

## ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 10 November 2008 at the Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton @ 7.30 pm.

**Present:** Cllr D Williams, Cllr D Todd, Cllr E Doran, Cllr B Pickthall, Cllr D Ormerod and Cllr G Gill  
**In Attendance:** A Partington (Clerk), Borough Cllr S Moulton, Borough Cllr D Dickenson and two members of the Public.

The Chairman asked Members to note that there was a correction to the agenda in relation to agenda item 206/08 Planning. The application listed under 206.2/08 (07/00136/CLEUD) should be listed under 206.1/08 as a decision advised by Chorley Council and is therefore not an application for consideration.

**200/08 Apologies**  
None.

**201/08 Declaration of Interest**  
Cllr D Ormerod declared a personal interest in relation to agenda item 212/08 regarding the Pumping House on Southport Road as his property is adjacent to the location noted.

**202/08 Minutes of Last Council Meeting**  
It was **RESOLVED** that the Full Council Meeting minutes of 13 October 2008 were accepted as being an accurate record of the meeting and the Chairman signed the minutes on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

**203/08 Residents Surgery**  
No matters raised.

**204/08 Borough Councilors Update**  
No matters raised.

**205/08 Police Update**  
Apologies were offered by CBM C Plummer who was not able to attend the meeting, but had provided the Clerk with a report of the crimes and incidents in Ulnes Walton between 01.10.08 and 31.10.08. In summary these comprised of two burglaries (Glover Close and Leyland Lane) and the following on Ulnes Walton Lane; stolen car, two stolen trailers, damage to a wing mirror on a vehicle and two minor road accidents.

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

**206/08 Planning**  
206.1/08 Members noted the following planning decisions as advised by Chorley Council:

Application #	Decision	Location	Proposed Development
08/00950/FUL	Planning Permission Granted	Moyne House, 367 Southport Road	Erection of 3 stables with store/tack room and sand paddock.
07/00136/CLEUD	Certificate of Lawful Use Granted	Dalbank, Ulnes Walton Lane	Certificate of Lawfulness in respect of the repair of agricultural vehicles trailers, cars and commercial vehicles.

A Member felt that planning application 08/00950/FUL had progressed through the planning process quickly and requested relevant enquiries be made. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council had submitted comments on this application at the very end of the 8 week target period in which the District Council must respond in.

206.2/08 As advised at the commencement of the meeting, there was a correction to the agenda in relation to agenda item 206/08 Planning – details of which are noted above. No applications were considered.

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

At this point of the meeting, due to the late arrival of a member of the public, it was necessary for the Chairman to reiterate the statement made at the commencement of the meeting concerning the correction on the agenda re item 206.2/08 re planning application 07/00136/CLEUD. The member of the public asked the meeting to note that the address noted on the agenda was incorrect. The Certificate of Lawful Use has been issued in relation to Dalbank, and not Laurel Bank which is the applicant's address.

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

**207/08 Finance**

**207.1/08 Payments**

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

Value	Payable To	Description
£192.29	A Partington	Salary for October 2008
£48.00	Inland Revenue	Tax for October 2008
£60.81	A Partington	Reimbursements for October 2008

**207.2/08 Monitoring Statement**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the monitoring statement for the period to 10 November 2008 and the Chairman signed the copy on behalf of the Parish Council.

**208/08 Correspondence**

A list of correspondence received from 14.10.08 to 10.11.08 was tabled to the meeting.

Members noted that the Parish Council had been invited by ACRP to attend a public meeting on 13.11.08 at the Old School House, Croston to discuss the Preston to Ormskirk Railway Line.

Members were asked to note that the Parish Council had received a consultation document on the Central Lancashire Preferred Core Strategy and the response deadline was 19.12.08. Cllr Ormerod offered to review the document and provide a report to the next meeting.

**109/08 Ulnes Walton Community Group**

Members **RESOLVED** not to appoint a representative from the Parish Council to attend Ulnes Walton Community Group meetings. Thanks were expressed to the group for their consideration.

**210/08 Bus Services**

Members discussed the possibility of a direct bus service to Chorley. Cllr Pickthall advised that the Parish Plan Review Group had written to Lancashire County Council earlier in the year to request a direct bus service to Chorley, but had been refused due to funding.

Cllr Todd and Cllr Doran advised that one of the items raised at the last LALC Chorley Area Committee meeting was the subject of rural public transportation and the introduction of a full bus tracking system. Julian Jackson has agreed to investigate the matter and revert back to LALC Chorley Area Committee in due course with a plan on how rural public transportation could be improved.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would look at this subject matter collectively whether it be the bus services, train services, Dial a Ride, Red Rose Runner or Patient Transfer early in 2009. Consideration is also to be given to inviting Julian Jackson to a future Parish Council Meeting and/or raising the profile of the issue with the Lancashire Locals. It was **RESOLVED** the matter would be included on either the January/February agenda.

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

Borough Cllr D Dickinson advised that she had recently been contacted by a resident from Wymott to advise that she was not happy with the recent changes to the Blue Bus service timetable. Borough Cllr D Dickinson is to continue discussions with the resident.

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

**211/08 Ulnes Walton Lane**

A Member raised the issue of vehicles parking on Ulnes Walton Lane over the kerb and the potential road safety issues this has on other road users, especially drivers of large vehicles. It was noted that at the last meeting CBM Plummer had offered to monitor the position and speak with owners of vehicles if necessary.

A Member raised the issue of overhanging hedges/trees onto the public highway/paths on Ulnes Walton Lane. The Member provided examples of locations on the lane where hedges/trees were protruding onto the public highway/path and made address to a resident who was in attendance at the meeting concerning overhanging trees and hedges from his property.

It was **RESOLVED** that an article be included in the next newsletter to inform residents about the safety hazards and possible consequences of not attending to trees and hedges that overhang onto the public highways and paths.

A Member raised a query concerning the legality of grass verges outside of residential properties which are owned by LCC being incorporated, in some instances, as part of gardens/frontage.

**212/08 Pumping House, Southport Road**

This matter was brought to the Parish Council's attention by a resident raising concern about the dreadful condition of the Pumping House on Southport Road and also the condition of the overgrown hedges/trees on the public footpath which runs along side the Pumping House. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council should write to United Utilities to request that the Pumping House be regularly maintained and inspected and that the public footpath # 10 be reported to LCC Countryside Agency to raise the issues concerning the condition of the footpath. The Clerk is to feedback the outcome of this item to the resident.

**213/08 Newsletter**

Members discussed and considered the production of the next newsletter together with suggested articles. It was **RESOLVED** the cost of printing/folding the newsletter in the sum of £20.00 be approved. The newsletter is to be ready for distribution by early December. Cllr D Williams advised Members that he is investigating the possibility of creating a Scout Group in Ulnes Walton and is looking to generate interest from residents in the village. In that regard, Members agreed a leaflet/letter would be included in the newsletter and confirmed they would be happy to receive responses from residents and pass them to Cllr Williams. Cllr Ormerod suggested that he could include a health update from NHS Central Lancashire together with a copy of their current Community Engagement Newsletter.

**214/08 Planning Matrix**

Cllr D Ormerod presented an updated planning matrix for the Parish Council's consideration. Cllr Ormerod provided explanation that the current matrix has been used for some time by the Parish Council in considering planning applications in a standard and consistent approach. The updated matrix has been designed to specifically identify any material considerations that may affect a potential development, using the traffic light system. Members were reminded that the Parish Council may only submit comments on developments to Chorley Planning which reflect a material consideration. Cllr Ormerod advised that the matrix was recently trialed out at a LALC Planning Training session and feedback from delegates had been positive.

It was **RESOLVED** that before the Parish Council adopt the matrix, a copy is forwarded to Paul Whittingham at Chorley Council Planning Department for his comments and views. It was further suggested that this may be the opportunity to extend an invitation to him to receive his comments on the way the Parish Council considers and submits comments on planning applications. Cllr Ormerod agreed to add an additional item to the matrix (representations from residents or other parish councilors) before forwarding the final draft to the Clerk. Members thanked Cllr Ormerod for the work in producing the matrix.

**215/08 Freedom of Information Act – Publication Scheme**

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the new model publication scheme issued by the ICO and approved the new information guide tabled to the meeting, which sets out to individuals the information that is available for request from the Parish Council. The Clerk was however requested to make one addition to the information guide before publication and this was to include in the Schedule of Charges an additional item for the Parish Council to reserve the right to charge for the Clerks time in terms of gathering and processing information requests. This charge would be based on the hourly salary rate of the Clerk drawn up by the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks. It was noted the Publication Scheme / Information Guide would be included on the website and a notice of its availability would be included on Parish Council notice boards.

**216/08 Update from Meetings (For Information)**

216.1/08 Cllr D Williams attended the Borough Parish Liaison Meeting held on 15.10.08. It was reported that an update was provided on Neighbourhood Working and confirmation that the Borough Council is investigating the process/mechanism for allocating S106 funds to parish councils.

216.2/08 Cllr D Todd and Cllr E Doran attended the LALC Chorley Area Committee meeting held on 27.10.08 at which Julian Jackson from CBC had presented the Local Development Framework. During that update it was noted that an additional 800 houses are to be developed on Buckshaw Village and 20% of new housing is to be developed on green field sites. A Parish Council present urged Members to support their campaign to phase out of single use plastic and ensure refuse recycling is introduced across the Borough, which Julian Jackson agreed to look into.

**217/08 LCC Annual Parish & Town Council Conference**

Members acknowledged an invitation to attend the conference on Saturday 29 November 2008 at County Hall. Members **RESOLVED** not to send a representative to the conference.

**218/08 December 2008 Meeting**

It was noted that the Action for Ulnes Walton AGM is to be held prior to the next Parish Council Meeting. It was **RESOLVED** that festive refreshments would be provided by the Parish Council and the costs associated with the tea/coffee/mince pies were approved. Cllr Ormerod offered to design a Christmas card and agreed to circulate a couple of designs for consideration.

**219/08 Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday 8 December 2008, commencing at 7.30pm at the Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

**Signed:** .....

**Dated:** .....