**

Members considered membership to the CPRE and agreed to defer this matter to the next financial year - 2009/2010.

**065/08 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition**

Members considered and decided not to enter the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition for 2008.

**066/08 Calor Gas Village Competition**

Members considered entry to the Calor Gas Village Competition. The Clerk was requested to circulate papers to Members and include on the next agenda.

**067/08 Letter from Euxton Parish Council re S106 Funding**

Members considered a communication from Euxton Parish Council regarding S106 monies. Members concurred with Euxton Parish Council's comments and agreed to write to Chorley Council to support the recommendations for consultation with Parish Councils re S106 monies.

**068/08 NALC Conference**

Members considered attendance at the NALC Conference and taking into account the potential cost,

agreed not to send representation on this occasion.

**069/08 LCC Parish Charter (Parish Planning Seminar)**

Members considered representation at the LCC Parish Charter scheduled to take place at County Hall on 12.04.08. Cllr D Ormerod confirmed he would attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

**070/08 Chorley Civic Society**

Members consider nominations for the 2008 Chorley Civic Awards. Suggestions included Trustees of the Old School for the renovation work undertaken on the School and Action for Ulmes Walton for the Hedgerows/Wildflower Projects. The Clerk is to ascertain whether they wish applications to be submitted.

**071/08 Chorley Partnership**

It was **RESOLVED** to put forward Cllr D Ormerod as a representative to stand for election for a board member of Chorley Partnership for 2008 to 2010.

**072/08 Chairman of the Parish Council**

It was **RESOLVED** to rotate the role of Chairman on an annual frequency. Discussion ensued on the role of Vice Chairman and the possibility that the Vice Chairman would also rotate on an annual basis and become the Chairman for the ensuing year. Members were asked to put forward their names to the Clerk if they wished to hold the office of Chairman from May 2008.

**073/08 Exclusion of Press and Public**

It was **RESOLVED** pursuant to section 1(1), 1(2) and 1(3) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and defined in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, to exclude the press and public from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted in agenda item 074/08.

**074/08 Employee Matters**

Both the Clerk and the Parish Council agreed the content of the Clerk's Contract of Employment and Job Description. The Clerk is to look into a health and safety check on the Parish Council's equipment used at the Clerk's home. It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman would sign the contract of employment on behalf of the Parish Council.

**075/08 Date of Next Meeting**

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

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....